



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

# Stawell Primary School

## Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2023

### WEEK 9

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Discovery Day SSC Gr 6

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Discovery Day SSC Gr 5

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

Canteen Open

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

End of Term Assembly

Early Dismissal @ 2:30

Canteen Open

### TERM 3, WEEK 1

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Smile Squad

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Project Rokit Incursion  
Grades 3-6

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Smile Squad

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Smile Squad

Canteen Open

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Smile Squad

Canteen Open

### WEEK 2

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Canteen Open

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Canteen Open

### WEEK 3

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Canteen Open

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July

Canteen Open

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Stawell Primary School Community,

As we approach the end of the term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the achievements and activities that have taken place at our school over the past fortnight. It has been a wonderful time filled with exciting events and significant accomplishments.

### Winter Sports Success

I am delighted to announce that our Winter sports teams were outstanding in their events. Our soccer, football, and netball teams have played exceptionally well, demonstrating great teamwork and sportsmanship. I am proud to share that our netball team even brought home the trophy! Congratulations to all the students who participated and a big thank you to the coaches, umpires, and parents for their support.

### Semester 1 School Reports

Our dedicated teaching staff are currently busy preparing the Semester 1 school reports. These comprehensive reports provide valuable insights into each student's progress and achievements. The reports will be available on Xuno on the last day of school, allowing parents and caregivers an opportunity to review their child's academic journey this semester.

### Hands-On Learning Celebration Day

Next week, we have our much-anticipated Hands-On Learning Celebration Day. Our Hands-On Learning students will showcase the wonderful projects they have completed throughout the semester. We are eager to hear their presentations and witness the remarkable work they have accomplished.

### Oval Project Progress

The Oval project is well underway, and I'm thrilled to inform you that significant progress has been made. The fencing has been erected, and the old soil has been removed, making way for new soil to be brought in. Our students have been captivated by the machinery and have enjoyed watching the transformation take place. We are excited about the improved facilities this project will provide for our school community.





### SPACI Performance Invitation

I am delighted to announce that the entire school has been invited to watch this year's SPACI performance. The show will be held at 2 pm next Thursday, and it's thrilling to know that students from our school are actively involved in the production. This will undoubtedly be an entertaining and inspiring event for all who attend.

### PJ Dress Up Day

On Tuesday, June 13th, we had a fantastic PJ Dress Up Day at Stawell Primary School. It was heart-warming to see our students and staff come together, dressed in their cosy pyjamas, all for a great cause. This event was also an excellent fundraising opportunity, with all funds raised going to support Adoptable Pet Rescue. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed.



### PRIDE Shop and School Wide Positive Behaviour

Last week, we opened the PRIDE Shop, offering our students a wonderful opportunity to purchase rewards using their PRIDE dollars. These dollars are earned for displaying good behaviour both inside and outside the classroom throughout the term, promoting our School Wide Positive Behaviour model. It is incredible to witness the positive impact this initiative is having on our students' motivation and character development.

### End of Term Assembly and Early Finish

Finally, as this is our last edition of the newsletter for this term, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all our families for their continued support of Stawell Primary School. I would also like to extend my appreciation to our exceptional teaching and support staff for their tireless dedication and contributions to the school community. Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of our students at the End of Term Assembly next week on Friday, June 23rd. Additionally, there will be an early finish at 2:30 pm on that day.

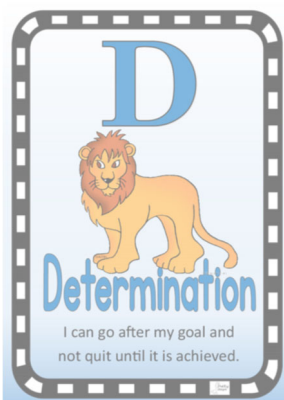


In closing, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday break. May this time be filled with rest, rejuvenation, and quality family moments. We look forward to welcoming our students back for another successful term at Stawell Primary School

Warm regards,

Russell Marland

Principal, Stawell Primary School



**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.

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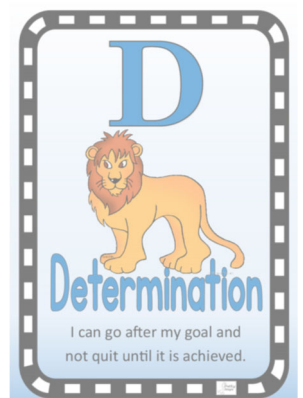
## Uniform Sale



We are having a sale on the New Uniform items we currently have available at the office.

There are limited sizes and items, first in best dressed! So please feel free to come to the office and have a look at what we have.

They are priced to clear so that we can make space in our storeroom.



# Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Lottie



Last Thursday, Preps had a special 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday celebration for our school Therapy Dog, Lottie.

As part of the celebrations, we decorated the room with balloons, watched Lottie open some presents, watched Lottie enjoy some doggy birthday cake, and of course we played some wonderful party games together- including sleeping lions! The Preps had a wonderful time celebrating and discussing all the different ways to celebrate a birthday.

Lottie was thrilled with her special day celebrations and she slept well Thursday night! 😊



# Winter Sports

## Netball

Congratulations to our Netball Team for winning the Black Ranges shield. The team showed PRIDE values throughout the day as they won all of their games and defeated Ararat West in their grand final.

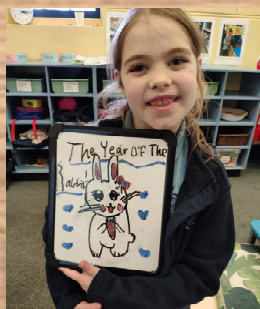
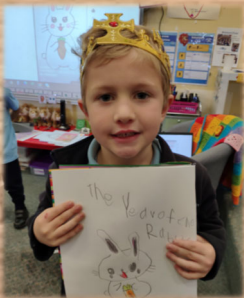
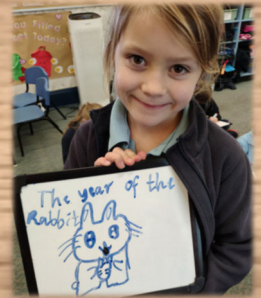
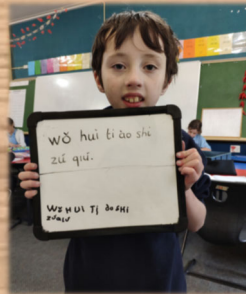
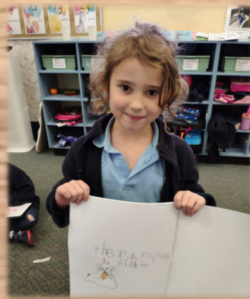
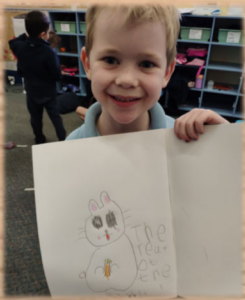
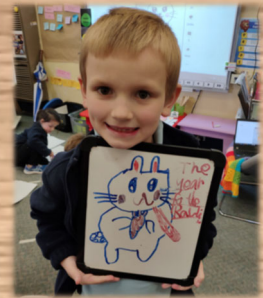
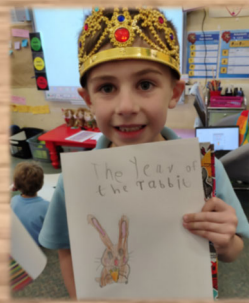
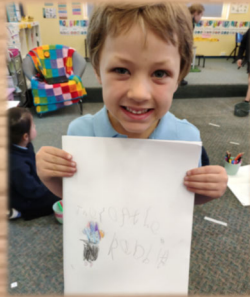
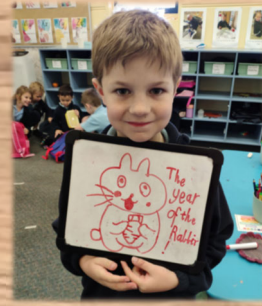


A Big Thankyou to Madi for coaching the girls and Narelle for umpiring.

## Football and Soccer

Congratulations to our football and soccer players for getting out there and giving it their all.

# Chinese





# 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.

# Country Bus Travellers



Dear Families

Important update for students who are approved for travel on the School Bus

Program: Thank you for your patience while the School Bus Management System (SBMS) has been under maintenance.

The School Bus Management System has now been upgraded, and the new Student Travel Assistance Portal will be available from early Term 3.

It is important to note that the School Bus Program Policy has not changed, and navigating the new Student Travel Assistance Portal will be very similar to the previous SBMS.

The Student Travel Assistance Portal requires new log in details. All existing users will be sent their new username and a link to create a new password via the email address attached to your SBMS account, to allow you to access the system.

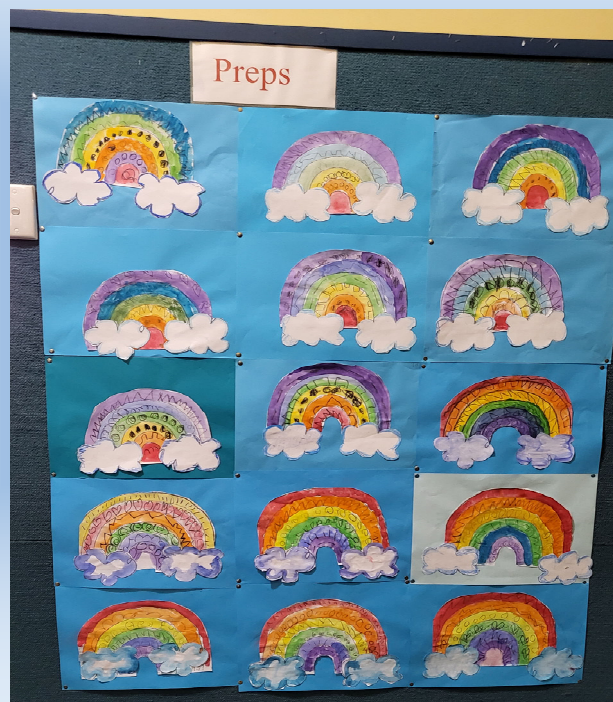
## **In relation to term 3 travel;**

All eligible and conditional travellers (those approved for travel at no cost) will continue to be approved for travel in term 3.

All ineligible travellers will be communicated with shortly. They will be provided with a term 3 travel offer and payment advice. As per previous terms, families will need to make the applicable bus fare payment of \$125 to be approved for travel in term 3.

To check your current e-mail address is on file, or to update your contact details, please contact the School Bus Program team on [schoolbus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:schoolbus@education.vic.gov.au) or call us on 1800 338 663.

## Art Snapshot







## 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

# A Big Thank You to Ritchies IGA for supporting our school.

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We would also like to thank our wider community for nominating our school as their chosen organisation for the rewards program.

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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.

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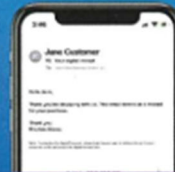
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## Breakfast Club

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



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# School Holiday WORKSHOPS

**27 JUNE - 06 JULY 2023**  
**10.30AM-12 NOON**

Ages  
**7+**



**\$12 ea**  
**per sesh**

## WEEK ONE

Tuesday June 27  
Drawing Time with Mars

Wednesday June 28  
Drawing Time with Mars

Thursday June 29  
Creating Animals: Wool Felting with Rachel

## WEEK TWO

Tuesday July 4  
Harmonic Pendulum Motion Painting with Belinda

Wednesday July 5  
Creative Kite Making with Belinda

Thursday July 6  
Painting: Native Flowers with Rachel

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## PRIMARY SCHOOLS GOLF



Primary students in grades 3, 4, 5 or 6 who attend a Victorian Primary School are eligible to play in golf events that are organised by Golf Australia in partnership with School Sport Victoria. In the qualifying rounds students will play 9 holes on a short course, players will be notified of their progression to the state finals by Golf Australia. Students who qualify for the SSV State final will play 18 holes on a shortened course at Kooringal Golf Club.

Entry to the events is online

**Your local event is at      STAWELL GOLF CLUB**

**On      FRIDAY      OCTOBER 20TH      2023**

**Contact      Jayne Smith      Phone      0459 660 003      Email      Jayne.Smith@golf.org.au**



## Looking for something fun for your child to do these school holidays ?

**These school holidays our Child, Youth & Family team will be teaming up with Level UP Gaming.**

**This event is designed for young people between the ages of 10-16 who may experience social isolation and anxiety, with activities that encourage social interaction in a fun, safe and supportive environment.**

**We will be providing transport to and from the event.**

**Hot food and healthy snacks will also be available for lunch.**

### **Transport information:**

**Please make sure that you are at the designated area before time listed so that we stay on schedule.**

### **Dadswells Bridge:**

9:30am/3:30pm @ Giant Koala

### **Halls Gap:**

10am/2:30pm @ playground

### **Date**

03/07/2023

### **Time**

11am – 2pm

### **Venue**

Grampians Community Health

8-22 Patrick St, Stawell

### **Cost**

Free

### **For any questions please contact**

Arianna Vettos  
on **5362 4000**  
or email

[wimmeracommunity@vt.uniting.org](mailto:wimmeracommunity@vt.uniting.org)



Please register via the QR code provided



**Uniting**



## 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 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> Whole school Performance - SPACi <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>	<u>June 23rd</u> End of Term Assembly Early Dismissal 2:30 <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>
TERM 3 WEEK 1	<u>July 10th</u> Smile Squad	<u>July 11th</u> Project Rokit Incursion grades 3-6	<u>July 12th</u> Smile Squad	<u>July 13th</u> Smile Squad <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>	<u>July 14th</u> Smile Squad <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>
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WEEK 3	<u>July 24th</u>	<u>July 25th</u>	<u>July 26th</u>	<u>July 27th</u> <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>	<u>July 28th</u> <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>
WEEK 4	<u>July 31st</u> Book Fair	<u>Aug 1st</u>	<u>Aug 2nd</u>	<u>Aug 3rd</u> <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>	<u>Aug 4th</u> <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>
WEEK 5	<u>Aug 7th</u>	<u>Aug 8th</u>	<u>Aug 9th</u> Prep Information Evening 2024	<u>Aug 10th</u> Whole School Performance - Crow Kid <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>	<u>Aug 11th</u> Boeing Incursion Grade 5/6 <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>
WEEK 6	<u>Aug 14th</u>	<u>Aug 15th</u>	<u>Aug 16th</u>	<u>Aug 17th</u> <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>	<u>Aug 18th</u> <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>
WEEK 7	<u>Aug 21st</u> Grade 5 Camp departs	<u>Aug 22nd</u>	<u>Aug 23rd</u> Grade 5 Camp returns	<u>Aug 24th</u> <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>	<u>Aug 25th</u> <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>
WEEK 8	<u>Aug 28th</u>	<u>Aug 29th</u>	<u>Aug 30th</u>	<u>Aug 31st</u> <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>	<u>Sept 1st</u> <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>
WEEK 9	<u>Sept 4th</u>	<u>Sept 5th</u>	<u>Sept 6th</u>	<u>Sept 7th</u> <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>	<u>Sept 8th</u> Pupil free day
WEEK 10	<u>Sept 11th</u> Grade 3 Landcare excursion	<u>Sept 12th</u>	<u>Sept 13th</u> Sports colours day	<u>Sept 14th</u> <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>	<u>Sept 15th</u> <b><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u></b>