



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

# Stawell Primary School

## Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2023

### WEEK 7

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Aug

Grade 5 camp departs

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug

Grade 5 camp returns

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Aug

Grade 1 excursion to  
Libraru and Cato Park

Canteen Open

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Aug

Grade 2 excursion to  
Library

#### **BOOK WEEK** **Dress-up Day**

Canteen Open

### WEEK 8

#### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug

Grade 2 Swimming

Black Ranges Athletics

Canteen Open

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

#### Father's Day Stall

Canteen Open

### WEEK 9

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

Canteen Open

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Sep

Pupil Free Day

### WEEK 10

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

Grade 3 Landcare excursion

Grade 4 Camp Departs

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Stawell Primary School Community,

As we journey through another term of learning and growth, I'm delighted to bring you the latest updates and happenings from our school community.

#### Prep Enrolments:

A reminder to our families – if you have not yet submitted your prep enrolments, please ensure you do promptly. The window for prep enrolments is closing, and we urge all parents and guardians to finalise their submissions as we prepare to welcome the newest members of our Stawell Primary School family. Please see the office staff or scan the QR code for enrolment details.



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#### Successful School Assembly Day and Time Change:

Our recent change in the day and time of the school assembly has proven to be a success. The overwhelming support from parents and guardians attending has been heartwarming and beneficial for our students. Your presence is a testament to our strong community spirit, and we are truly grateful for your ongoing involvement in your child's education.

#### Prep Information Evening 2024:

We extend our sincere gratitude to Miss Greene and Lisa for organising the Prep Information Evening held last Wednesday. This important event provided our prospective parents with insights into what to expect in the upcoming school year here at Stawell Primary School. Our student leaders guided guests through a tour of the school and played a pivotal role in making the evening a tremendous success.



**Enriching Cultural Experiences:**

Students have been treated to a cultural experience recently. Our P-4 students were entertained by the 'Crow Kids' shadow puppet production. While our Grade 5/6 students were enchanted by the musical performance at Stawell Secondary College, where an impressive array of musical instruments was introduced. These experiences not only entertain but also broaden the horizons of our students, fostering a love for the arts and learning.



**Exciting Camp Adventures:**

Grade 5 students are eagerly preparing for their upcoming camp departure to Sovereign Hill on Monday. This promises to be an enriching and memorable experience, providing opportunities for growth, teamwork, and new friendships. We wish our young explorers a safe journey as they go back in time and join the living museum of the gold rush era.

**Attendance:**

A day here or there may not seem like much but...

| When you child misses just... | That equals...  | Which is...        | And therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is... | This means the best your child can achieve is... |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|--|
| 1 day a fortnight             | 20 days a year  | 4 weeks of school  | Nearly 1 ½ years of learning                    | Equal to finishing <b>Year 11</b>                |
| 1 day a week                  | 40 days a year  | 8 weeks of school  | Over 2 ½ years of learning                      | Equal to finishing <b>Year 10</b>                |
| 2 days a week                 | 80 days a year  | 16 weeks of school | Over 5 years of learning                        | Equal to finishing <b>Year 7</b>                 |
| 3 days a week                 | 120 days a year | 24 weeks of school | Over 8 years of learning                        | Equal to finishing <b>Year 4</b>                 |

...Every Day Counts

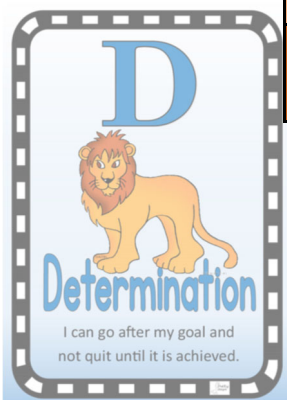


Have a lovely weekend. I wish all sporting groups all the very best as they enter their last rounds and finals competitions.

Warm regards,

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

## Grade 6 students going into Year 7 next year

Please make sure your Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slips are **returned to your classroom teachers ASAP.**

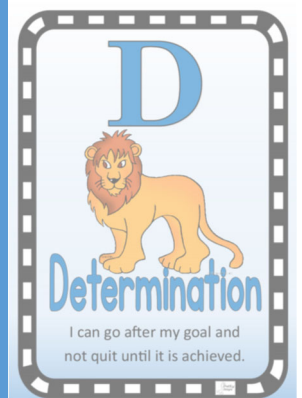
### Lost Property

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.

# Congratulations Room 6



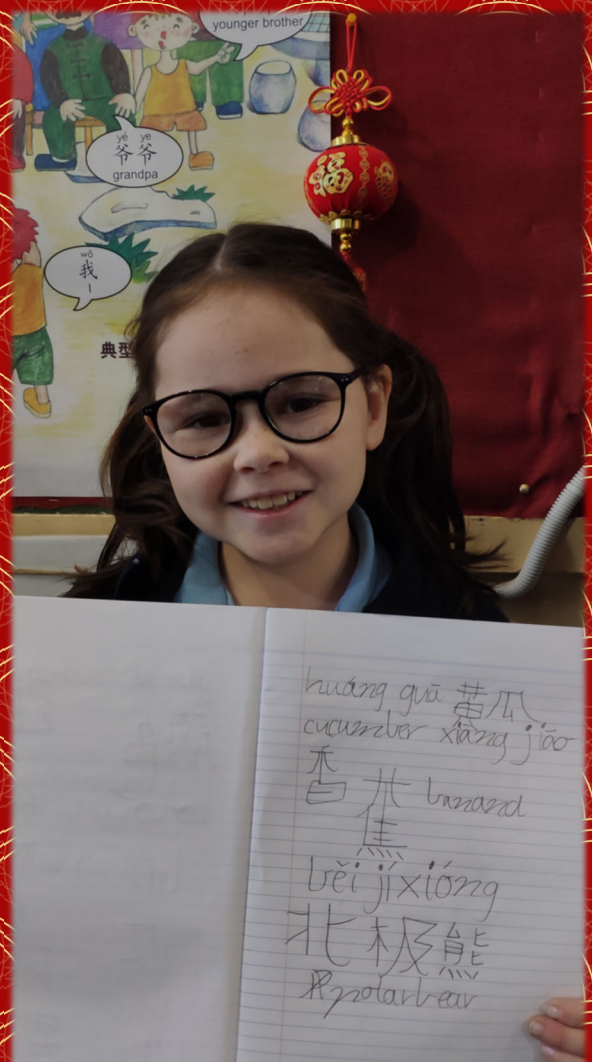
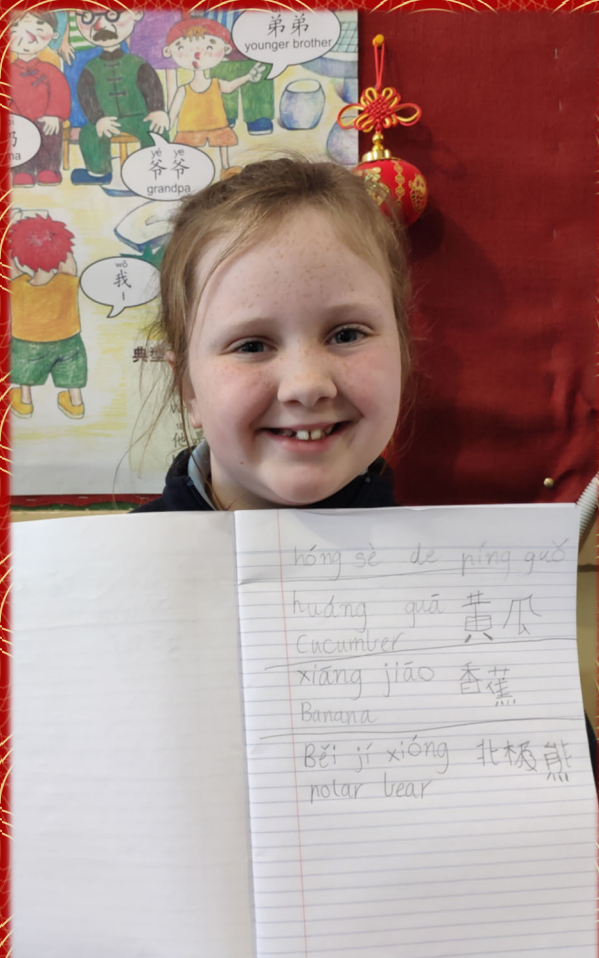
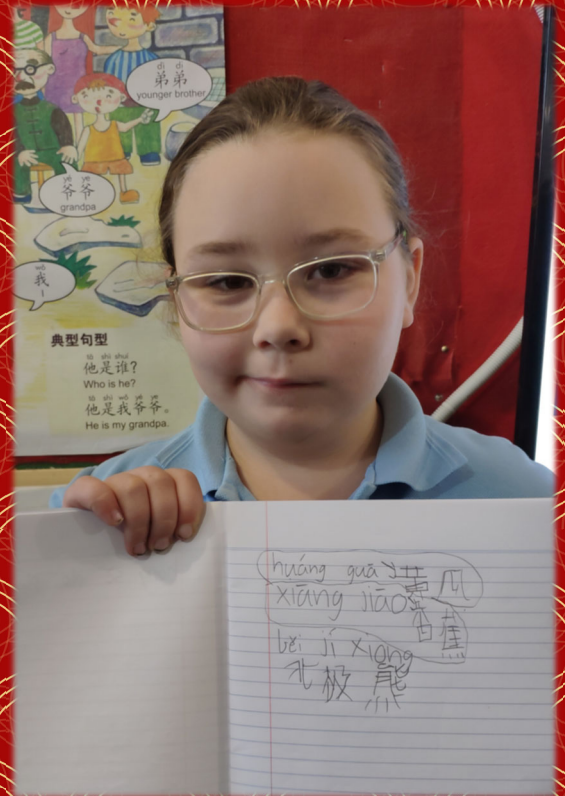
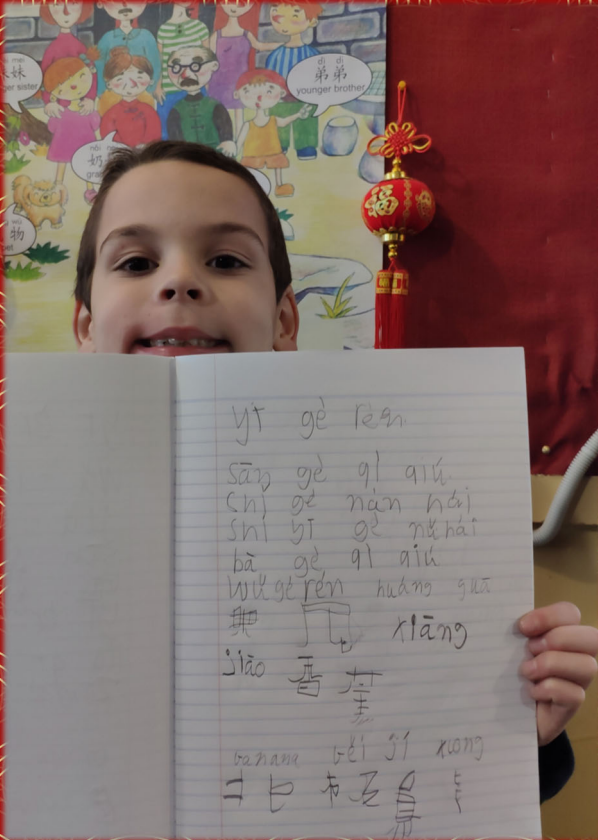
Room 6 celebrated a major achievement last week with the entire class achieving 100 NIGHTS of READING.



# Preps celebrating 100 nights of reading



# Chinese

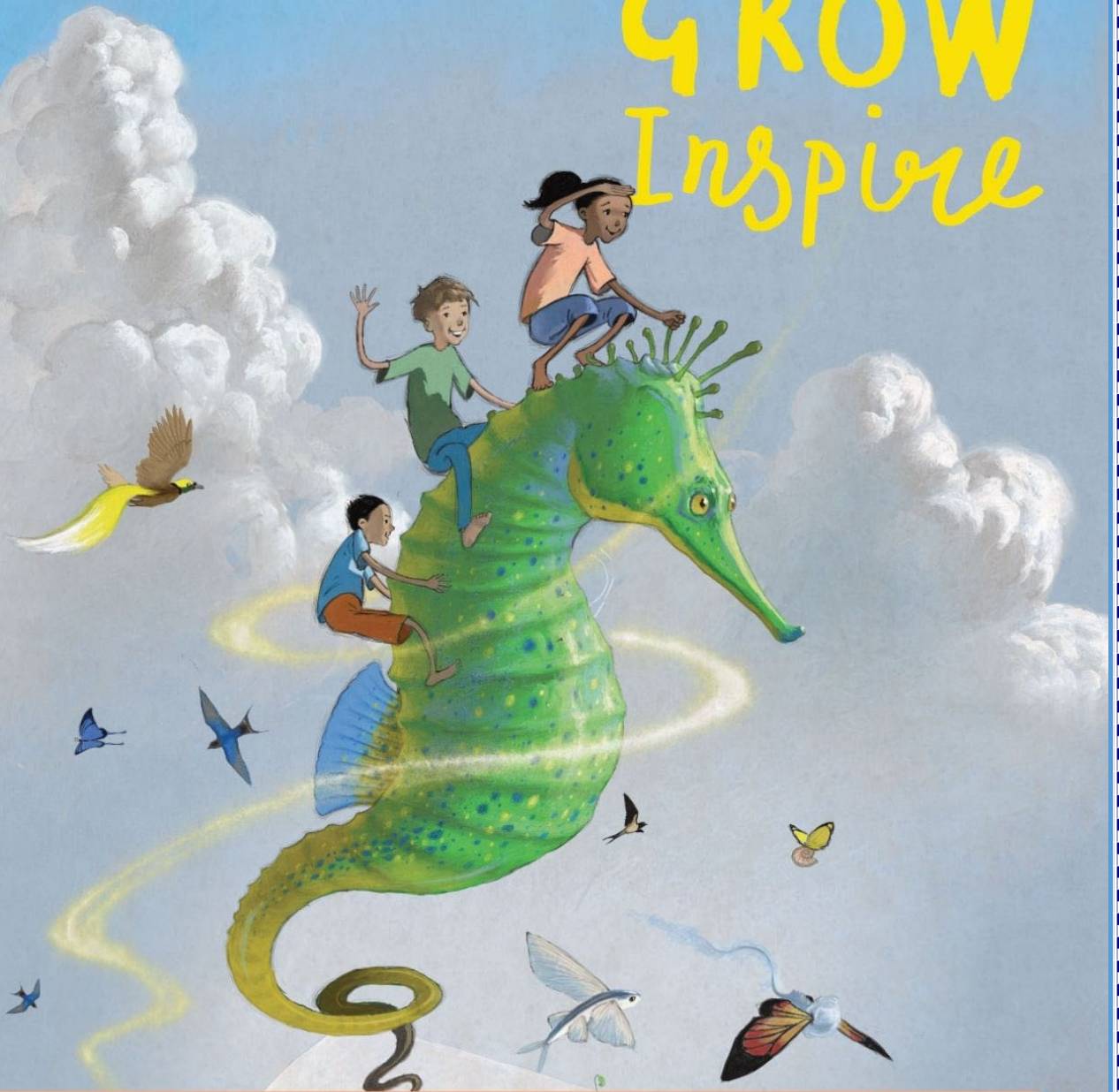




CHILDREN'S  
BOOK WEEK®

#CBCA2023

READ  
GROW  
Inspire



Book Week Dress Up Day is on Friday, 25th August 2023 (Week 7)!

There will also be a Dress Up Parade in the  
assembly area from 2:40pm - 3pm!



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# Book Club Issue 6

Book Club & Loop Orders Due

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August @ 9.30am

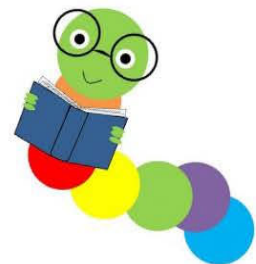
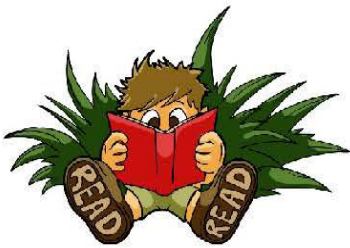
Please ensure Book Club orders are completed with  
the following:-

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**



## 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all selected families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

A random sample of approximately 30 per cent of parents / caregivers / guardians has been selected to participate in this year's survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Last year we used the survey results to plan and to improve outcomes for students.

Please speak to your child's teacher/principal if you would like more information.



### Saver Plus

#### Program includes:

- Matched dollar for dollar savings up to \$500
- Money Minded workshops - Financial Education
- Coaching on budgeting and savings



SCAN ME

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a health/concession card holder;
- Be in receipt of a Centrelink Payment
- Be studying or have a child in school
- Have some regular income from work
- Be 18+ years old



### State Schools' Relief

Provides school uniforms and shoes to those that are unable to afford them.



SCAN ME

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Situations include but not limited to:
- Unemployment
  - Health issues/illness
  - Financial difficulties
  - Independent living and/or homelessness
  - Natural disasters
  - Bereavement
  - Domestic and family violence



### Camps, Sports and Education Fund

#### Funding to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sports programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions

\$125 per year for eligible primary school students

\$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.



SCAN ME

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Parent must be a health/concession card holder;
- Or families on protection/bridging visas, or seeking asylum;
- Or children in out of home care



### Computerbank

Low cost refurbished computers that include various programs including word processing, Google Chrome and PDF Maker



SCAN ME

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Concession/Health Care Card holders
- Students
- Asylum seekers





# Ceramic Art





# 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.

# Parents and Friends

**Black Ranges Sports – 31<sup>st</sup> August**

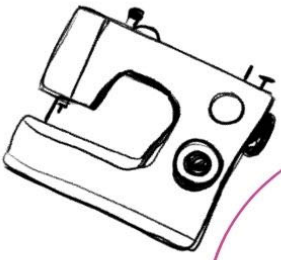


We are looking for volunteers to help in the canteen for the Black Ranges Sports (North Park, Stawell). If you are able to help or would like more information, please get in touch with the office.

We would really appreciate your support, if you have a little time to spare on the day.

**Thank you!**

*Kristy would like to thank Helen, Wendy and the Parents and Friends who were amazing in managing the canteen whilst she was away.*



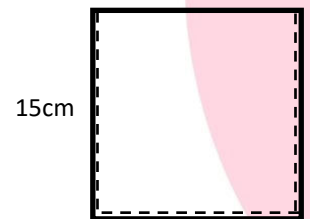
# WANTED!

*Help*

We need help sewing some new bean bags for the school using any spare tough fabric you have at home.

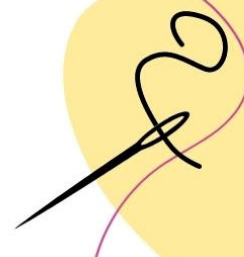
## Instructions:

- sew into a square with sides approximately 15cm in length
- sew along three sides



Drop them in the office and we will fill them at school and finish them off! 😊

*Thank you!*





## 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



# Help for your child younger than 9

## If you have concerns about your child's development, we can connect you to the right supports

Our early childhood approach helps children younger than 6 with developmental delay or children younger than 9 with disability, and their families, to access the right support when they need it.

It's about giving children and their families, supports so children can have the best possible start in life.

### Your child doesn't need a diagnosis to get help

Children younger than 6 do not need a diagnosis to get support through our early childhood approach.

If you have concerns about your child's development, talking to a professional who knows your child best is a good place to start. This could be your child's doctor, early childhood educator or child health nurse.

Concerns about your child's development might include how they:

- play and move around
- do things to take care of themselves
- socialise with other children
- communicate what they want.

Compared with other children their own age.

After talking with your child's health or education professional our early childhood partners can help connect you and your child to the right supports.

### Our early childhood partners deliver our approach

Early childhood partners are local organisations we fund to deliver the early childhood approach. Our early childhood partners have professional teams with experience and clinical expertise to work with young children with developmental delay or disability and their families.

Your local early childhood partner will:

- work with you to understand your child's needs
- recommend what early connections are best for your child.

### Early connections support your child regardless of NDIS eligibility

Early connections will make sure you get the right supports and services for your child's individual needs.

They could be things like valuable information, connecting you to community and other government services, early supports or help to apply to the NDIS.

Learn more about how early childhood partners support child development in [Our guideline: Early childhood approach](#) and [Our guideline: Early connections](#).

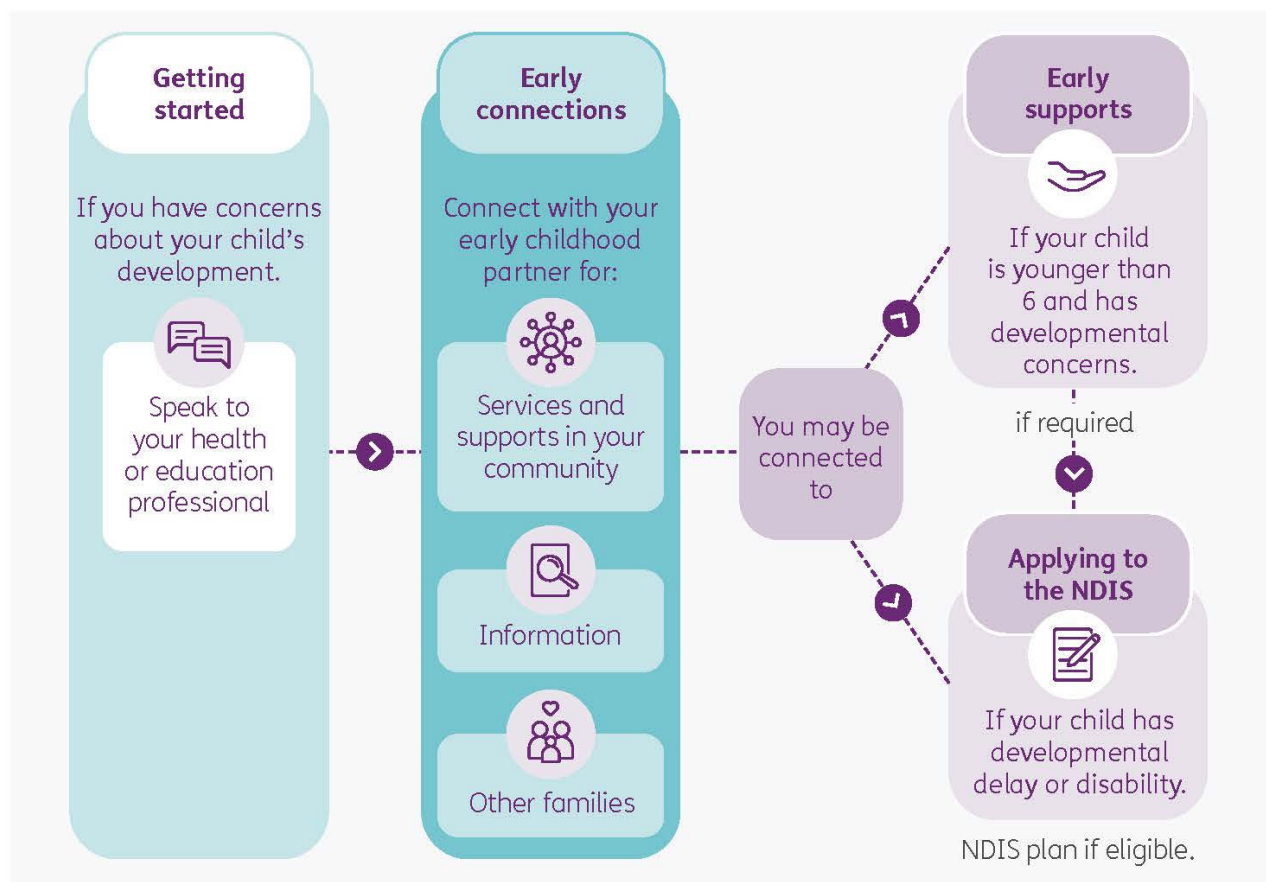
### Early supports build you and your child's capacity

Early supports work to build you and your child's capacity to promote everyday learning in your home and other community environments.

An early childhood partner may recommend early supports if your child is younger than 6 and has [developmental concerns](#).

Learn more about early supports in [Our Guideline: Early connections](#).

Figure 1: Getting help for your child



## Apply to the NDIS

If your child has a developmental delay or a disability your early childhood partner can support you to put together information and evidence to help work out if your child is eligible to apply for the NDIS. If your child transitions from early connections to become an NDIS participant, then your early childhood partner will work with you to develop your child's NDIS plan.

To learn more about being eligible for the NDIS go to our [Our Guideline: Applying to the NDIS](#).

## For more information

If you have any concerns about your child's development, talking to a professional who knows your child best is a good place to start.

If you live in an area with no early childhood partner, you can contact the NDIS online at [Contact Us](#) or call 1800 800 110.

### National Disability Insurance Agency

Telephone 1800 800 110

Webchat [ndis.gov.au](https://www.ndis.gov.au)

### Follow us on our social channels



### For people who need help with English

TIS: 131 450

### For people who are deaf or hard of hearing

TTY: 1800 555 677

Voice relay: 1800 555 727

National Relay Service: [relay.gov.au](https://www.relay.gov.au)



# STAWELL SKATEPARK OPENING

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16 FROM 11AM**

**FREE ALL AGES & FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT**

**SKATE PRO DEMOS, SKATE COMP, PRIZES, SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
LAMONT STREET - STAWELL**



**ALCOHOL, DRUG, VAPE & SMOKE FREE EVENT**





## Free support for sports clubs and recreation centres

Sports clubs and leisure centres in Northern Grampians Shire are doing great things for local children and young people! All clubs and centres can now access free support to boost healthy, delicious food and drink in their kiosks, at half-time or at their community fundraisers.

### Would your club or centre benefit from the following?

- **Free, tailored guidance** to refresh your food and drink options.
- **Kitchen equipment** to prepare healthy options for fundraisers, half-time or in the kiosk.
- Advice on **cost-effective, local suppliers**.
- **Food Handling Certificates** or recipe training for volunteers.
- Workshops on easy, nutritional and **budget-friendly recipes**.

### Let's make it happen!

Lauren Dempsey, your local Healthy Kids Advisor for Northern Grampians Shire, understands local priorities and is here to help clubs of all sizes. Book a time to meet with her by emailing [lauren.dempsey@kitchengardenfoundation.org.au](mailto:lauren.dempsey@kitchengardenfoundation.org.au)

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ALEXANDER  
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## Healthy Kids Advisors

Delivered by the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation

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[hka@kitchengardenfoundation.org.au](mailto:hka@kitchengardenfoundation.org.au)

## 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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# 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.



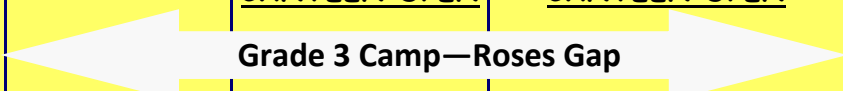
For after hours emergencies—  
0408 038 949.

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!

| WEEK             | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| WEEK 7           | <u>Aug 21st</u><br><br><b>Grade 5 Camp—Sovereign Hill</b>  | <u>Aug 22nd</u>                          | <u>Aug 23rd</u>   | <u>Aug 24th</u><br>Grade 1 excursion to Library and Cato Park<br><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>       | <u>Aug 25th</u><br>Grade 2 excursion to Library<br><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u><br><b>BOOK WEEK</b><br><b>Dress-up Day</b>  |
| WEEK 8           | <u>Aug 28th</u>   | <u>Aug 29th</u>                          | <u>Aug 30th</u>   | <u>Aug 31st</u><br>Grade 2 Swimming<br><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u><br>Black Ranges Athletic Sports | <u>Sept 1st</u><br>Grade 2 Swimming<br>Father's Day Stall<br><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>   |
| WEEK 9           | <u>Sept 4th</u><br>Grade 2 Swimming   | <u>Sept 5th</u><br>Grade 2 Swimming      | <u>Sept 6th</u><br>Grade 2 Swimming                               | <u>Sept 7th</u><br>Grade 2 Swimming<br><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>                                 | <u>Sept 8th</u><br>Pupil free day  |
| WEEK 10          | <u>Sept 11th</u><br>Grade 2 Swimming<br>Grade 3 Landcare excursion<br><br><b>Grade 4 Camp—Campaspe Downs</b> | <u>Sept 12th</u><br>Grade 2 Swimming     | <u>Sept 13th</u><br>Grade 2 Swimming<br>Sports colours day        | <u>Sept 14th</u><br>Grade 2 Swimming<br><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>                                | <u>Sept 15th</u><br><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>  |
| TERM 4<br>WEEK 1 | <u>Oct 2nd</u>  | <u>Oct 3rd</u>                           | <u>Oct 4th</u>  | <u>Oct 5th</u><br><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>  | <u>Oct 6th</u><br><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>  |
| WEEK 2           | <u>Oct 9th</u><br>Grade Prep/1 Swimming   | <u>Oct 10th</u><br>Grade Prep/1 Swimming | <u>Oct 11th</u><br>Grade Prep/1 Swimming<br>Prep 2024 School Tour | <u>Oct 12th</u><br>Grade Prep/1 Swimming<br><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>                            | <u>Oct 13th</u><br>Grade Prep/1 Swimming<br><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>  |
| WEEK 3           | <u>Oct 16th</u><br>Grade Prep/1 Swimming  | <u>Oct 17th</u><br>Grade Prep/1 Swimming | <u>Oct 18th</u><br>Grade Prep/1 Swimming                          | <u>Oct 19th</u><br>Grade Prep/1 Swimming<br><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>                            | <u>Oct 20th</u><br>Grade Prep/1 Swimming<br><u>CANTEEN OPEN</u><br><br><b>Grade 3 Camp—Roses Gap</b> |