



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

# Stawell Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2023

## WEEK 5

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov

Canteen Open

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

Ball Sports

Canteen Open

## WEEK 6

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Pupil Free Day—Melbourne Cup**

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov

Prep 2024 Transition Day 2

Grade 6 Camp departs

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov

Canteen Open

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov

Grade 6 Camp returns

Canteen Open

## WEEK 7

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov

Canteen Open

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov

Canteen Open

## WEEK 8

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

Prep 2024 Transition Day 3

Canteen Open

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov

Canteen Open

## WEEK 9

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov

Canteen Open

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

Canteen Open

## WEEK 10

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

Canteen Open

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

**Pupil Free Day—Report Writing Day**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Principal Report

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 Transition:

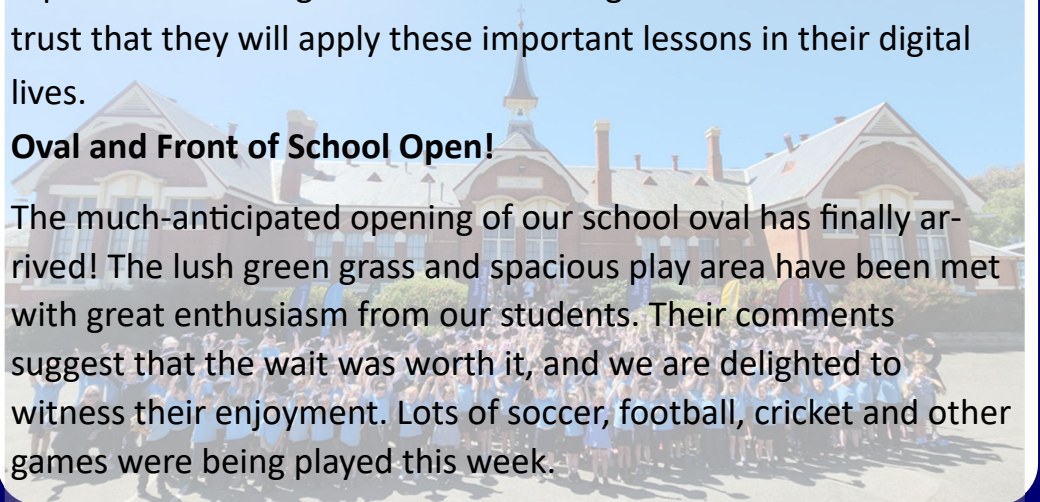
The first day of Prep transition was a resounding success. The 2024 Preps were filled with excitement and curiosity, and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Miss Greene and Lisa for organising the delightful and engaging activities. Their efforts made the transition smooth and memorable for our young learners.

## Cyber Safety:

Stawell Primary School has invested a considerable amount of time and effort to support students, staff and families upskilling in cyber safety. We had the privilege attending keynote speaker Susan McLean, an expert in the field. Her session was invaluable, and it was heartening to see students actively engaging with the topic and discussing their new knowledge with one another. We trust that they will apply these important lessons in their digital lives.

## Oval and Front of School Open!

The much-anticipated opening of our school oval has finally arrived! The lush green grass and spacious play area have been met with great enthusiasm from our students. Their comments suggest that the wait was worth it, and we are delighted to witness their enjoyment. Lots of soccer, football, cricket and other games were being played this week.





### World Teacher's Day:

On a special note, I would like to extend our appreciation to our dedicated teachers on World Teacher's Day. Your tireless efforts towards student improvement do not go unnoticed, and we are immensely proud of the impact you make every day on our students.



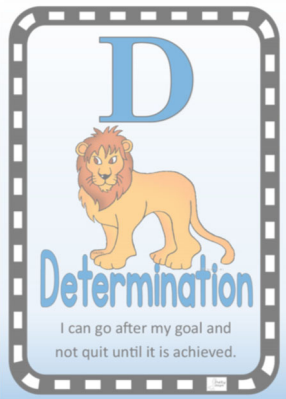
### Halls Gap Zoo Excursion:

Lastly, our Grade Prep students embarked on their first excursion to Halls Gap Zoo. They were treated to beautiful weather and had the opportunity to learn about fascinating animals from around the world, as well as the unique species native to Australia. It was an educational and enjoyable experience for all.

Have a lovely weekend, and enjoy the Stawell Show if you are attending this weekend.



Warm regards,  
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



Congratulations to the students who participated in the Greater Western Athletics Track and Field finals on the 6th of October.

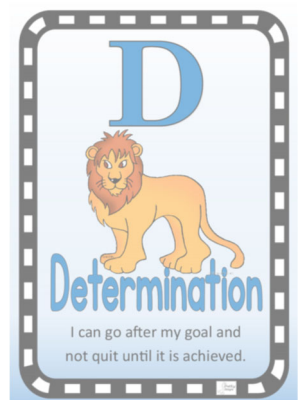
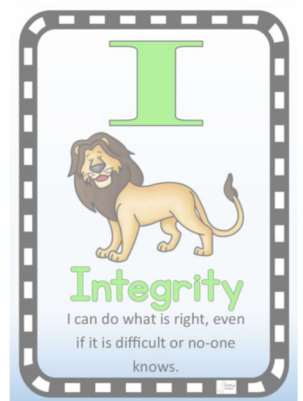
You have made us all proud as you participated and the finals and gave it your all.



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

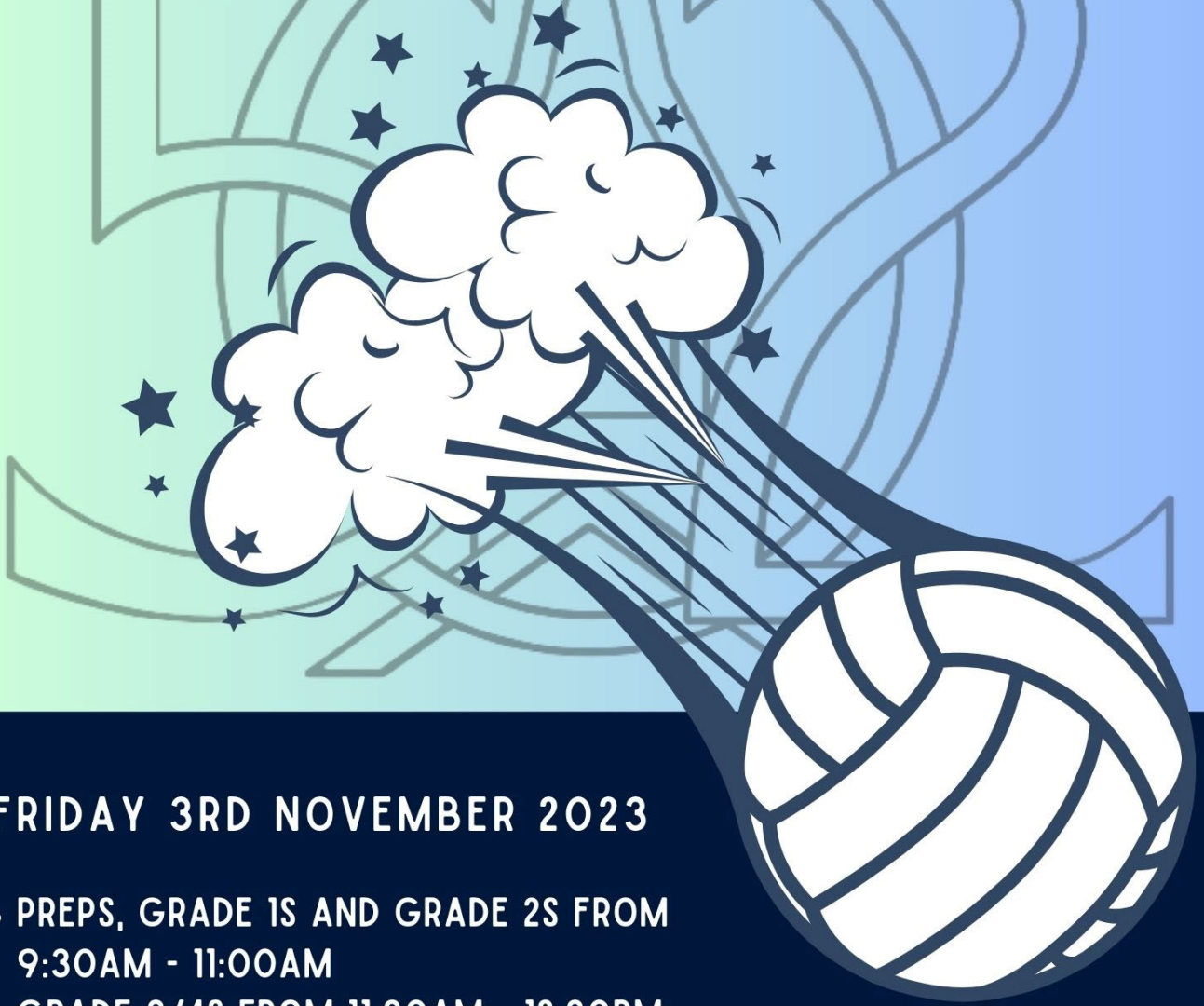
27th November—7th December

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





# BALL SPORTS 2023



**FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2023**

- PREPS, GRADE 1S AND GRADE 2S FROM 9:30AM - 11:00AM
- GRADE 3/4S FROM 11:30AM - 12:30PM
- GRADE 5/6S FROM 12:30PM - 1:30PM

**STUDENTS TO WEAR HOUSE COLOURS | FAMILY MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND**



# Grade 3 Roses Gap Camp



















# 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





### 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



## 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





Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Chicken, Cheese and Avocado  
Focaccia  
\$6.50





## 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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NOVEMBER

3, 4, 5, 10, 11 & 12

**FINDEX**

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**MITRE 10**

Discounted Pre-Booked Tickets available at

- Stawell Neighbourhood House
- [www.trybooking.com/CLTFM](http://www.trybooking.com/CLTFM)





# HALL WEEN

## DISCO

FREE EVENT

FRIDAY 27TH OF OCT

8-12 YRS FROM 4-6PM

12-18 YRS FROM 6-8PM

STAWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE.

FUNKY FRIDAY



GRAMPIANS YOUTH EVENTS





## Breakfast Club

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



## Professional tuition in Maths and English



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# Child

## 

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>
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WEEK 11	<u>Dec 11th</u>	<u>Dec 12th</u> State Wide Orientation Day  Prep 2024 Transition Day 4	<u>Dec 13th</u> Grade 6 Graduation	<u>Dec 14th</u>	<u>Dec 15th</u> End of Term Assembly
WEEK 12	<u>Dec 18th</u>	<u>Dec 19th</u>	<u>Dec 20th</u>	<u>Dec 21st</u> <b><u>School Holidays Begin</u></b>	<u>Dec 22nd</u>