



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

Stawell Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2023

WEEK 9

Monday 4th Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

Tuesday 5th Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

Wednesday 6th Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

Thursday 7th Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

Canteen Open

Friday 8th Sep

Pupil Free Day

WEEK 10

Monday 11th Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

Grade 3 Landcare excursion

Grade 4 Camp Departs

Tuesday 12th Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

Wednesday 13th Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

Sporting Colours Day

Grade 4 Camp Returns

Thursday 14th Sep

Grade 2 Swimming

Canteen Open

Friday 15th Sep

End of Term Assembly

Early Dismissal @ 2:30

Canteen Open

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

Friday 1st September 2023

Dear Stawell, Primary School Community,

What a wonderful two weeks we have had here at Stawell Primary School. We say goodbye to Winter and hello to Spring.

Showcasing Excellence in Literacy

Stawell Primary School continues to shine as an exemplary school of literacy in the state. Our recent school tours hosted over 26 staff members who observed our exceptional classroom teaching practices. The feedback received has been overwhelmingly positive, and we're excited to plan more tour days in Term 4 to share our innovative teaching approaches.

Grade 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat: A Historic Success!

We are thrilled to report that last week's Grade 5 camp to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat was a resounding success. Our students immersed themselves in the fascinating world of the gold rush era, experiencing a live museum and even dressing up as characters from the past. The camp was an educational adventure that brought history to life and left a lasting impact on our young learners.

Congratulations to our Athletics Stars

A round of applause went out at assembly for the students from our school who showcased their athletic abilities at the Black Ranges Athletics held at North Park in Stawell. We congratulate all competitors for their dedication and effort. To those who qualified for Regionals, we wish you the very best as you continue to shine in your athletic pursuits. A big thank you to Mr. O'Neill for his organisation of the event. We also extend our gratitude to the Parents Club for running the canteen, a huge effort.

Father's Day Stall

Our Parents Club were fantastic with the organising and running of the Father's Day Stall. This special event provided our students with a wonderful opportunity to select thoughtful gifts for their dads and special individuals in their lives.





Dividing into Grade 2 Swimming Lessons

This week, Grade 2 swimming lessons kicked off in the pool, our students learned and refined their swimming techniques. A special thank you goes out to the parent helpers and teachers who have been instrumental in supporting this crucial program.

Lending a Helping Hand with Meals on Wheels

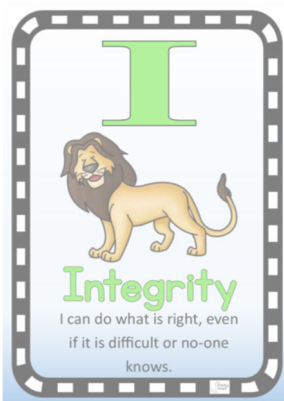
Our senior students have been actively engaged in lending a helping hand through their involvement in Meals on Wheels program. We extend our gratitude to the volunteers who have made it possible for us to deliver meals to those in need, fostering a sense of community and compassion.



Upcoming Events and Pupil-Free Day

As we look ahead, please note that next week will be a planning week for teachers across all year levels. This will result in an alternate timetable for all students. Additionally, we're gearing up for our third day of Berry Street training on trauma-informed practice. **This important professional development will take place on Friday, September 8th, which will be a pupil-free day.**

Enrolments and Parent Opinion Survey



Enrolments for the upcoming school year are now open. For more details, please visit our office staff or scan the QR code provided. We also encourage all parents to participate in our parent opinion survey, as your feedback is invaluable in guiding our school's continuous improvement efforts.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in the Stawell Primary School community.

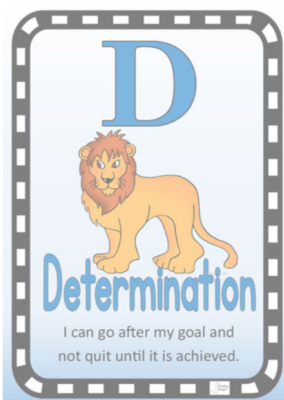
Warm regards,

Russell Marland

Principal.

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 Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4



Every Day Counts

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.

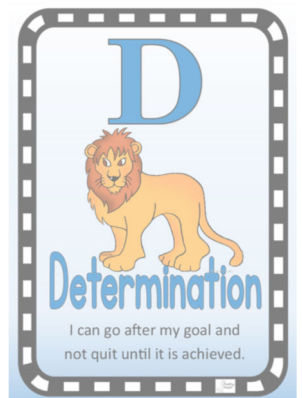


Help Needed!

Our Canteen needs a couple of **helpers** on the **7th of September** and **Friday 15th of September**, between 10:00am and 1:45pm.

Even if you can only help for part of this time, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact the office if you are able to help out.



Preps in Chinese



Lottie



Bell Tower Update

The new bell tower structure will be installed over the Term 3 school holidays. This bell tower will be like-for-like of our original – ensuring its historic, old charm appearance remains. The overall project is expected to be complete by Friday 20th October.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

If you have any queries about the works at Stawell Primary School, please get in touch with the VSBA on **180 896 950** or at vsba@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you Bonnie, for the photos.





Grade 5/6

MINTON MAJOLICE PEACOCK!

The peacock is worth 4 million dollars. It is named in honour of the god Apollo. It was being transported in 1879 from England. Salvaged from the Loch Ard it spent some time in a Stanley home.

It is called half way around the world. It was in perfect condition except for a chip in the neck.



There's only 1 in the world. It's the most valuable peacock ever. It is called the Loch Ard Peacock because it was salvaged from the Loch Ard in 1879. It is a half million dollars and a half million in eggs and more. It is a half million dollars.

When the peacock was rescued it was in perfect condition. It was later captured by the Museum when it was a little over a year old.

Look at it!



The peacock on display.

Section of the bulletin board featuring several articles and drawings. The drawings include a large ship on a blue sea, a smaller ship, and a ship with a large sail. The articles contain text and small photographs.

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Section of the bulletin board featuring a central article titled "The Loch Ard!" with a drawing of the ship. Surrounding it are numerous other articles and drawings, including a large drawing of a ship with a yellow background and several smaller ship illustrations.

Grade 5/6

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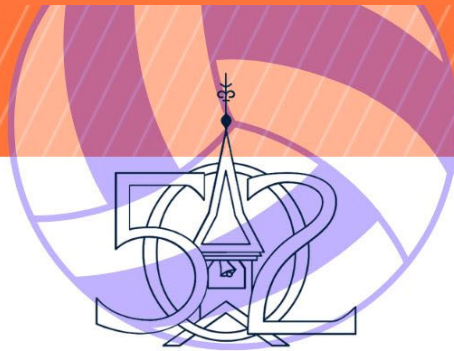
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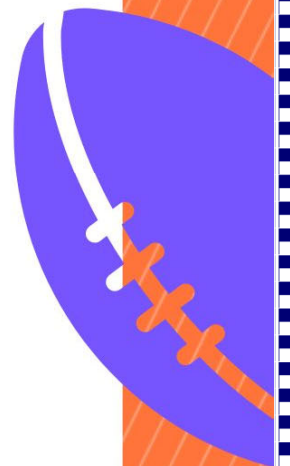
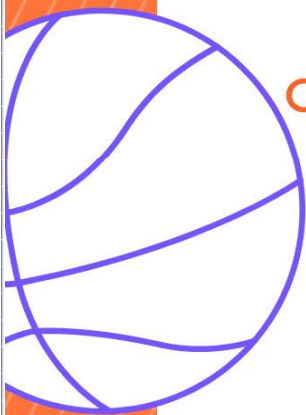
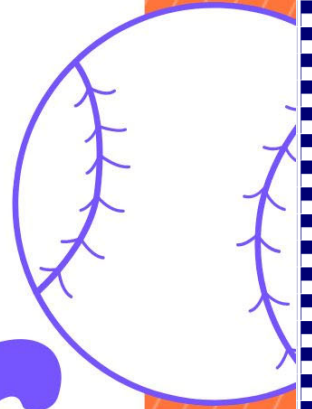
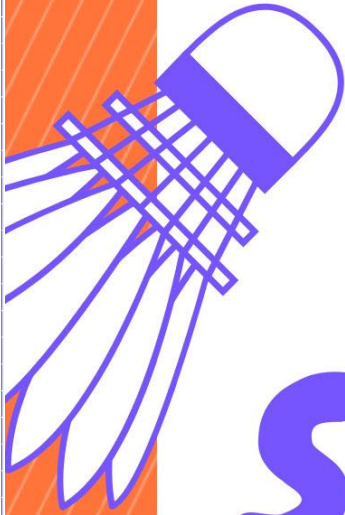
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JSC PRESENTS

SPORTING COLOURS DAY

GOLD COIN DONATION EVENT!

WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2023



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



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.



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

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>Sept 4th</u> Grade 2 Swimming	<u>Sept 5th</u> Grade 2 Swimming	<u>Sept 6th</u> Grade 2 Swimming	<u>Sept 7th</u> Grade 2 Swimming <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Sept 8th</u> Pupil free day
WEEK 10	<u>Sept 11th</u> Grade 2 Swimming Grade 3 Landcare excursion	<u>Sept 12th</u> Grade 2 Swimming	<u>Sept 13th</u> Grade 2 Swimming Sporting Colours Day	<u>Sept 14th</u> Grade 2 Swimming <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Sept 15th</u> End of Term Assembly Early Dismissal 2:30 <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
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>
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>
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>
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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](#).

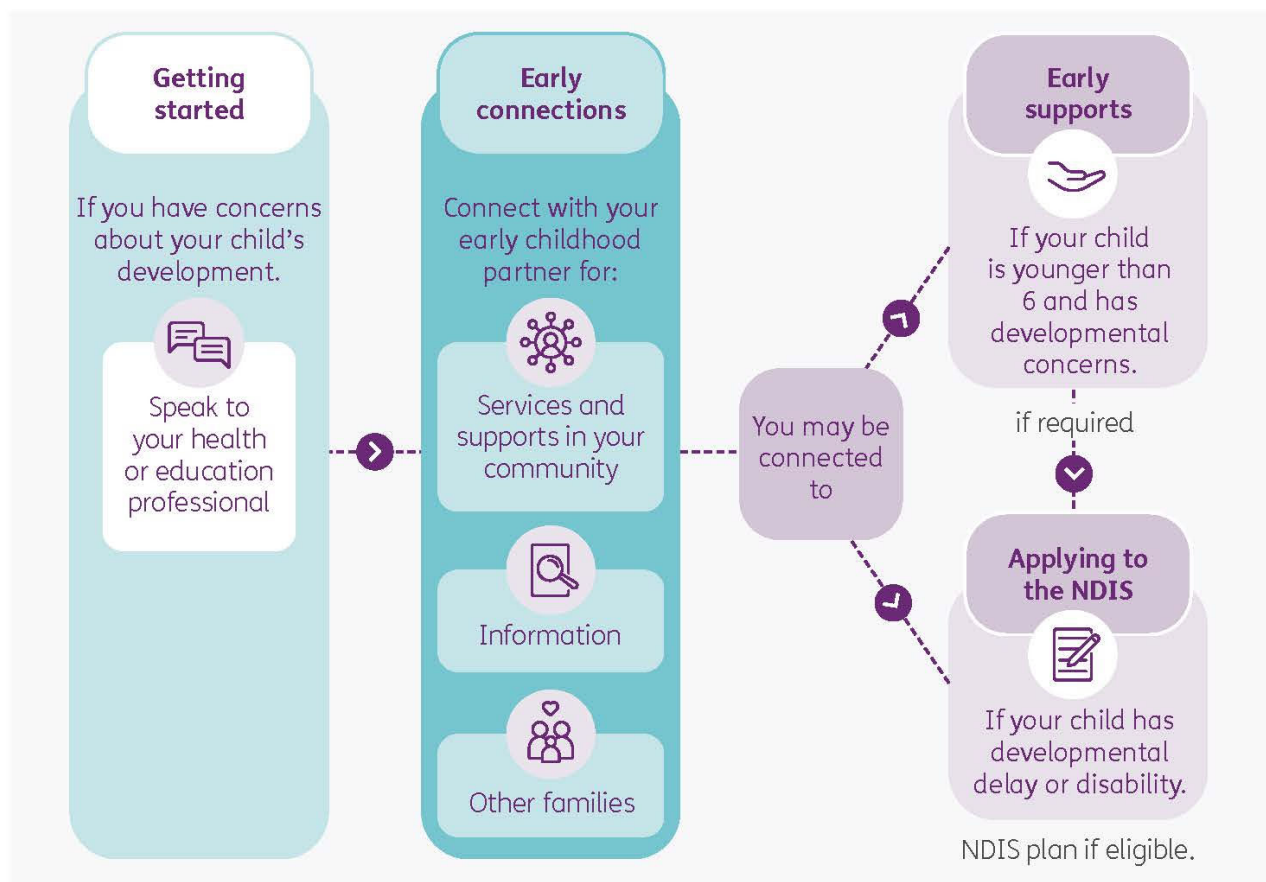
Early supports build you and your child's capacity

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)

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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)



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TOURING VICTORIA SEPTEMBER 2023

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3 HAPPY TRICKS

FRANKSTON
18 SEPTEMBER

WODONGA
20 SEPTEMBER

WANGARATTA
21 SEPTEMBER

DANDENONG
22 SEPTEMBER

DAREBIN
23 SEPTEMBER

BALLARAT
24 SEPTEMBER

GEELONG
25 SEPTEMBER

BENDIGO
26 SEPTEMBER

SHEPPARTON
27 SEPTEMBER

TICKETS AT [LIVENATION.COM.AU](https://www.livenation.com.au)

LIVE NATION

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TOURING VICTORIA SEPTEMBER 2023**



3 HAPPY TRICKS

TICKETS AT [LIVENATION.COM.AU](https://www.livenation.com.au) 



A school holiday kids show combining fun and positive mental health!

**The countdown is on for the Term 3 school holidays,
and we know you're always on the lookout for engaging, educational events
to share with your school community.**

**Designed for primary school aged children and their parents/carers,
these one-of-a-kind shows combine fun and positive wellbeing strategies
to help families build resilience.**

**There are tickets available in Frankston, Wodonga, Wangaratta,
Dandenong, Darebin, Ballarat, Geelong, Bendigo and Shepparton,
and we'd love to see your students there.**





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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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.



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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.