



Stawell Primary School  
To Strive, To Seek, To Find - But Not To Yield

# Stawell Primary School

## Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

### WEEK 7

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Mar

Labour Day—Pupil Free Day

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar

Grade 3/4 Thursday Sport  
Canteen Open

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Mar

Canteen Open

### WEEK 8

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Mar

Book Club Order and  
money Due

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Mar

Harmony Day—  
Wear Orange

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar

School Photos

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar

Ride to School Day  
Maths Olympics  
Grade 3 Gift  
Canteen Open

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Mar

Staff Professional  
Development—Pupil Free  
Day

### WEEK 9

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Mar

Smile Squad Dental Visit  
Easter Raffle Donations  
Due

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

Smile Squad Dental Visit

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar

Smile Squad Dental Visit

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Mar

Canteen Open

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

Easter Raffle Tickets Due  
Canteen Open

Dear Parents/Carers and 502 Community,

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

This fortnight has been another impressive time at 502, with a lot of rich learning occurring in the classrooms. We were fortunate to have Department representatives come to our school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March to conduct learning walks around the school.

This was to see all the learning that is occurring, particularly in Literacy. We thank them for taking the time and allowing us to showcase our school, and the great learning opportunities our students have. The feedback was very positive, with comments around calm classrooms, consistency, and the brilliant collegial effort amongst our staff and students.

### **Saying goodbye to Chelsea Maddocks**

Last week, we said goodbye to Chelsea Maddocks. She had a wonderful send-off that included a morning tea and a surprise guard of honour with all the students. Chelsea although was sad to go, she felt her heart was full of all the kindness and love that was shown towards her, on her last day. Chelsea had been working at the school for over 9 years and her efforts and dedication to the school has been admirable.

### **Black Rangers Swimming**

Stawell 502 had some success at the Black Rangers swimming carnival on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Chloe, Milla, Tomine and Kelsey, were successful with their relay. Zeke and Chloe also made it through with their individual events. All competitors should be congratulated on their efforts.

### **Parents and Friends Club**

If you are interested in helping with important fundraising activities, then we would love your help too. Please leave your name with the Office and we will be in contact with you.





### Attendance

This year we are focusing on attendance. It is important that we monitor attendance, and for parents and families to contact the Office when their child is away. Every student needs to be at school to help with their academic growth.

**Every student  
in our school  
has a great  
day, every day.**



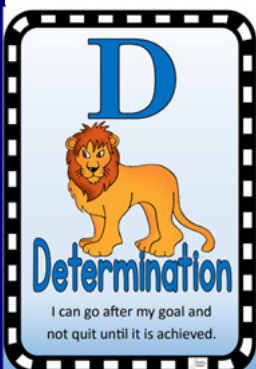
Enjoy your long weekend,  
Russell Marland  
Principal.



## Qkr! Notice



Can families please make sure they update their child's classroom on Qkr!



We have had a few children missing their lunches, as they are going to other rooms. You can do this by logging into the Qkr app on your phone. Then select the Profile tab and click on your child's name and update their room number



Please let us know if you need assistance with this.



A Sad goodbye to Chelsea and a hearty welcome to Barbara, our new Business Manager!

We have wished Chelsea good luck on her next endeavour in Warrnambool and welcomed Barbara to our team. Barbara comes to us from St Arnaud and is very enthusiastic to get up to speed with the comings and goings of our school.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY 2023

All orders for School Photo's this year can be made online using this **School Access Key** below

**Stawell Primary School ~ Access Key: 2TGF8FLN**

To place an order, follow these easy steps:

1. Go to - **[www.creationsphotography.com.au](http://www.creationsphotography.com.au)**
2. Click on "Order your Photos" and enter this code
3. Follow the on screen advice to complete your order

- All online orders are secure
- Easy tracking of all orders placed
- No need for cash to be sent to School

**Family Photographs must be ordered online before 6:00pm  
the night before photo day  
No family orders can be received after this time**

*Creations*

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY

64 Peppertree Lane, Horsham VIC 3400

Ph: (W) 0353 820802 (M) 0417 538 633

E: [info@creationsphotography.com.au](mailto:info@creationsphotography.com.au)

**Please order before Wednesday 22nd March.**

**Students to attend in full uniform**

# Executive Leaders

School Captain—Zahli



School Captain—Edward



School Vice-Captain—Lenka



School Vice-Captain—Riley



JSC President—Brighty



# Blue House

House Captain—Liam



House Captain—Faith



House Vice-Captain—Akuang



House Vice-Captain—Kaiden



# Yellow House

House Captain—Deegan



House Captain—Kasey



House Vice-Captain—Jae



House Vice-Captain—Jai



# Green House

House Captain—Archer



House Captain—Shanzeh



House Vice-Captain—Kendal



House Vice-Captain—Riley



# Red House

House Captain—Nate



House Captain—Alyza



House Vice-Captain—Milla





# JSC Representatives

Ella—Room 7A



Nash—Room 7



Lilah—Room 6



Colten—Room 4



Eden—Room 4



# JSC Representatives

Sophie—Room 3

Reuben—Room 3



Caitlyn—Room 2

Piper—Room 2



Milla—Room 1A

Evia—Room 1A



SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

# Book Club Issue 62

**Book Club & Loop Orders Due**

**Monday 20th March 2023, no later than 9.30am**

**Please ensure Book Club orders are completed with the following:-**

**On the front of the envelope**

**\*Book Club Order**

**\*Students Name**

**\*Students room number**

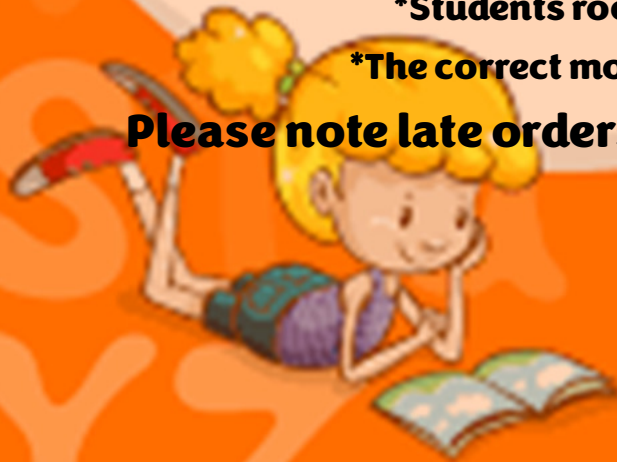
**On the order form**

**\*Students name**

**\*Students room number**

**\*The correct money enclosed**

**Please note late orders cannot be accepted**



**NATIONAL  
RIDE2SCHOOL  
DAY**

**Thursday 23 March 2023**

Join in the celebration & ride, walk, scoot or skate to school on National Ride2School Day.



**RIDE2  
SCHOOL**



## HARMONY DAY 2023

Stawell Primary School is celebrating Harmony Day on **Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March.**

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. They are united by a set of core Australian values.

On Tuesday, our staff and students are invited to wear the colour **orange** to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia. Our JSC are running this event as a free event, no donations please.

Right before lunch time at 1:20pm, the students and staff will gather in the assembly area to sing "We're all amazing" together. Parents, guardians, and family members are welcome.

**HARMONY  
DAY 21  
MARCH**





The Canteen will run each Thursday and Friday.  
Keep an eye on our Newsletter for Thursday specials.

Orders can be placed on the QKR app or send your child with a brown paper bag and money for them to place in the canteen basket in their classroom.  
Canteen price lists are available through the Office.

Thank you to all that volunteered last year to help with the Canteen.

Please fill in an expression of interest if you're available to help Kristy on a Thursday or Friday.



## Canteen Helpers

If you can spare one morning either regularly or occasionally, please fill in the form below and return it to the Office as soon as possible.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Preferred:

Thurs

Fri

Fortnightly

How Often:

Monthly

Once a term



# Term 1 Reminders

**Hats:-** Students are required to wear hats outside at all times during Term 1.

**Water Bottles:-** Please ensure that your child brings a drink bottle to school each day. Refill taps are located around the school for drink bottles to be refilled.

**Illness:-** If your child is feeling unwell please keep them at home.

**Absences and XUNO:-** Please complete any unexplained absences for your child via XUNO.

- Please log into XUNO
- Click on Attendance
- Click on Important/Absence that require an explanation
- Enter a valid reason for your Childs absence



Students lead DASH project up and running.

Stawell 502 students are teaming up with Stawell Sports and Aquatic Centre to deliver fitness classes for children **aged 10-13years free of charge for 10 weeks**. The idea of the class and learning about the gym arose as a student idea from Milla Harrison, Archer Reading (along with Cody & Scarlett) to get kids active. Personal trainer Jo Brown is consulting with students who's winning project from DASH 2022 FitN fun Kids received \$2000 sponsorship from Blue Light Victoria. The first **free** session is set for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 4pm @ the gym at the SSAC 49-51 Houston Street, and the activities aim to be fun, interactive and show children amazing facilities they can use.

# Term 1 Reminders

## Local Excursion Consent Form 2023

For students to attend local excursion's such as walking to the library, stadium etc this form needs to be completed. If you could send this back to school with your child for them to place in the black bag, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have not received a copy of this please contact the office to obtain one.



## PARKING REMINDER

Please be mindful of parking at school drop off and pick up to ensure that you are using allocated parking. Please do not restrict driveway access within the streets around the school area.

## School Hats

As part of the Stawell Primary School Sun Smart Policy, students are required to wear hats during Term 1 and Term 4.

If you require a new Hat they are available for purchase at the Office for \$10.00 each or on the QKR app.



## Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club has commenced. Breakfast Club will operate Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8am onwards.



# Term 1 Reminders

## QKR APP

If you are using the Qkr App for ordering students lunches, could you please ensure you update your students current year level and room number, instructions below :

1. Sign into the Qkr App
2. Select Stawell Primary School Profile
3. Select Manage Children – update details



At Stawell Primary School we use a SMS messaging service called XUNO. We use this to message you in regards to Student absences, newsletters, updates and messages from your teachers. If you have any issues with Xuno or need help please contact the Office on 5358 1255.



## **School Council Elections—We need new members**

- Do you have ideas that would benefit all our students and families?
- Do you have special skills beyond that of teaching staff that can add to the future direction of our school?
  - Would you like to be involved?

Joining Stawell Primary School Council is easy. If you are seriously considering joining us, or if you would like to find out more, please contact Russell Marland or any of our current School Councillors. We would love to have you join our team!

**Self-Nomination forms are available at the General Office.**

**Nominations Open: Monday 27th February 2023 @ 9.00am**

**Nominations Close: Tuesday 14th March 2023 @ 4.00pm**



# Term 1 Reminders

## Professional tuition in Maths and English



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- Summer School

[www.facebook.com/stawelltuition](http://www.facebook.com/stawelltuition)

### Scooter and Bike Riders

Please remember to walk you scooter/ bike, until you leave the footpath that surrounds the school.



**STAWELL 13 & UNDER  
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

ARE SEEKING JUNIOR PLAYERS  
TO JOIN OUR 2023 SEASON

FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB  
AFFORDABLE FUN AND FITNESS  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT  
ACCREDITED COACHES



**WHO:**

FEMALES BORN:  
2009-2014  
MALES BORN:  
2010-2014

**WHEN:**

FRIDAY  
NIGHTS  
6PM  
ONWARDS

**COST:**

\$50 PER PLAYER  
INCLUDES USE  
OF JERSEY &  
HELMET

GAMES HELD AT CENTRAL PARK, STAWELL  
QUESTIONS? CALL ANDREW ON 0438 583 685

# Stawell Ritchies IGA

If you want to nominate Stawell Primary School as your chosen community program to receive IGA points.

We are listed as Stawell Primary School.

**RITCHIES IGA + LIQUOR**

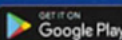
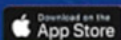
## MEMBERS SAVE MORE

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when you spend  
\$100 or more\*

Download here



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### REGISTER TODAY IN 3 EASY STEPS:

1

Download the Ritchies App, or go to [loyalty.ritchies.com.au](http://loyalty.ritchies.com.au) and click the 'register' button.

Complete the registration with your email address or mobile number.

2

A 'onetime passcode' will be sent to your email address or an SMS will be sent to your mobile number. (If registered by phone number) Key in the 6 digit code to activate your account.

3

Login to your newly created account to select your favourite Club, School, or Charity from the Community page.

### The benefits of downloading our app



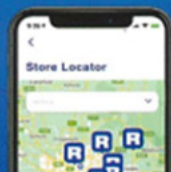
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**RITCHIES IGA + LIQUOR**

**\$52 Million**  
Given back to the community

# Easter Raffle



## EASTER DONATION REQUEST

We are seeking your support and asking our families to donate an Easter Egg, Easter Merchandise or Basket to be included in our Easter Raffle. These items can be left at the Office.

Raffle books have been sent home with the eldest child in the family. If you need more tickets, please call in to the Office.

Sold or unsold books, along with payment will be due back to school on **Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Please send your donations to the Office Prior to **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**.

Thank you for your support, we greatly appreciate it.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to be joining you and your child on their education journey as they start their schooling. We are **Koorie Engagement Support Officers (KESO)** and we work with the Department of Education.

The role of the **KESO** is to support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students, their parents and carers, staff from schools and early childhood services to support Koorie education outcomes.

We know you have the most important role as parents and carers by being your child's first teacher. We look forward to working with you, your child and their school - we want their learning experiences to set them up for life! Being able to attend the transition sessions and regularly attend school is an important step in preparing them for their future schooling.

We can support you and your child with advice on their schooling and needs such as meeting support, engagement, attendance and information updates.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child throughout their schooling.

Kind regards,

**Kerrie Clarke**  
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**Makayla Secombe**  
ph: 03 8871 2504  
[makayla.secombe@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:makayla.secombe@education.vic.gov.au)

### MARRUNG - Aboriginal Education Plan

[Marrung\\_Aboriginal\\_Education\\_Plan\\_2016-2026.pdf](#)

Marrung is a strategy to ensure that all Koorie Victorians achieve their learning aspirations.

Marrung is the Wemba Wemba word for the Murray Cypress pine tree, representing branches of education and knowledge.

We thank the Wemba Wemba people for allowing the use of their language in the naming of this plan.



The Stawell Amateur Athletic Club (SAAC) Cross Country running season commences on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

Sub-junior races are a variety of 1 kilometre course and for young runners starting out in the sport from 4 years old to roughly 10 years old.

Junior category is for young runners who can confidently run 3 km-4 km cross country events. Senior events range from 3 km to 16 km.

All races are handicapped giving all runners an equal chance of winning.

Meet at the Stawell Amateur Athletic Club Clubhouse, North Park, for registration from 9am aiming to start Sub-juniors and Juniors at 9.30am. There will be a morning tea following the first race at the clubhouse located near the North Park athletics track.]

Membership for the 2023 season is \$35 for adults, \$20 for juniors, \$15 for sub juniors and \$50 for families. Membership entitles runners to participate in all 18 club runs for the 2023 season.

Our Club is very family orientated and always welcomes new members. More information can be found at our website: <http://saac.com.au/> or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/saacvic/>



## KESO – Koorie Engagement Support Officer Department of Education Students / Parents / Carer's / Guardians

Please don't hesitate to contact a KESO for support and assistance.

Nola – 0457 520 390  
Kerrie – 0459 870 282  
Makayla – 8871 2504



# Child

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Stawell Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

Our school community recognizes the importance of, and a responsibility for, ensuring our school is a safe, supportive and enriching environment which respects and fosters the dignity and self-esteem of children and young people, and enables them to thrive in their learning and development.

**The Assistant Principal, Scott Rathgeber, is the appointed lead Child Safety coordinator.**

### Do you or someone you know need some help?

The Stawell Inter Church Council Cottage is at 20 Sloane St Stawell and is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:30am—12:30pm.

For help with non-perishable groceries, grocery shopping vouchers, VLine, petrol, chemist, etc.

For after hours emergencies—0408 038 949.

Stawell Neighborhood House has perishable fruit and vegetables Mondays-Fridays.  
In Sloane St next to Cato Park.

For other needs contact Stawell St Vincent de Paul—0437 344 323 and leave a message.  
Your call will be responded to within 24 hours.



Mini Roos is back for Term 1 2023!!

Stawell Pioneers Soccer Club will be running Mini Roos sessions during each school term.

Each term will be 6 weekly sessions.

Open to ages 5-10.

Mini Roos is designed for young kids of all abilities to learn new skills, get active, make friends and have plenty of fun along the way.

**Friday Session: Mixed (Girls and Boys)**

Time: 4:15pm – 5pm

Dates: 10th February to 17th March

Place: North Park, Lamont Street, Stawell.

Cost: \$50 per child (6 weekly sessions)

To Register, please go to: <https://www.playfootball.com.au/minirooms-kickoff-finder> and select Stawell SC Pioneers.

For any questions please contact Tara at [minirooms.stawellsc@gmail.com](mailto:minirooms.stawellsc@gmail.com)

Please also feel free to join the Stawell Soccer Club Facebook Page for updates.

# Dates for the Diary!

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
TERM 1 WEEK 7	<u>March 13th</u> Labour Day Pupil Free	<u>March 14th</u> Smile Squad Forms due back  School Council nominations close	<u>March 15th</u> Prep attend full time	<u>March 16th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>  Grade 3/4 Thursday sport	<u>March 17th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
WEEK 8	<u>March 20th</u> Book Club Orders and Payment Due	<u>March 21st</u> Harmony Day - Wear Orange	<u>March 22nd</u> School Photos	<u>March 23rd</u> Ride to School Day Maths Olympics Grade 5/6 Grade 3 Gift	<u>March 24th</u> Staff Professional Development— Pupil Free Day
WEEK 9	<u>March 27th</u> Easter Raffle Donations Due  Smile Squad Dental visits	<u>March 28th</u> Smile Squad Dental visits	<u>March 29th</u> Smile Squad Dental visits	<u>March 30th</u> Cross Country Grades 3-6 <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>March 31st</u> Easter Raffle Tickets Due <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
WEEK 10	<u>April 3rd</u> Smile Squad Dental visits	<u>April 4th</u> Smile Squad Dental visits	<u>April 5th</u> Easter Egg Hunt  Easter Hat Parade	<u>April 6th</u> <u>End of Term Assembly</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>April 7th</u> <u>Good Friday</u> <u>Start of School Holidays</u>
WEEK 1	<u>April 24th</u>	<u>April 25th</u> ANZAC Day Pupil Free Day	<u>April 26th</u>	<u>April 27th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>April 28th</u> Athletic Sports
WEEK 2	<u>May 1st</u>	<u>May 2nd</u>	<u>May 3rd</u> Open evening Stawell Secondary Grade 5/6	<u>May 4th</u> Black Range Cross Country	<u>May 5th</u>