



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

Stawell Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER, 2023

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

Grade Prep/1 Swimming

Canteen Open

Friday 20th Oct

Grade Prep/1 Swimming

Grade 3 camp returns

Canteen Open

WEEK 4

Monday 23rd Oct

Prep 2024 Transition Day

Tuesday 24th Oct

Music Viva Incursion

Thursday 26th Oct

Prep excursion to

Halls Gap Zoo

Canteen Open

Friday 27th Oct

Canteen Open

WEEK 5

Thursday 2nd Nov

Canteen Open

Friday 3rd Nov

Canteen Open

WEEK 6

Tuesday 7th Nov

Pupil Free Day—Melbourne Cup

Wednesday 8th Nov

Prep 2024 Transition Day 2

Grade 6 Camp departs

Thursday 9th Nov

Canteen Open

Friday 13th October 2023

Dear 502 community,

Welcome back to the start of Term 4! We hope you had a restful break and are now ready for the exciting adventures that await us in the final term of the year. With a full 10 weeks ahead of us, there are plenty of opportunities for growth, learning, and fun.



Sun Safety - Don't Forget Your Hats! As the weather warms up, we'd like to remind all students to be sun smart. Please ensure your child wears a sun hat when they are outdoors to protect themselves from the sun's rays. If your hat has gone missing, we have them available for purchase at the office for \$10.

Grade 2 Sleepover - A Night of Amazing Memories! The Grade 2 students had an incredible time during their recent sleepover at the school. The evening was filled with games, activities, and shared laughter. We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff, especially Miss Sellon and Mrs Davies, for organizing this memorable event. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to create lasting memories.

Regional Athletics in Ballarat A small team of students represented our school at the Regional Athletics event in Ballarat last Friday. Their hard work and determination were evident in their outstanding performances. We applaud their efforts on making it to such a high level of competition. A big thankyou to the parents who volunteered to take the students to the event.



Upcoming Literacy Open Day - A Chance to Showcase Our Program Next Tuesday, we will be hosting another Literacy Open Day. Three neighbouring schools will be visiting to observe our structured literacy program in action. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the incredible work our teachers and students have been doing and celebrate the positive impact our literacy program is having on the development of our students' reading and writing skills.



We are excited about the many upcoming events, learning opportunities, and experiences that Term 4 has in store. We look forward to another term of growth and success.

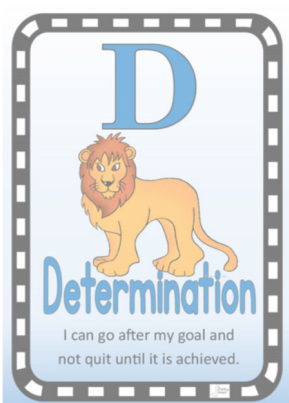
Kind regards,

Scott Rathgeber



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



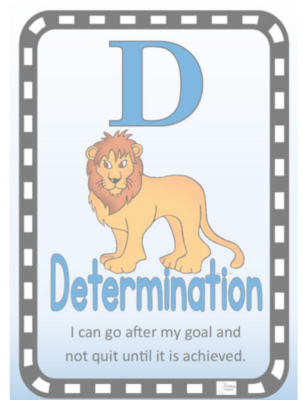
A big thank you!

Goes out to the Pyke family
for donating food for our Grade 2 Sleepover

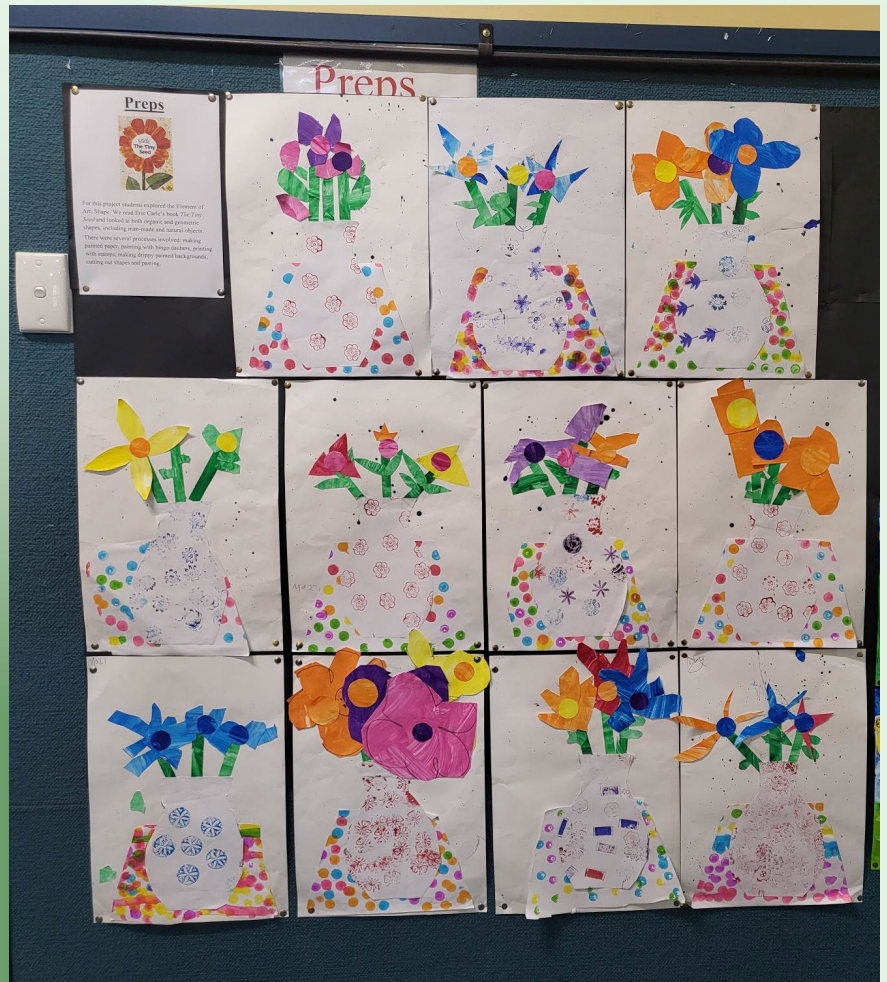


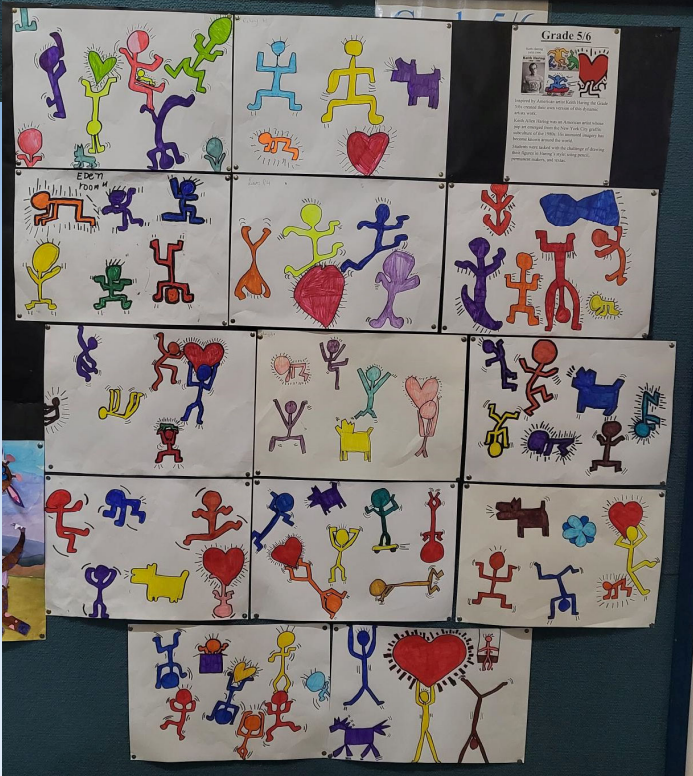
We are looking for volunteers
for the meals on wheels 5/6 program.

If you are able to help,
or want more information,
please get in touch with the office



Art





FREE PARENT SESSION

GROWING UP ONLINE

An informative and entertaining session for parents and carers, delivered by cyber-safety expert, Susan McLean. Learn about the positive benefits of technology, as well as what you need to be aware of.

- online grooming
- cyberbullying
- sharing nudes and sexting
- potential dangers and safety tips
- gaming issues
- problematic internet use
- question time



Presented by
Susan McLean

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023

6.30PM-8PM

NORTH PARK FUNCTION CENTRE

Tickets are FREE. Follow the link or scan QR code to book:

<https://rb.gy/xgtib>



Stawell



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 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

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!



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





FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING



NATIONALLY RECOGNISED
TRAINING

CPR (HLTAID009)

FIRST AID (HLTAID011)

*Bookings essential
Pre-payment required
USI Number*

To enrol in this course
contact the Stawell
Neighbourhood House to
secure your spot.

DATE: 28th October
2023

CPR 10.30 to 12.30
\$75

FIRST AID 10.30 to 4.30
\$160

(03) 5358 3500 | office@snhlc.org.au | 42 Sloane St Stawell



Their Wonderful World

A discussion group for carers of
neurodivergent children

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

DISCUSSION WITH SERGEANT CHRIS ROSSO, VICTORIA POLICE

An invitation to [parents and carers of neurodivergent children](#) aged 12 and under.

Seargent Chris Rosso of Halls Gap Police Station will be sharing the approaches and procedures of Victoria Police when engaging with the neurodivergent community. This is a fabulous opportunity to learn about the most effective ways to connect with your local police force when needed.

WHEN: Saturday 21 October at 3pm

WHERE: Pomonal Community Hall

WHO: Parents and carers of neurodivergent children aged 12 years and under who reside in the Grampians.

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.



Getting out and about this October.

Walking to school

VicHealth have developed some [great resources](#) to make walking to school fun! - You can keep it simple by walking, riding, scooting or skating to and from school. Or you can get adventurous by mapping out an adventure trail that takes in more of the sights and sounds of your neighbourhood!

Get Active Victoria Tracker

Use the free online tool to set a goal, track activity, team up and discover places. [Home | Get Active Victoria](#)

View Places - Explore trails, parks, playgrounds, exercise stations and skateparks in Victoria using this interactive map. [Places | Get Active Victoria](#)

Great Local walks

In Stawell - Cato Lake Park, Central Park, Federation Park, Grampians Rail Trail, North Park, Skate Park....

Halls Gap – [Grampians Peaks Trail](#), Halls Gap Botanical Gardens, [Grampians Waterfalls](#), Lake Bellfield dam wall, [Lake Fyans Loop](#).....

In St Arnaud – Queen Mary Gardens, Pioneer Park, Lord Nelson Park, [St Arnaud Trails - The Basin Walk, View Point Trail, Mine History Trail, Hard Hills Trail, St Arnaud Regional Park](#) – Bell Rock walk, Wax Gardens circuit

Walking clubs / groups

Cato Park GCH Walking Group - 10 am Tuesday at the Stella Young memorial, all welcome in fair weather.

Bushwalking Victoria – [Grampians Bushwalking club inc.](#)

Day Walks, Base Camp Walks,

General meetings – last Tuesday of the month at the Stawell SES depot, 7.30pm, all welcome.

Join a **Heart Foundation** [walking group](#) or [start a walking group](#) of your own.

Bush walking in the, [Kara Kara National Park](#) , [St Arnaud Regional Park](#)

Discover [Accessible Walks Victoria](#) website to find more works in our area.



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MITRE 10

Discounted Pre-Booked Tickets available at

- Stawell Neighbourhood House
- www.trybooking.com/CLTFM



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
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> T20 Cricket—Nth Park	<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 2024 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 2024 Transition Day 3 <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Nov 24th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
WEEK 9	<u>Nov 27th</u>	<u>Nov 28th</u>	<u>Nov 29th</u>	<u>Nov 30th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Dec 1st</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>
WEEK 10	<u>Dec 4th</u>	<u>Dec 5th</u>	<u>Dec 6th</u>	<u>Dec 7th</u> <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Dec 8th</u> Pupil Free Day Report Writing Day