



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

# Stawell Primary School

## Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2023

### WEEK 5

#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Smile Squad Dental Visit

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Smile Squad Dental Visit

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Winter Sports Grades 4-6

Canteen Open

Focaccia Special

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Canteen Open

### WEEK 6

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Canteen Open

Focaccia Special

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Canteen Open

### WEEK 7

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Canteen Open

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Pupil Free Day –  
Report Writing Day -

### WEEK 8

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Public Holiday –  
Kings Birthday

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

PJ Dress Up Day

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Canteen Open

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Canteen Open

### WEEK 9

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Canteen Open

Dear Parents/Carers and 502 Community,

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a busy and exciting fortnight here at Stawell Primary School, filled with wonderful events and opportunities for our students and their families. I express my gratitude to all those involved. Here are some of the events:-



**Mother's Day Stall Success:** I am thrilled to announce that our recent Mother's Day Stall was a tremendous success. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated Parents and Friends committee for their hard work in creating beautiful gifts for purchase and for organising the event. It was heart-warming to see our students selecting thoughtful presents for their mothers and special women in their lives.

**School Principal Tour for 2024:** Our School Principal Tour for 2024 Prep enrolments was a great opportunity for future students and their families to experience our vibrant learning environment. I am pleased to report that the tour went exceptionally well, and the families thoroughly enjoyed seeing what the learning journey looks like in our prep rooms. A warm welcome awaits our new students, and we are excited to have them join our Stawell Primary School family.

**National Walk To School Day:** Today, we celebrated National Walk To School Day, and I am delighted to share that a significant number of our students participated. It was fantastic to see our school community coming together to promote healthy habits and a sustainable lifestyle, including the local police who welcomed students on arrival. Thank you to all the parents who encouraged their children to take part and make a positive impact on their well-being and the environment.

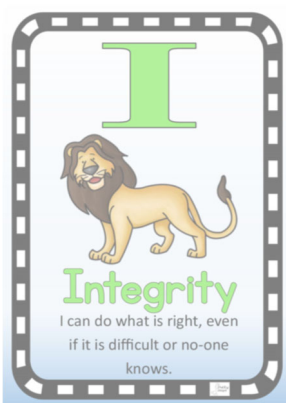
**Education Week - Reading Together:** This week, we are celebrating Education Week, and we invited all parents and friends to join us in a special activity. Parents and friends were able to share the joy of reading by participating in our reading event. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to show their abilities in reading.



**GRIP Leadership Excursion to Federation University:** Our Grade 6 students recently had the opportunity to participate in a GRIP Leadership excursion to Federation University. This experience provided them with valuable insights into leadership qualities and skills. I am proud of our students for their active engagement and commend them on their exemplary behaviour during the excursion.



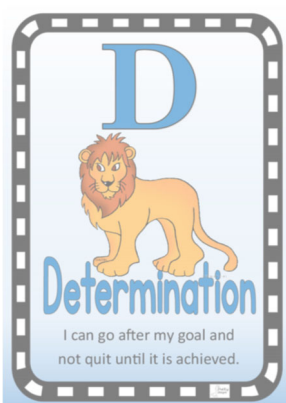
**Learning Walks - Showcasing Literacy Practices:** We are proud to have been part of a collaborative effort involving six schools to showcase the embedded literacy practices across our classrooms. The Learning Walks were an enriching experience for teachers and educators to learn from one another and strengthen our commitment to delivering high-quality literacy education. I would like to express my gratitude to our staff for their dedication and contribution to this initiative.



**AFL Clinic and Gymnastics Fun:** Our students had a blast when an AFL clinic came to our school. They thoroughly enjoyed learning the skills required for the sport, and the excitement was contagious throughout the school. Additionally, I am delighted to announce that gymnastics has begun at Stawell Primary School. The positive energy and enthusiasm surrounding this program have been remarkable, and our students are having a great time exploring this new avenue of physical activity.

**Smile Squad Dental Van:** Lastly, I want to remind everyone that the Smile Squad Dental Van is currently at Stawell Primary School, providing essential dental checks for our students. Maintaining good oral health is crucial, and I encourage all parents to take advantage of this opportunity to ensure their child's dental well-being.

As we reflect on these recent events and look forward to the remainder of the term, I am grateful for the ongoing support of our dedicated parents, hardworking staff, and our enthusiastic students.



Yours sincerely,  
Russell Marland  
Principal.

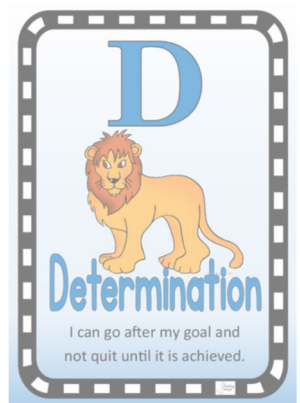
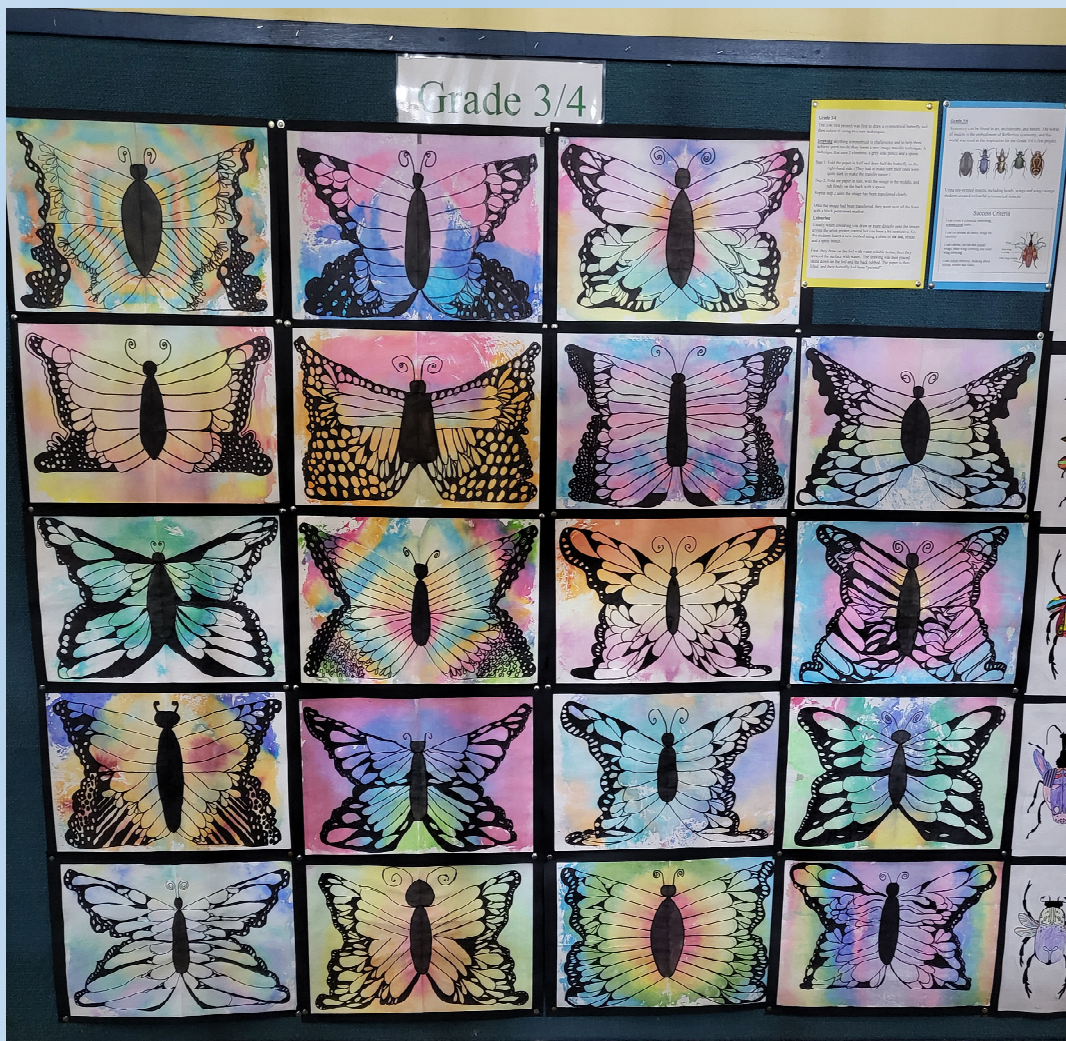


**Reminder for parents:-** If your child is arriving at school after 8:55am, they need to sign in at the office. Otherwise they will be marked as absent

## Lost Property

We have a large collection of lost property. If your child is missing or mis-placed a jumper or jacket. Please feel free to check the lost property bins in the main building, or ask your child to. Jumpers and Jackets with names are the easiest to find.

## Art



# GRIP Leadership



# Black Rangers Cross Country



# ES Appreciation Day



On the 16th of May we held a morning tea in the Staff room to show our appreciation for our Educational Support Staff on ES appreciation Day.

Thank you again for all your support, we appreciate you all and all you do.

ES Staff would also like to thank everyone for the lovely spread and effort that went into making the morning tea.

## Join us



### for coffee and a chat...

**Our Strengthening Parent Support Program is excited to announce...**

We will be starting a support group in Stawell. This program is for parents and carers of children who have additional needs, a disability or developmental delay.

The group aims to provide opportunities to establish support networks with other families or carers in the local community.

Our group will meet monthly in Stawell.

If you would like to attend or have any questions please contact Kate Janetzki to register your interest on 0427633458 or email at [kate.janetzki@vt.uniting.org](mailto:kate.janetzki@vt.uniting.org)

Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

Further details about our program can be found on Facebook. Visit the Uniting Wimmera Strengthening Parent Support Page.

**When**  
Friday 02 June, 2023

10am

**Venue**  
Lillies & Latte's

**Cost**  
Free

**Bookings essential**  
RSVP to Kate Janetzki  
on 0427633458  
or email

[kate.janetzki@vt.uniting.org](mailto:kate.janetzki@vt.uniting.org)

**Who can come along?**

Parents who support children  
with additional needs



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## BOOK FAIR

•BOOKS \$1

•FRI 19 MAY NOON- 9PM

•SAT 20 MAY 9AM - NOON

•HORSHAM COLLEGE

•MAROSKE HALL

**Uniting**



## HELPERS NEEDED

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.

Please check your child's room number when placing your order.

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



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Canteen Helpers Needed

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.

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

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

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

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

Day Preferred:

Thurs

Fri

Fortnightly

Monthly

Once a term

Time Preferred:

10am—1:30pm

12:30pm-1:45pm



# Term 2 Reminders

**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

**XUNO Calendar:-** Don't forget to check out the Xuno calendar for upcoming events.

## 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



XUNO



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.



## Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club has commenced. Breakfast Club will operate Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:20am onwards.



## Professional tuition in Maths and English



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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Chicken, Cheese and Avocado  
Focaccia  
\$5.00





## Their Wonderful World

A discussion group for carers of  
neurodivergent children

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/theirwonderfulworld>

An invitation to **parents and carers of neurodivergent children** aged 12 and under.

Come for a relaxed afternoon **discussion group**, sharing your experiences, asking questions and connecting with people with shared experiences.

**WHEN:** 3pm on the third Saturday of every month

**WHERE:** Pomonal Community Hall

**WHO:** Parents and carers of neurodivergent children aged 12 years and under who reside between Halls Gap and Stawell.

Children are welcome to attend. Basic coffee and tea will be provided.

Please note this is a drug, cigarette and alcohol free space. To view our code of conduct, please ask when you attend the discussion group.

# Child

  
**S A F E T Y**

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.**



Taekwon-do is a martial art which is based on defence and the way of life. It teaches how to defend yourself or others when in need but also teaches you respect, discipline, confidence, fitness and health.

## **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.

# Dates for the Diary!

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
WEEK 5	<u>May 22nd</u>	<u>May 23rd</u> Smile Squad dental visit	<u>May 24th</u> Smile Squad dental visit National Simultaneous Storytime	<u>May 25th</u> Winter Sports Grades 4-6 <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u> <u>Chicken, Cheese and Avocado Focaccia Special</u>	<u>May 26th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
WEEK 6	<u>May 29th</u> Regional Cross Country—Warrnambool	<u>May 30th</u>	<u>May 31st</u>	<u>June 1st</u> Prep first day of winter celebrations <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u> <u>Chicken, Cheese and Avocado Focaccia Special</u>	<u>June 2nd</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
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WEEK 9	<u>June 19th</u>	<u>June 20th</u> Grade 6 Discovery Day SSC	<u>June 21st</u> Grade 5 Discovery Day SSC	<u>June 22nd</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>June 23rd</u> End of Term Assembly Early Dismissal 2:30 <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
TERM 3 WEEK 1	<u>July 10th</u>	<u>July 11th</u> Project Rockit Incursion	<u>July 12th</u>	<u>July 13th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>July 14th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
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