



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

# Stawell Primary School

## Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

### WEEK 11

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

Statewide Orientation Day  
Prep Transition Day 4

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

Grade 6 Graduation  
Grade 3/4 Pool Party  
Prep Gruffalo Play Dress Up Day

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

Christmas Dress Up Day  
Oval Opening and Carol Event 2:20pm  
Canteen—Recess—Sell Out

Parents & Friends Xmas Stall—Recess and Lunch

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov

Parents & Friends Xmas Stall—Recess and Lunch  
End of Term Assembly Beginning at 12pm followed by a picnic lunch with families at around 1:30.

### 2024 TERM 1

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

Pupil Free Day  
Book Collection Day

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan

Grade 1 – 6 Students First Day of Term 1 2024  
Prep Interviews

#### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

Prep Interviews

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

Prep Interviews

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Preps First Day of Term 1

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

Pupil Free Day

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

Prep Rest Day

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb

CANTEEN OPEN

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### Vice Principal Report

As we approach the end of the term, we have several amazing events, celebrations and some farewells.



#### Farewell to our DSSI Teaching Partner, Xanthi

**Rice:** This week we bid farewell to our dedicated DSSI Teaching Partner, Xanthi Rice. Xanthi has been an invaluable asset to our school, bringing enthusiasm, vast knowledge, and a passion for education. Her commitment to helping our school continue to improve and support our students' learning has left a lasting impact on the Stawell community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Xanthi for her tireless efforts.

**National Transition Day - Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Next Tuesday marks National Transition Day, a day designed to help students smoothly transition to their new classes for the upcoming academic year. Please note that classes and teachers are still subject to change as we finalise the arrangements to ensure the best learning environment for each student. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this transition period.

**Grade One Special Afternoon Event:** Last week our Grade Ones had a blast at their special afternoon. Scavenger hunts, movie and dancing were the highlights. A big thank you to all the teachers who contributed to the Grade One students' special afternoon event, and your dedication to creating memorable experiences for them.

**Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony - Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December:** The Grade 6 students have been working tirelessly to prepare for their Graduation Ceremony, scheduled for next Wednesday. This event marks a significant milestone in their academic journey, and we invite parents and guardians to join us in celebrating their achievements.



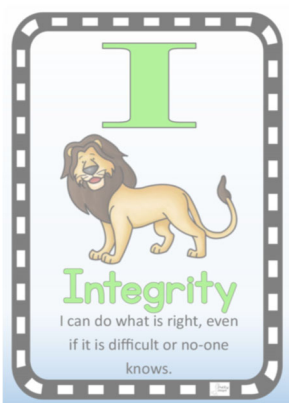
**Christmas Carols Event - Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Get ready for an afternoon filled with festive cheer! Our Christmas Carols event is set to take place next Thursday at 2pm. Join us for a magical afternoon of music, laughter, and community spirit as our talented students showcase their musical talents. This event will also double as the grand opening of our newly rejuvenated oval. We encourage all families to come together and celebrate the joy of the holiday season.



As we approach the end of the year, we want to express our gratitude to the entire Stawell Primary School community for your continuous support and collaboration. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students at our end of term assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, at 12pm.

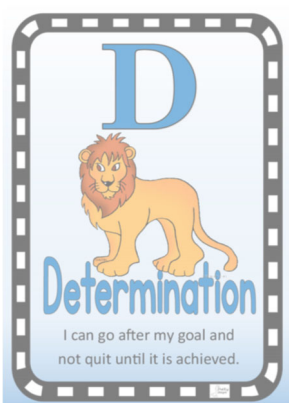
Scott Rathgeber

Acting 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



**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.

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR *Ararat, Stawell & Surrounds*



The Reverse Advent Calendar campaign provides support to those who may be experiencing food insecurity this Christmas or needing some extra care and support.

People in our community generously fill their box which we collect, check and allocate to be distributed by local schools, the Salvation Army and other groups.

### HOW TO SUPPORT REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR CAMPAIGN

(1) Message on Facebook/Instagram for a box delivered or collect from Zest Living Ararat or Stawell Toyota

(2) Add one item a day for 20 days (or fill the box as much as you can in one go. Whatever works for your circumstances)

(3) Drop your completed box to collection point on or before December 15th (more info on box)

(4) Boxes are checked and allocated to be distributed by local schools, relief agencies and other groups.



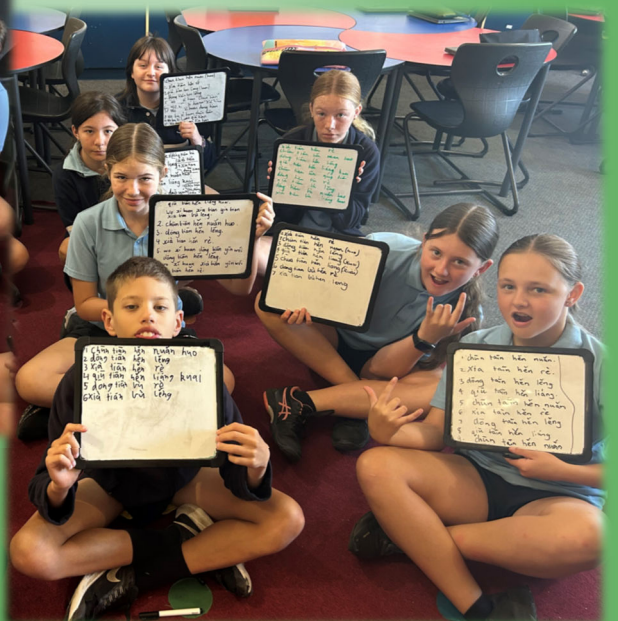
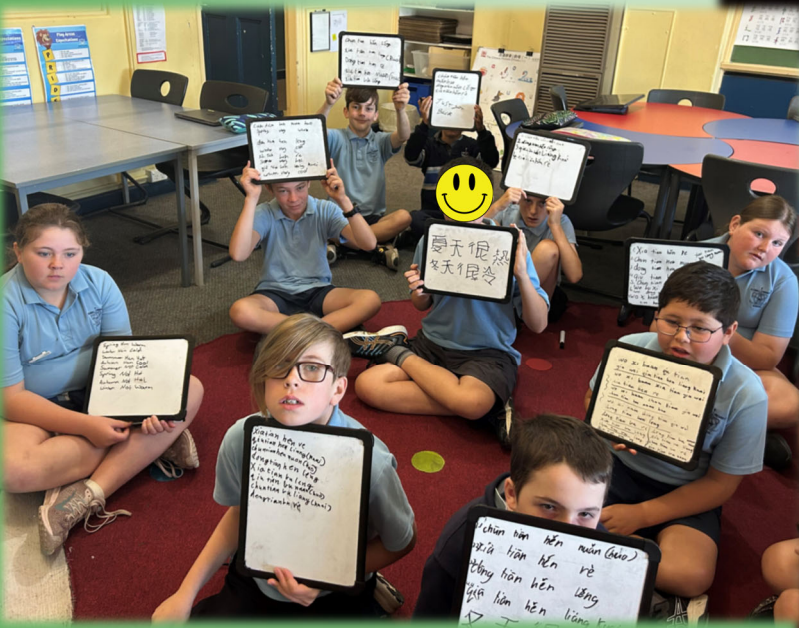
For more info see pages below or message Sarah on:

Instagram: araratreverseadvent

Facebook: Ararat & Stawell Reverse Advent



# Chinese











# 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



Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>

End of Year Recess Sale

Icypoles, Chips, Cakes, Slices,  
Drinks, Frozen Yoghurts and  
more!



# Christmas

## DRESS UP DAY

### Oval Opening Carols

14

DEC

2023

THURSDAY

2:20-3:15PM

Come dressed in your best Christmas or celebration outfit showing off all the beautiful holiday season colours!

This is a gold coin donation event - funds raised will go towards supporting Jacqui, Brian, and family.

We will also be having a special afternoon of carols at our newly opened Oval from 2:00-3:15PM!

Family members are invited 😊



# 502 Christmas Craft and Gift Stall

December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
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 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December and after assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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.



## Professional tuition in Maths and English



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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.

## **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.

# These school holidays...

Get creative with nature, art and storytelling!

## *with Nurture in Nature*

Tuesday 23 January

TIMES:

10am-12pm  
Stawell Library  
Book on  
03 5358 1274

2-4pm  
St. Arnaud Library  
Book on  
03 5495 2188



Nature-inspired  
creative play!

Make unique  
clay creatures  
and create  
your own  
storyline.



Facilitated by Tania Moloney,  
Founder of Nurture in Nature Aust.  
and children's book author  
of *Nature Ninja Saves the Natural World*

Check out our full January 2024  
holiday program  
at NG Libraries branches or on Facebook.

Keep updated on our news!  
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by scanning this QR-code.





Book on 03 5358 1274

TUESDAY 2

Sand Art  
2.30pm



THURSDAY 4/FRIDAY 5

Storytime  
10.30am



TUESDAY 9

Paper Flower  
Lei Making  
2.30pm



THURSDAY 11/FRIDAY 12

Storytime  
10.30am



TUESDAY 16

Paint  
by Numbers  
2.30pm



THURSDAY 11/FRIDAY 12

Storytime  
10.30am



TUESDAY 23

10am-12pm  
CLAY and  
STORYLINES



Nature-inspired creative play!

Make unique clay creatures  
and make up your own storyline.

Presented by  
*Nurture in Nature*

THURSDAY 25

Storytime at 10.30am

# Dates for the Diary!

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
WEEK 11	<u>Dec 11th</u>	<u>Dec 12th</u> <b>State Wide Orientation Day</b>  <b>Prep 2024 Transition Day 4</b> 9am—3pm	<u>Dec 13th</u> <b>Prep — Gruffalo Play Dress Up Day</b>  <b>Grade 3/4 Pool Party</b>  <b>Grade 6 Graduation</b>	<u>Dec 14th</u> <b>Christmas Dress Up Day</b>  <u>Canteen Recess</u> <b>sell out</b> <i>cakes, icypoles, chips etc</i>  <b>Parents and Friends Christmas Stall Lunch &amp; Recess</b>	<u>Dec 15th</u> <b>End of Term Assembly</b>  Beginning at 12pm followed by Picnic Lunch with families  <b>Parents and Friends Christmas Stall Lunch &amp; Recess</b>  <u>Community Christmas Carols</u>
WEEK 12	<u>Dec 18th</u>	<u>Dec 19th</u>	<u>Dec 20th</u> <b>End Of Term 4</b>  Early dismissal 2.20pm	<u>Dec 21st</u> <b>School Holidays Begin</b>	<u>Dec 22nd</u> <b>Holidays</b>
<b>2024</b>	<u>Jan 29th</u> <b>Teachers Return to School</b> <b>No Students</b>  <b>Book Collection</b>	<u>Jan 30th</u> <b>Grade 1—6 Students first day back at school</b>  <b>Prep Interviews</b>	<u>Jan 31st</u> <b>Prep Interviews</b>	<u>Feb 1st</u> <b>Prep Interviews</b>	<u>Feb 2nd</u> <b>Preps First Day</b>
	<u>Feb 5th</u> <b>Pupil Free Day</b>  <b>Teachers training</b>	<u>Feb 6th</u>	<u>Feb 7th</u> <b>Prep Day Off</b>	<u>Feb 8th</u> <b>CANTEEN OPEN</b>	<u>Feb 9th</u> <b>CANTEEN OPEN</b>