



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

Stawell Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER, 2023

TERM 4, WEEK 1

Thursday 5th Oct

Canteen Open

Friday 6th Oct

Canteen Open

WEEK 2

Monday 9th Oct

Grade Prep/1 Swimming

Tuesday 10th Oct

Grade Prep/1 Swimming

Wednesday 11th Oct

Grade Prep/1 Swimming

Prep 2024 School Tour

Thursday 12th Oct

Grade Prep/1 Swimming

Grade 2 Sleepover starts

Canteen Open

Friday 13th Oct

Grade Prep/1 Swimming

Grade 2 Sleepover ends at midday

Canteen Open

WEEK 3

Monday 16th Oct

Grade Prep/1 Swimming

Tuesday 17th Oct

Grade Prep/1 Swimming

Wednesday 18th Oct

Grade Prep/1 Swimming

Grade 3 camp departs

Thursday 19th Oct

Canteen Open

Friday 20th Oct

Grade 3 camp returns

Canteen Open

WEEK 4

Monday 23rd Oct

Prep 2024 Transition Day

Thursday 14th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers and 502 Community,

As the weather begins to warm up, and we move towards another well-deserved break I think it is a good time to reflect on what we have accomplished so far as a school and learning community. We

welcome you all to join these celebrations at our end of term assembly on Friday at 12pm and then a picnic lunch from 1pm. There will be many certificates awarded to deserving students for their high achievements of Excellence and Integrity.



Hats on during Term 4

As a reminder, please make sure your child has a hat ready for Term 4.

The holidays are a wonderful opportunity to wash and refresh Term 1's hat ready for another warm summer. School bucket hats are available to purchase through the school at either the Front Office or via the Qkr! app. School bucket hats are \$10 to purchase.

Footy Colours Day

Footy colours day was on this Wednesday 13th October, it was wonderful to see all students dressed up in their favourite sporting team attire. This day gives students the chance to showcase chosen teams, whilst enjoying a special assembly to show support for their teams. A large number of Australian's are passionate for playing in and supporting sporting events, with a broad diverse range of sports on offer. At Stawell Primary we have a very passionate Collingwood supporter on staff, and I know that this is one of her favourite days. Walking into her classroom and the teacher having the Collingwood theme song at the ready, just goes to show how devoted people are with their team choices. Although I was told her team is going to be in the finals.



Prep Enrolments 2023

2024 enrolments for schools are now due. It would be lovely to have all families wanting to enrol here at 502 to complete the online enrolment (please scan the QR code or visit our website) form or come to the Office and pick up an enrolment pack for your child. Please feel free to also book a tour with me, I am excited to be able to showcase our great school and the wonderful 502 community that makes it so.



Have a lovely and safe break,

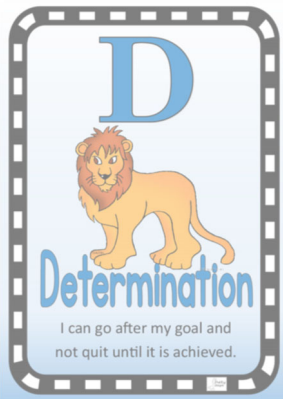
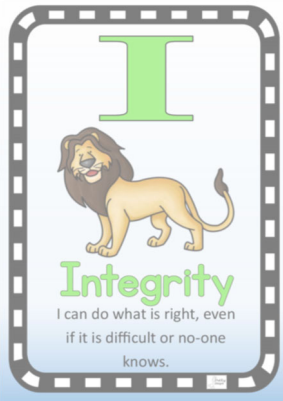
Russell Marland

Principal.



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.



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 4 Camp



P



Participation
I can join in with all group activities and work tasks.

R



Respect
I can act in a way that shows I care about other people's feelings and well-being.

I



Integrity
I can do what is right, even if it is difficult or no-one knows.

D



Determination
I can go after my goal and not quit until it is achieved.

E



Excellence
I can always strive for improvement.





Preps



As part of our inquiry learning this term, Prep students have been exploring how to take care of special places, including our school and their homes.

This week, we were lucky enough to have some special guest speakers visit. NGSC Councillor, Lauren Dempsey, talked to students about her role in taking care of the community and its special places, such as Cato Park and the new Skatepark. Mr. Marland also visited to talk to the students about how he helps to take care of our school. We learnt that he has lots of jobs to do! Students listened carefully and asked the speakers some very thoughtful questions. It was a fantastic learning experience!

After our visitors left, Preps put their new learning into action by helping to clean up the Prep area and Sensory Garden. They have also been working on some special classroom jobs (like tidying their tables), and they have made their very own job charts to take home- we are sure these job charts will come in handy during the school holidays! Some popular home jobs that students help with were making their bed, doing their reader, and setting the table for dinner.

Thanks again to our guest speakers for helping us with our learning!

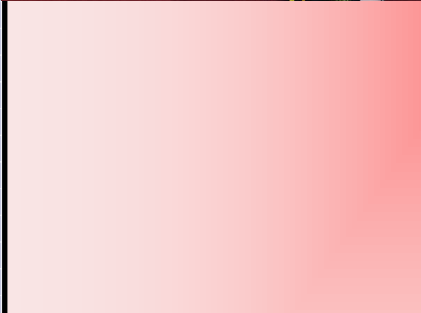
Sports Colours Day



Room 7A River Detectives



Chinese Lanterns



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

THANK YOU SO MUCH

YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

Kristy would like to thank all the fabulous canteen volunteers that have helped out already this year. The canteen would not run without your support.

She looks forward to working with you and hopefully some new volunteers in the 4th Term.

Please leave your contact details at the office if you can spare some time to help out next term.



In Term 2 the Junior School Council held a PJ dress up day to raise money for local community group Adoptable Pet Rescue.

The school community raised \$305.55 dollars for Adoptable to help care for animals in need. Well done everyone!



Term 4 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.

Hats: - Just a reminder that hats are to be worn outside at all times during Term 4 and Term 1.

If you require a new hat they can be purchased from the Front Office or on QKR for \$10.



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.

XUNO: - Please check your Xuno for our latest newsletters, updates and messages from your teachers. If you have any issues with Xuno or need help, please contact the Office on 5358 1255

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





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



FEATHERS & THINGS

ANIMAL KEEPER FOR A DAY -

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

\$80/ child from 8.30-2pm

(6-12 year olds)

**CONTACT BELINDA
TO BOOK**

**1567 POMONAL RD,
LAKE FYANS VIC 3381
0417 010 453**

Experience what goes on behind the scenes at a working animal farm.

- Make shelters for animals
- Learn what macaws, ostriches, sheep, goats, emu's and other animals eat and help feed them
- Maintain enclosures and other fun!



Tuesday 19th September 2023

Thursday 21st September 2023

STAWELL INTERCHURCH NETBALL ASSOCIATION

An 8 week season commencing on
Wednesday October 18th.

Girls and Boys aged 6 - 12yo.
North Park Courts
Wednesdays from 4.30-5.30pm

Registrations opening soon!



OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Parent Survey

Dear Stawell Primary School Community,

We would like to offer the service of Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) to students attending Stawell Primary School. At this stage we are collecting data to investigate if there is any interest from families.

If you are interested in your student attending an out of school hours care program, please fill in the below survey.

<https://forms.gle/PRS5pT4yJAm1HXTW8>

Kind regards,
Russell Marland



2023 TOYOTA AFL PREMIERSHIP CUP TOUR



Stawell Toyota is excited to announce the
AFL Premiership Cup is coming to Stawell

THE
FINALS



FOLLOW THE TOUR

Wednesday 20th September at Central Park
4.30pm - 6.30 pm

Kids Activities, Giveaways

Come Dressed in Your Favorite Teams Colors

Free Sausage Sizzle

Chance to Win Grand Final Tickets (T & C's Apply)

Now that's Good For Footy



TOYOTA



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

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Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club has commenced. Breakfast Club will operate Monday—Friday mornings 8:20am—8:45am.



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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
TERM 4 WEEK 1	<u>Oct 2nd</u>	<u>Oct 3rd</u>	<u>Oct 4th</u>	<u>Oct 5th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Oct 6th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
WEEK 2	<u>Oct 9th</u> Grade Prep/1 Swimming	<u>Oct 10th</u> Grade Prep/1 Swimming	<u>Oct 11th</u> Grade Prep/1 Swimming Prep 2024 School Tour	<u>Oct 12th</u> Grade Prep/1 Swimming <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Oct 13th</u> Grade Prep/1 Swimming <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
				← Grade 2 Sleepover →	
WEEK 3	<u>Oct 16th</u> Grade Prep/1 Swimming	<u>Oct 17th</u> Grade Prep/1 Swimming	<u>Oct 18th</u> Grade Prep/1 Swimming	<u>Oct 19th</u> Grade Prep/1 Swimming <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Oct 20th</u> Grade Prep/1 Swimming <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
			← Grade 3 Camp—Roses Gap →		
WEEK 4	<u>Oct 23rd</u> Prep 2024 Transition Day 1	<u>Oct 24th</u> Music Viva Incursion	<u>Oct 25th</u>	<u>Oct 26th</u> Prep excursion to Halls Gap Zoo <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Oct 27th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
WEEK 5	<u>Oct 30th</u>	<u>Oct 31st</u>	<u>Nov 1st</u>	<u>Nov 2nd</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Nov 3rd</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
WEEK 6	<u>Nov 6th</u>	<u>Nov 7th</u> Pupil Free Day— Melbourne Cup	<u>Nov 8th</u> Prep Transition Day 2	<u>Nov 9th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Nov 10th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
				← Grade 6 Camp—Warrnambool →	
WEEK 7	<u>Nov 13th</u>	<u>Nov 14th</u>	<u>Nov 15th</u>	<u>Nov 16th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Nov 17th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
WEEK 8	<u>Nov 20th</u>	<u>Nov 21st</u>	<u>Nov 22nd</u>	<u>Nov 23rd</u> Prep Transition Day 3 <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Nov 24th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>