



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

Stawell Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY, 2024

2024 TERM 1

WEEK 3

Monday 12th Feb

Grade 5/6 Swimming

Tuesday 13th Feb

Grade 5/6 Swimming

Wednesday 14th Feb

Swimming Trials Grades 4-6

Prep Rest Day

Thursday 15th Feb

Grade 5/6 Swimming

Friday 16th Feb

Grade 5/6 Swimming

WEEK 4

Monday 19th Feb

Grade 5/6 Swimming

Tuesday 20th Feb

Grade 5/6 Swimming

Wednesday 21st Feb

Maths Olympics

Prep Rest Day

Thursday 22nd Feb

Student Information Form Due

Friday 23rd Feb

Swimming Sports

WEEK 5

Wednesday 28th Feb

Prep Rest Day

WEEK 6

Wednesday 6th Mar

Prep Rest Day

WEEK 7

Monday 11th Mar

Labour Day — Pupil Free Day

WEEK 8

Tuesday 19th Mar

Harmony Day—Dress in Orange

Thursday 21st Mar

School Photo Day

Friday 9th February 2024

Welcome to 2024!



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

A warm welcome to the new school year! We hope you had a restful holiday break filled with joy and cherished moments. As we embark on this new journey together, we extend a heartfelt welcome to all the new families joining our school community. Your presence enriches our Stawell Primary family, and we're thrilled to have you with us.

Special Welcome to our New Prep Students

A big shoutout to our newest members, the Prep students! Welcome to Stawell Primary School, where exciting adventures and endless learning await you. We're excited to witness your growth and achievements throughout the year.

Introducing New Staff Members

First, a warm welcome to Ms. Jess Bedford, who will be teaching Grade 5 this year. With her years of experience and dedication to student wellbeing and academic progress, we're confident she'll make a significant impact on our students' lives. We're delighted to have her on board once again.

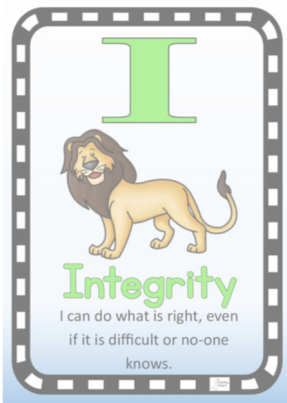


Secondly, a hearty welcome to Ms. Sadie Reading, who joins us from Horsham Primary School to teach Grade 2. With her wealth of experience, we're fortunate to have her expertise enriching our classrooms. Ms. Reading will be sharing a classroom with Miss A (Michaela Carey), and together, they will create an engaging learning environment for our students.

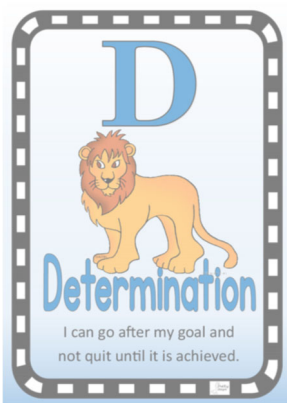


Upcoming Events and Reminders

Swimming Sports: Don't forget, our Swimming Sports event is scheduled for **February 23rd (Friday)**. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their swimming talents and earn points for their house colours. Parents and carers are encouraged to join us and cheer for our young athletes.



School Council Membership: We're actively seeking new members for our School Council. If you're interested in contributing to the decision-making and governance of our school, please reach out to the office for more information.



School Crossings: A gentle reminder regarding school crossings. For the safety of our students, please ensure they use designated crossings when commuting to and from school. We're working closely with local authorities to improve pedestrian safety around the school vicinity.

Volunteers Needed: Interested in volunteering for our Breakfast Club? We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to assist with cooking toast and lending a helping hand. Your support is greatly appreciated.



School Updates

Building Works: Over the holidays, we've completed several building projects, including refurbishments to the canteen and improvements to Room 6A. Additionally, our oval is looking fantastic, with the grass thickening up and leveling out, providing a wonderful space for recreational activities.

Staff Professional Development: We would like to thank Horsham West and Haven and Dataworks for allowing us to participate in a whole staff professional learning around Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI). Our teachers are busy putting the some of the learnings into practice. Also, a big thank you to all families for allowing us to take a pupil free day to accommodate this learning.

Personal Announcement

Lastly, I'm thrilled to share some personal news with you all. Over the holidays, my wife Kate and I welcomed our daughter, Clara Joy Marland, into the world on December 21st. We're overjoyed and can't wait to introduce Clara to the Stawell Primary School community.

As we commence this new school year, let's continue to work together to create a nurturing and inspiring learning environment for all our students. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Stawell Primary School.

Warm regards,

Russell Marland

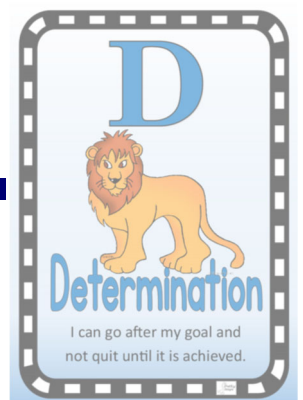
Principal, Stawell Primary School

Important XUNO News

Can all parents/ Caregivers please log into their xuno online and/or update their apps to make sure they have access and can log in.

This is very important, as Xuno will be our preferred method of approving notes in the future.

If you have any difficulties logging in or have forgotten a password, please contact the office.





We are sorry for any inconvenience, but unfortunately we are still waiting on the arrival of our new oven for our canteen. We will be in contact with families as soon as the canteen is open again.



School Council Elections—We need new members

- Do you have ideas that would benefit all our students and families?
- Do you have special skills beyond that of teaching staff that can add to the future direction of our school?
 - Would you like to be involved?

Joining Stawell Primary School Council is easy. If you are seriously considering joining us, or if you would like to find out more, please contact Russell Marland or any of our current School Councillors. We would love to have you join our team!

Self-Nomination forms are available at the General Office.

Nominations Open: Monday 26th February 2024 @ 9.00am

Nominations Close: Tuesday 12th March 2024 @ 4.00pm

Chinese

This Saturday, 10th February, is Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dragon. If you were born in 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000 and 2012, you are a dragon. People born in the Year of the Dragon are believed to be confident, ambitious, and full of energy. Dragons are often seen as leaders and known for their enthusiasm and determination.

Happy Chinese New Year! Wish you a prosperous year!

xin nian kuai le! gong xi fa cai!

新年快乐! 恭喜发财!





Term 1 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



Term 1 Reminders

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

We are now accepting applications for Conveyance Allowance. You may be eligible to apply if you :-

- ⇒ live more than 4.8km by the **shortest practicable route** from the nearest school or from the nearest contract school bus stop
- ⇒ Who is enrolled at the **nearest** government school

Application forms and information are available at the Office.

Application forms need to be received by Friday 1st March, 2024.



Stawell Inter Church Council (welfare Cottage)

Do you or someone that you know need some help?

If you need help with groceries and shopping vouchers go to -

The Cottage 20 Sloane St Stawell.
Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 10:30am and 12:30pm.

In out of hours emergencies ring 0408 038 949.

If you need help with fresh fruit and vegetables go to -

Stawell Neighborhood House 42 Sloane St.
Open Mondays – Fridays 9am -5pm.

If you need help other than groceries and food, contact –

Stawell St Vincent de Paul Society – 0437 344 324 and leave a message.

They will contact you within 24 hours.

STAWELL SCHOOLS COUNTRY BUSES INFORMATION

If your child/ren were travelling this last year as an approved traveller/s and wish to continue to travel in 2024, you must log into the School Bus Management System and select: 'Renew Application' for your child/ren. To renew your 2024 travel, please go to :

schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au
and complete your renewal.



Term 1 Reminders

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice. Which can be found on our policies page on our website.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. Which can be found on our website. This information is also available in ten community languages:

- * Amharic
- * Arabic
- * Dari
- * Gujarati
- * Mandarin
- * Somali
- * Sudanese
- * Turkish
- * Urdu
- * Vietnamese



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.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



School Crossing



Just a friendly reminder that we have three School Crossing's around Stawell Primary School, one in Barnes Street and two in Ord Street. Please be aware of children crossing, ensure you give way to Students' on the crossing, follow the 40km speed limit and be cautious. It is very busy both before and after school and we have had a few near misses.

Thank you.

Ritchies IGA

If you want to nominate Stawell Primary School as your chosen community program to receive IGA points. We are listed as Stawell Primary School.

RITCHIES IGA + LIQUOR



NOMINATE US TODAY

AS PART OF THE RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM

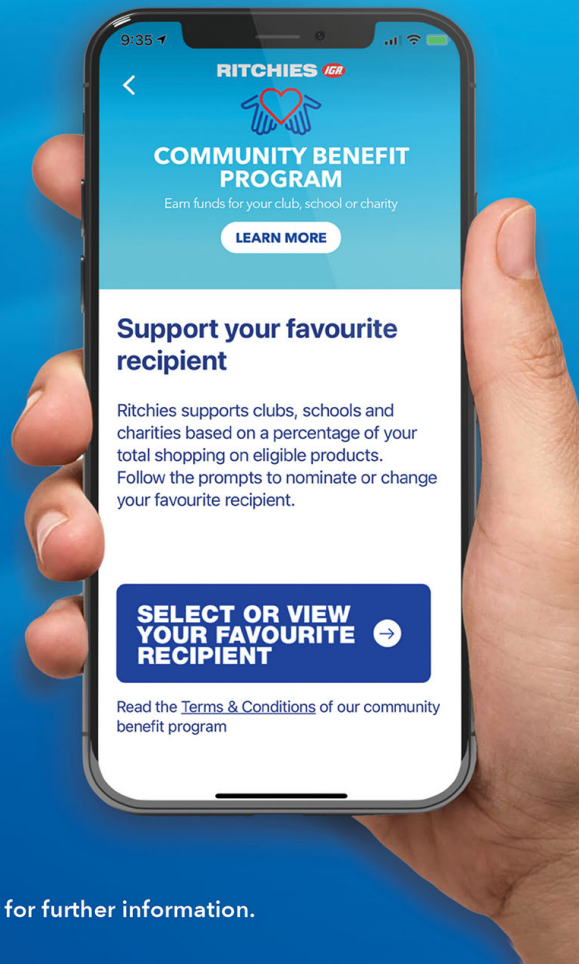
and help us generate extra funds.

- 1 Download or update the Ritchies Card App



- 2 Search and select our name when prompted to nominate a club, school or charity

- 3 Every time you shop at Ritchies and scan your app or card, Ritchies will contribute a percentage of the total to us*



*CONDITIONS APPLY. Go to ritchies.com.au/loyalty for further information.

Dates for the Diary!

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
WEEK 3	<u>Feb 12th</u> Grade 5/6 Swimming	<u>Feb 13th</u> Grade 5/6 Swimming	<u>Feb 14th</u> Swimming Trials Prep Day Off	<u>Feb 15th</u> Grade 5/6 Swimming	<u>Feb 16th</u> Grade 5/6 Swimming
WEEK 4	<u>Feb 19th</u> Grade 5/6 Swimming	<u>Feb 20th</u> Grade 5/6 Swimming	<u>Feb 21st</u> Maths Olympics Prep Day Off	<u>Feb 22nd</u> Student Information update form due	<u>Feb 23rd</u> Swimming Sports
WEEK 5	<u>Feb 26th</u>	<u>Feb 27th</u>	<u>Feb 28th</u> Black Ranges Swimming— Horsham Prep Day Off	<u>Feb 29th</u>	<u>Mar 1st</u>
WEEK 6	<u>Mar 4th</u>	<u>Mar 5th</u>	<u>Mar 6th</u> Prep Day Off	<u>Mar 7th</u> Black Ranges Tennis—Stawell	<u>Mar 8th</u>
WEEK 7	<u>Mar 11th</u> Pupil Free Day Labour Day	<u>Mar 12th</u>	<u>Mar 13th</u>	<u>Mar 14th</u>	<u>Mar 15th</u>
WEEK 8	<u>Mar 18th</u>	<u>Mar 19th</u> Harmony Day— Dress in Orange	<u>Mar 20th</u>	<u>Mar 21st</u> School Photo Day	<u>Mar 22nd</u> Pupil Free Day—Teachers in training
WEEK 9	<u>Mar 25th</u>	<u>Mar 26th</u> Easter Egg Hunt and Hat Parade	<u>Mar 27th</u>	<u>Mar 28th</u>	<u>Mar 29th</u> Pupil Free Day Good Friday