



Stawell Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER, 2023

WEEK 9

Wednesday 29th Nov

Book Club Orders Due

Thursday 30th Nov

Grade 1 Special Afternoon

Canteen Open

Friday 1st Dec

Report Writing Day—
Pupil Free Day

WEEK 10

Tuesday 5th Dec

Volunteer Morning Tea

Thursday 7th Dec

Canteen Open

Friday 8th Dec

Canteen Open—Last Day of
Canteen for 2023

WEEK 11

Tuesday 12th Dec

Statewide Orientation Day

Prep Transition Day 4

Wednesday 13th Dec

Grade 6 Graduation

Grade 3/4 Pool Party

Thursday 14th Dec

Christmas Dress Up Day

Canteen—Recess—Sell Out

Parents & Friends Xmas
Stall—Recess and Lunch

Friday 15th Nov

Parents & Friends Xmas
Stall—Recess and Lunch

End of Term Assembly

2024 TERM 1

Monday 29th Jan

Pupil Free Day

Book Collection Day

Tuesday 30th Jan

Students First Day
of Term 1 2024

Friday 24th November 2023

Principal Report

Dear Stawell Primary School Community,

Another fortnight of learning and assessment occurred with many celebrations for the students here at 502. It has been wonderful to look at the students results and see growth in areas, particularly those we were focusing on.

Next week will be my last week for 2023. I am taking parental leave for the remainder of the year, welcoming an addition into our family. My wife Kate and I are very excited to have our first child, and have been humbled by the support from staff, families, and students in the 502 community. Although this is not an ideal time to take leave from the school, Scott Rathgeber will be filling the role as Acting Principal in my absence, supported by Treen Slorach. I have the utmost confidence in them, as they lead the school for the remainder of the year, and I thank them both for their continued support.

As this is my last principal report for 2023, I would like to thank you, the Stawell Primary School community, for a wonderful year. Stawell Primary School is heading in a positive direction, with a lot of achievements this year in learning and wellbeing. In Particular, our success in Literacy, with other schools visiting regularly to see how we do what we do so well. Thank you for your continued support.

Please have a safe and joyful Christmas, and enjoy your time together.

Churchill Primary School visit:

Friday 17th November, 502 Leadership team made the 5-hour journey to Churchill Primary School. We were excited to be invited to observe their teaching and learning practices in Numeracy and Literacy. Churchill Primary School staff and students were very welcoming and allowed us into their classrooms. This enabled us to see firsthand how the programs we are interested in are orchestrated within a similar school setting. We spoke to students, leaders, and teachers about the decisions they had made, and they were able to answer the many questions we had. This has given Stawell Primary School valuable insight into our direction for 2024, and wow, we are excited.





Pupil Free Day:

A reminder that a **pupil free day is on Friday 1st December 2023**. The day will allow teaching staff to finalise and compile the assessments they have recently completed on students. It will also be a time for teaching staff to begin writing reports which will be released to families at the end of the term. This is no small task, and we appreciate the time and efforts teachers put into the reports to ensure that they are informative for parents and carers.

Grade 6 Camp:

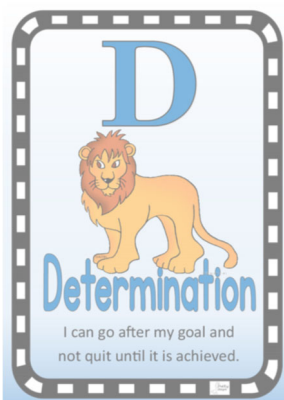


Grade 6 students ventured off to Warrnambool on Wednesday 8th November. Students were excited to be able to link what they had been learning in class - 'Barney and the secret of the whales' (novel study) and the Shipwreck Coast. Caleb Thompson a current Grade 6 student who attended the camp commented, "although we did an incredible amount of walking, which was 43km in total, my favourite activity was the ten-pin bowling". A big thank you to Janine Jerram who organised the camp, it was another successful and well executed camp. Thank you also to the staff Jess Dunn and Jamie Perry, and Rhett Mellor who helped make the camp a wonderful experience for the students. The students consistently showed our school values and made the most of each experience on offer.



Out of School Hours Care Attendance (OSHC):

A huge thank you to the parents who gave feedback through the survey that was sent regarding OSHC. We are currently in the process of sending out Expression of Interest (EOI) to companies who will be running the program. We are planning on offering the service in Term 2 of 2024 (could be sooner). We have already been approached by families who are very keen to access this service. We are hoping to establish a sustainable service with low cost for parents and families. Thank you for your support and patience around providing this service.



Goal Posts are up:

Goal posts have been erected on the refurbished oval; students have already had a wonderful time sharpening up their skills. Students have commented on how soft the oval is and are enjoying playing lots of different games on it.

Have a lovely weekend.

Russell Marland

Principal.



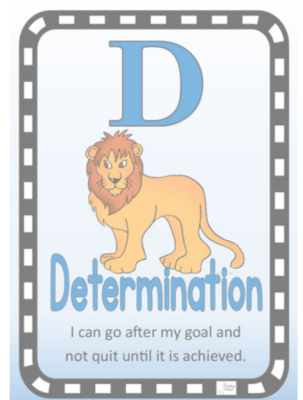
Reminder for parents:- If your child is arriving at school after 8:55am, they need to sign in at the office. Otherwise they will be marked as absent



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



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.



Grade 6 Camp







Art







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





Canteen Helpers ~~Needed~~

To be able to have our canteen available in the coming weeks,
All the positions have been filled for canteen
helpers for 2023.

Kristy in our canteen requires some help on the following days:
A **huge** thank you to those that have
volunteered their time and made it possible to
keep the canteen running this year.

The time slots on these days are either:-

We appreciate every one of you, for giving us
your valuable time and helping to keep the
canteen running through 2023.



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.

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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

Book Club Issue 8

Book Club & Loop Orders Due

Wednesday 29th November @ 9.30am

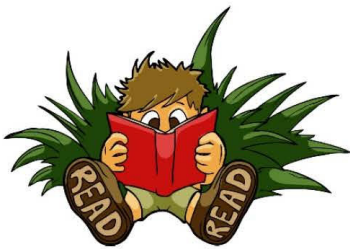
Please ensure Book Club orders are completed with
the following:-

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



502 Christmas Craft and Gift Stall

December 14th and 15th
Operating during lunch and recess



The Parents and Friends Association are pleased to again offer the Christmas Craft and Gift Stall in 2023.

Bring your Christmas spirit along and find gifts for your family and friends.

The stall will operate during lunch and recess times on the 14th and 15th of December and after assembly on Friday 15th.

Old Favourites:

- Reindeer Noses
- Snowman Poop
- Snackle Boxes



New Favourites:

- Snow Globes
- Fidget Toys
- Hair Accessories



STAWELL COMMUNITY CAROLS

Friday 15 December, 2023

Stawell Entertainment Centre

6pm - 9:30pm

Family
Event

visit
from
Santa

Organising Committee Partners



Drug, smoking, vaping and alcohol free event. Donations to the Cottage.

Breakfast Club

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



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Little Angler Kits

The Victorian Government is investing \$1.5 million from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Fund to provide up to 95,000 Little Angler Kits to primary school aged children in Victoria.

The free kits provide a wonderful school holiday activity for children with their families and help ease the cost of living, providing a fun activity close to home.

Grade 5 students at all Victorian schools, including ours, will be offered the opportunity to receive a FREE Little Angler Kit. Grade 5 students have been selected based on the Victorian Curriculum focus, movement and motor development, and safety considerations.

The program is entirely voluntary. Schools were provided with the option to opt out of the program. Our school has opted to stay in the program so that parents can decide whether they want their child(ren) to receive a free fishing kit.

Parents of Grade 5 students can advise the school if they do not wish their child(ren) to participate for any reason whatsoever. We support parents in making decisions that align with their family values and beliefs.

The roll out of kits will occur through the second half of 2023 (16 October – 4 December) so that all participating children will have a kit in time for the summer school holidays.

The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle and information on how to use them to catch a fish. Please note that the tackle tray includes fishing hooks. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket inside the fishing kit bag, which will be sealed with a cable tie to discourage students from opening their kits until they are with a parent or carer.

Kits will be handed out to students to take home with them as soon as the school receives them. Teachers will tell students not to open the kits until they are safely at home with a parent or carer, however parents can contact the school and request to collect their kit from the school themselves if they prefer.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority will create a Little Angler hub on their website, which will be live when the kits start being distributed. It will have useful information, instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish linking to existing resources from Fishcare and new resources to be produced just for the Little Angler Kits program.

This initiative aims to grow recreational fishing participation in Victoria by actively encouraging primary school aged children to learn how to fish, as well as learning more about marine life and the natural environment.

Child

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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.

Do you or someone you know need some help?

“Do you know anyone who is doing it tough at the moment and would like help this Christmas?”

Please ask them to come to the Stawell Inter Church Council Cottage at 20 Sloane St during November to apply.

The Cottage is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:30am and 12:30pm.”



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.

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>Nov 27th</u>	<u>Nov 28th</u>	<u>Nov 29th</u> Book Club Orders Due	<u>Nov 30th</u> Grade 1 – Special Afternoon <u>CANTEEN OPEN</u>	<u>Dec 1st</u> Report writing day – Pupil Free Day
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WEEK 12	<u>Dec 18th</u>	<u>Dec 19th</u>	<u>Dec 20th</u> <u>End Of</u> <u>Term 4</u> Early dismissal 2.20pm	<u>Dec 21st</u> <u>School Holi-</u> <u>days Begin</u>	<u>Dec 22nd</u> <u>Holidays</u>
2024	<u>Jan 29th</u> Teachers Return to School <u>No Students</u> <u>Book</u> <u>Collection</u>	<u>Jan 30th</u> Students first day back at school	<u>Jan 31st</u>	<u>Feb 1st</u>	<u>Feb 2nd</u>