



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

Stawell Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY, 2024

2024 TERM 1

WEEK 5

Wednesday 28th Feb

Prep Rest Day

Black Ranges Swimming in
Horsham

Thursday 29th Feb

Canteen Open

Friday 1st Mar

Canteen Open

WEEK 6

Monday 4th Mar

Parent/Student—Teacher
Interviews

Wednesday 6th Mar

Prep Rest Day

Thursday 7th Mar

Canteen Open

Friday 8th Mar

Canteen Open

WEEK 7

Monday 11th Mar

**Labour Day — Pupil Free
Day**

Thursday 14th Mar

Canteen Open

Friday 15th Mar

Canteen Open

WEEK 8

Monday 18th Mar

School Photo Day

Tuesday 19th Mar

Harmony Day—Dress in
Orange

Thursday 21st Mar

Maths Olympics

Canteen Open

Friday 22nd Mar

**Pupil Free Day — Teacher
training**

Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Stawell Primary School Community,

As we navigate through the challenges presented by the recent bushfires surrounding Stawell, it is with a heavy heart that I address you today. Last week, we sent out a Xuno communication detailing the impact of the fires on our community. For those who may have missed it, you can find the communication in this weeks newsletter.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies extend to all students, families, and friends who have been affected by the fires, which continue to ravage some areas. It has been a true testament to the strength of our community as we have bound together, supporting each other through these unprecedented events. I extend a heartfelt thank you to all emergency crews who have tirelessly battled the fires, ensuring our safety and keeping us informed. Your dedication and bravery do not go unnoticed.

I'm pleased to announce the success of our recent fundraising efforts, with our school raising \$1,323.85 which included today's BBQ and casual dress day, in collaboration with 17 other schools. The proceeds will directly benefit the affected communities, providing much-needed support and assistance.

Swimming Sports

On a lighter note, I am delighted to report the success of our Swimming Sports held on Monday, February 19th. It was a day filled with spirited competition and camaraderie as students represented their house colours with PRIDE. Congratulations to Green House for their outstanding performance! I extend my gratitude to all parent volunteers whose invaluable assistance made the event possible. Special thanks to Scott and Mr O'Neill for their exceptional organisation; your efforts ensured the day ran seamlessly.





School Council

Our School Council convened on Tuesday night, and I encourage more members of our community to consider joining this vital team. School Council plays an integral role in shaping the future of our school, and we welcome fresh perspectives and ideas. Please see the Office if you would like to be nominated.



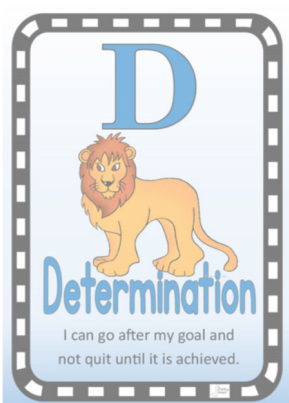
Parents and Friends

Parents and Friends group held their first meeting for the year today. We are actively seeking new members to contribute to the fantastic work they do in supporting our school community. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact the office. Furthermore, Parents and Friends are requesting donations for our upcoming Easter raffle, a significant fundraising event for our school. Your generous contributions will be greatly appreciated.



Attendance

A reminder regarding the importance of attendance. With structured literacy and numeracy programs in place, it is crucial that all students attend school every day to maximise their learning opportunities.

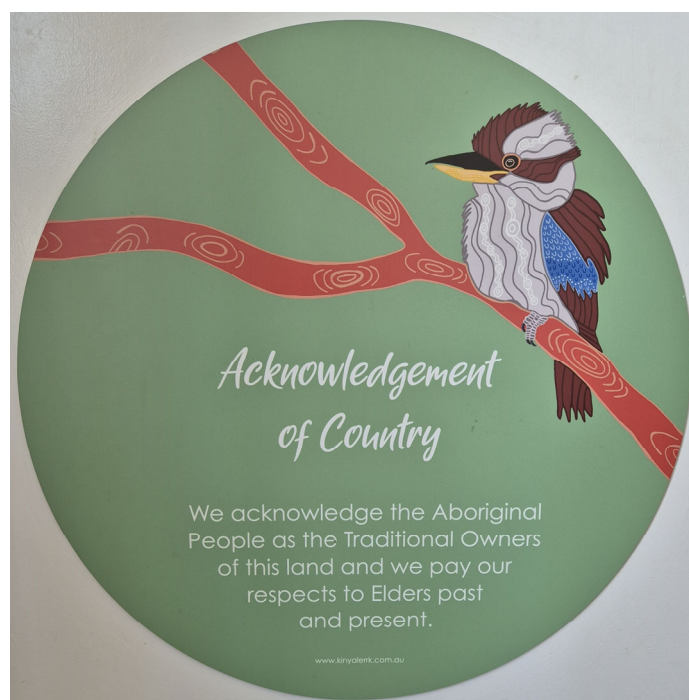


Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community.

Warm regards,

Russell Marland

Principal, Stawell Primary School



Stawell Primary School's child safety and wellbeing policies can be found on our school website: www.stawellps.vic.edu.au. We welcome comments and feedback on these from our school community at any time. Feedback can be made to Russell Marland on 5358 1255.

Dear parents and carers,

Students have made a positive return to school this past week and I am extremely pleased with the care and concern everyone has shown towards each other during this difficult time for our community.

It's important to remember that the impact of the bushfires on the Halls Gap and Pomonal communities may extend over a period of time, and that we will continue to support students' mental health and wellbeing at school.

Following a natural disaster, children can get upset, feel unwell, and have trouble sleeping or concentrating. Everyone responds differently following a traumatic event: some may feel they only need support once it has had time to sink in. Information on supporting your child at home is available via the [parents and carers tab](#) in the [Mental health and wellbeing toolkit](#).

If you have concerns about your child's mental health and wellbeing, please reach out to me at the school.

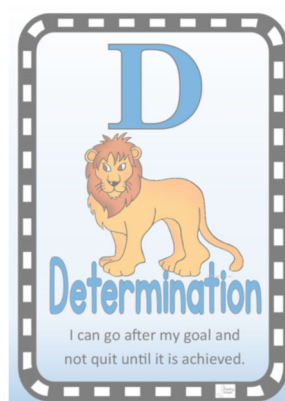
You may also consider speaking to your child's doctor who can assist you with a mental health care plan and provide advice on appropriate further support. Additional support is also available from the Kids Helpline (1800 551 800 or kidshelpline.com.au) or Parentline (13 22 89 or parentline.com.au).

It is also vital that we continue to acknowledge and celebrate our strengths as a community, and I encourage students and families to participate in the Casual Dress and Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser on Friday, 23 February.

Funds raised on the day will go directly to supporting the recovery of the Pomonal community.

All schools in the area will be fundraising to support the people of Pomonal and we look forward to contributing to this important cause.

Principal
Russell Marland



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 Wednesday 2nd March, 2022.





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



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

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.



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.

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.



Easter Raffle



HD VW HU # R Q DW LR Q # JHT X HVW #

We are seeking your support and asking our families to donate an Easter Egg, Easter Merchandise or Basket to be included in our Easter Raffle. These items can be left at the Office.

Raffle books have been sent home with the eldest child in the family. If you need more tickets, please call in to the Office.

Sold or unsold books, along with payment will be due back to school on **Monday March 25th**.

Please send your donations to the Office Prior to **Monday 25th March**.

Thank you for your support, we greatly appreciate it.



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

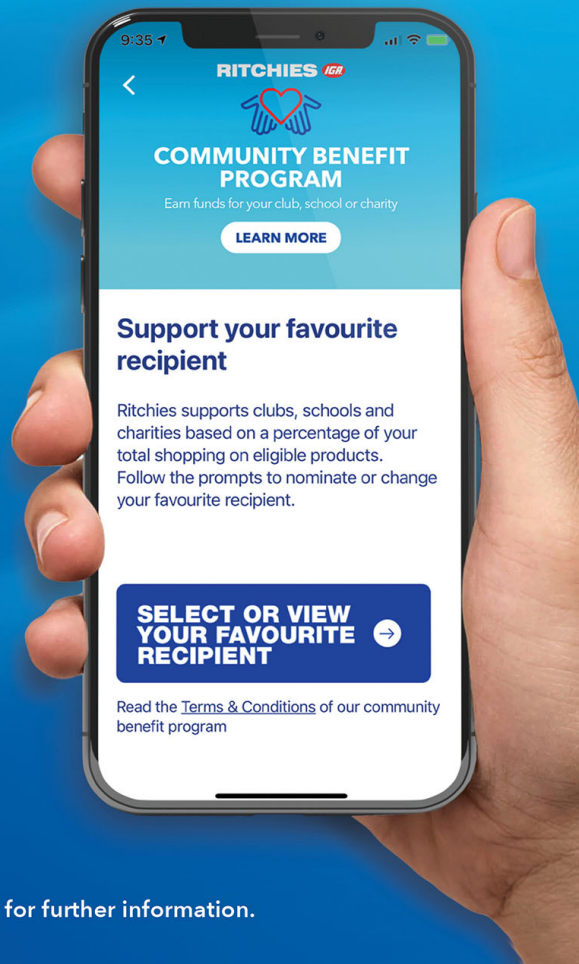
and help us generate extra funds.

- 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.



COME AND TRY FOR FREE!

Sunday 24 March North Park, Stawell

10am to 11am - Auskick Session

4 Year Old Kinder - Grade 2

11am to 12.30pm - Superkick Session

Grade 3 - Grade 6



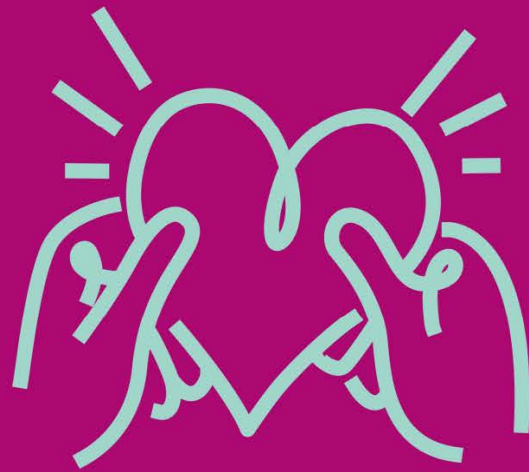
Superkick is next level fun for 8 to 12 year olds who are new to footy, or want to continue to grow their skill levels.

**TO REGISTER, SCAN THE
QR CODE OR VISIT
[WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/AFL/
REGISTER/7B8A2C](http://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/AFL/REGISTER/7B8A2C)**



 **Stawell Auskick**

Strengthening Parent Support Program



What is the Strengthening Parent Support Program (SPSP)?

It is a program for parents and carers of children who have additional needs, a disability or developmental delay.

This parenting support program provides families with opportunities to participate in peer support groups and establish support networks with other families or carers in the local community.

The SPSP program is run by Uniting in Horsham but also reaches communities in the surrounding regional areas. Please contact the co-ordinator Kate Janetzki for further information.

You can also keep up to date by joining our Facebook page;

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/390018412226828>

Support group activities may include a night out at movies and dinner, an informal lunch and chat or seminars/workshops covering a range of helpful and educational topics.

Contact Details

Kate Janetzki
on

Phone: 0427 633 458
or email

kate.janetzki@vt.uniting.org

Uniting

Exciting Canteen News for 502!

Our Canteen now has a serving window!

The serving window will be open for snacks and drinks only—Thursday & Friday at the beginning of Recess and the beginning of lunch after the 1:40pm bell.

Some of the snacks available will be:

Icy poles

Frozen Yoghurts

Chips

Mainland Biscuits & Cheese

Cakes & Slices

Drinks

The serving window is NOT for ordering lunches. This still needs to be done via QKR or by placing cash orders in classroom baskets by 9AM.



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

How Often:

Fortnightly Monthly Once a term

Time Preferred:

10am—1:30pm 12:30pm-1:45pm



Stawell Primary School CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2024

HOT FOOD			
Chicken & Vegetable Pie	\$ 5.00	Toasted Cheese Sandwich	\$ 3.50
Meat Pie	\$ 5.00	Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$ 4.30
Pastie/Vegetarian Pasties	\$ 5.00	Toasted Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$ 4.50
Sausage Roll	\$ 4.50	Toasted Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$ 4.00
Party Pie	\$ 2.00	Toasted Cheese & Chicken Sandwich	\$ 4.30
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	\$ 4.50	Toasted Cheese, Chicken & Tomato Sandwich	\$ 4.50
Nuggets	\$.80		
Dim Sims	\$ 1.00	Gluten Free Meat Pie	\$5.00

SANDWICHES AND ROLLS		
	SANDWICHES (White or Wholemeal)	ROLLS (White or Wholemeal)
Vegemite	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.40
Vegemite & Cheese	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.90
Ham or Chicken	\$ 3.30	\$ 4.20
Cheese	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.90
Ham & Cheese	\$ 3.80	\$ 4.70
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.90
Chicken, Cheese & Tomato	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.90
Ham & Salad	\$ 4.60	\$ 5.50
Chicken & Salad	\$ 4.60	\$ 5.50
Salad	\$ 4.20	\$ 5.00

FRUIT		MILK DRINKS	
Orange	\$ 1.50	Strawberry Milk (600ml)	\$ 4.00
Apple	\$ 1.50	Chocolate Milk (600ml)	\$ 4.00
Banana	\$ 1.50	Iced Coffee (600ml)	\$ 4.00
		Vanilla Milk (600ml)	\$ 4.00
CAKES AND SLICES		Strawberry Milk (250ml)	\$ 2.50
Banana Cake	\$ 2.00	Chocolate Milk (250ml)	\$ 2.50
Chocolate Cake	\$ 2.00	Iced Coffee (250ml)	\$ 2.50
Boston Bun (buttered)	\$ 2.00	Plain Milk (200ml)	\$ 1.50
SNACKS		FRUIT DRINKS	
Honey Soy Chips	\$ 2.20	Orange	\$ 1.80
Plain Sea Salt Chips	\$ 2.20	Tropical	\$ 1.80
Popcorn (Buttered or Plain)	\$ 1.50	Apple & Raspberry	\$ 1.80
FROZEN ITEMS		Water	
Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt	\$ 2.50	Water	\$2.00
Raspberry Frozen Yoghurt	\$ 2.50		
Mango Frozen Yogurt	\$ 2.50		
Icy-poles	.80		

"SALAD PLATTER"	
Salad Platter	\$ 4.00
Meat & Salad Platter	\$ 4.50

LUNCH ORDER BAGS

Available from the Canteen, either individually or in bundles. 5 cents each



The Canteen operates every Thursday & Friday
Orders placed via QKR App need to be placed prior to 9am

Dates for the Diary!

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
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> Parent/Student Teacher Interviews	<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> School Photo Day	<u>Mar 19th</u> Harmony Day— Dress in Orange	<u>Mar 20th</u>	<u>Mar 21st</u> Maths Olympics	<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
TERM 2 WEEK 1	<u>Apr 15th</u>	<u>Apr 16th</u>	<u>Apr 17th</u>	<u>Apr 18th</u>	<u>Apr 19th</u>
WEEK 2	<u>Apr 22nd</u>	<u>Apr 23rd</u>	<u>Apr 24th</u>	<u>Apr 25th</u> Pupil Free Day ANZAC DAY	<u>Apr 26th</u>