



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

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Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 8th MARCH, 2024

2024 TERM 1

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

WEEK 9

Tuesday 26th Mar

Easter Egg Hunt and Hat Parade

Thursday 28th Mar

Canteen Open

Friday 29th Mar

Pupil Free Day – Good Friday

2024 TERM 1

WEEK 1

Thursday 18th Apr

Canteen Open

Friday 19th Apr

Canteen Open

WEEK 2

Thursday 25th Apr

Pupil Free Day—ANZAC DAY

Friday 26th Apr

Canteen Open

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Stawell Primary School Community,

As we roll into a long weekend, we would love to share the wonderful things that have been happening around the school. Today we hosted the teaching staff from Portland Primary School. The staff with their principal Steph Carter were eager to come into our classrooms, to observe how students learn literacy. Being an exemplar school in literacy we are proud to share the deliberate efforts we have made collectively to enhance our understandings and bring new skills into a structured literacy block.



Volunteers needed:

If you are able and willing to support some of the programs, we have at school we would love you to pop your name down at the office for any of the following:

- School Canteen (Thursday and Friday)
- Breakfast Club (Tues – Friday)
- Parents and Friends
- School Council members

Parent Teacher Interviews:

It was wonderful to see many parents invest time with their child's classroom teachers this week during parent teacher interviews. Staff were excited to share the new learning goals for each student. These goals will be used to help students learn and grow in the classroom both academically and socially, progressing towards their next learning outcome. Thank you to all families who participated in the evenings, it is wonderful we have such strong home and school partnership here at 502.



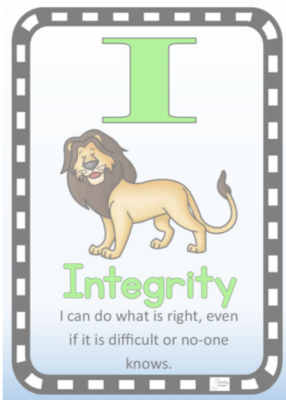
School furniture update:

You may have noticed a designated space beside the HOL shed on Ord Street which has had some furniture popped outside. This furniture is up for grabs, we are receiving new furniture on the 22nd of March and are needing to clean out some of the excess furniture. If you are interested in grabbing any furniture, please do. Ideally, this would be best done not during pick up time to avoid excess traffic. If you know of any sporting groups that may be interested in some furniture, please get in contact with the Office.



Attendance update:

We have received an update from the Education Department regarding attendance coding. If families are planning on holidaying during the school term, a conversation with the principal/classroom teacher around the development of a Student Absence Learning Plan is recommended for an approved absence. This may include students keeping a diary or completing alternative work during the holidays. Please see below further information regarding updated categories of attendance:

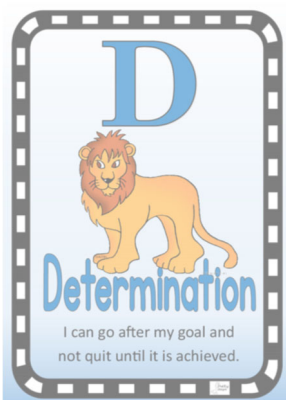


Parent Choice School Approved

The parent has provided a reason (that is not a health, religious/cultural observance, or family holiday-related) and has sought and received approval from the principal.

Includes special circumstances, unavoidable causes, unforeseen circumstances, and an ill family member.

Student is a household contact of a person with COVID, is testing negative, but is kept away from school as a precaution.



Parent Choice Unauthorised (Unexcused)

The parent has provided a reason for absence (e.g., shopping, visiting friends), but the school does not consider this a reasonable excuse.

Parent is concerned about COVID exposure at school and decides to keep the student at home.

Approval has not been sought in advance or in accordance with school policy.

Conditions of approval have not been met (e.g., Student Absence Learning Plan for a family holiday not completed).



Extended Family Holidays

The parent has notified the school, agreed to a Student Absence Learning Plan, and the principal has agreed. For example:

Student is travelling with their family to see parts of the UK.

Student is visiting relatives in India with their family.

NAPLAN

Over the next couple of weeks NAPLAN will be running at the school. This is an important time for students to be assessed in their numeracy and literacy capabilities. As we know this is one test, taken at one moment in time for your child, in Grades 3 and 5. At Stawell Primary School we use a range of assessments to give a clear indication on how your child is growing and progressing in all areas of their learning. Our assessment schedule is constantly updated and administered to track your child's progress throughout the year. Although the data that is extracted from NAPLAN is useful at times, at Stawell Primary School we have a balanced approach to our assessments.

School Photo Day

On Monday 18th March, students will participate in school photos. We look forward to capturing your child on this day, to look back on in years to come.

Pupil Free Day Friday 22nd March 2024.

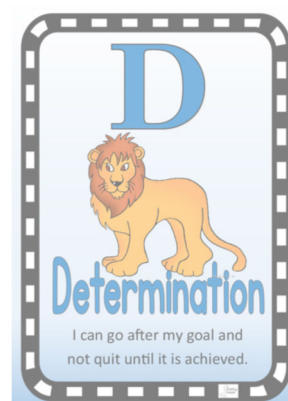
Our final day of our 2-year learning journey with Berry Street Education Model will be on Friday 22nd of March. This includes 115 other school staff from our local area. We are excited to explore the final chapter and begin implementing the wellbeing strategies at the school. Thank you to all parents for making this possible.

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

Warm regards,

Russell Marland

Principal, Stawell Primary School



Art Room Antics

Hello everyone,

Easter was fast approaching when the Northern Grampians Shire Council contacted 502 to see if we would be interested in creating 5 fabulous (a huge) Easter Eggs as part Stawell's Easter celebrations.

After a complex selection process four teams were chosen to decorate an egg each, the fifth one to be gold. Here are our fabulous teams with their nearly completed eggs.

Be sure to have a look around town to see if you can find the completed eggs.







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 :<https://studenttravelassistance.educationapps.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.

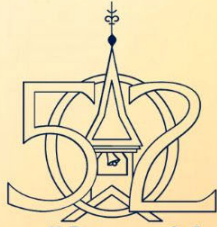
Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we 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.



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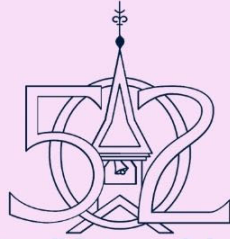
HARMONY DAY

TUESDAY, 19TH MARCH 2024

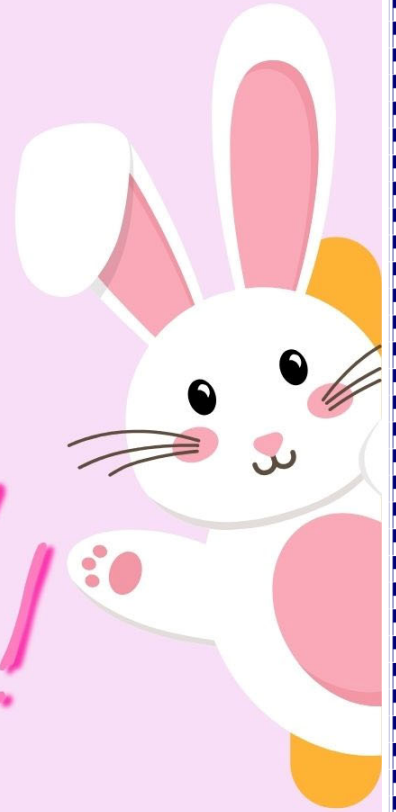


👑 Celebrating Australia's Cultural Diversity 👑

Wear the colour orange to show your support!
Join us at 1:20pm in the assembly area for a special
performance of the song "We're all amazing"
PICNIC LUNCH WITH PARENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS
after the performance!



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*You're
Invited!*

Easter Egg Hunt & Hat Parade

Tuesday 26th March 2024

Easter Dress Up Day

Easter Egg Hunt: 9:20am onwards

*Easter Hat Parade: 2:20pm onwards at the
assembly area*

Pop In at Pick Up from 3pm onwards

GOLD COIN DONATION EVENT - *Proceeds go to
The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal*

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.





HALLS GAP POOL Party

DJ ZACH ATTACK

**SATURDAY 9TH MARCH
LABOUR DAY WEEKEND
1-3 PM**

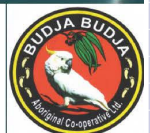
FREE ENTRY FOR THE FIRST 200 PEOPLE

**NO PHOTOS PERMITTED
DRUG, ALCOHOL & VAPE FREE EVENT**

**WATCH AROUND WATER
YOUR CHILD YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

RAFFLE FOR THE COMMUNITY

freeza
www.freeza.vic.gov.au





Blossomtree Psychology
strengthening our kids, our families & our community

DATE

22nd March 2024

TIME

10am - 2.30pm

VENUE

C.E Brown Reserve
Dowling St, Wendouree

TICKETS

\$250 per person
plus booking fee

Lunch & Nibbles
included

**RELATIONSHIPS,
REGULATION &
REPETITION**

*The Keys to Supporting Children with
Challenging Behaviours and
Helping them Heal from Trauma.*

This training is aimed at providing parents & carers with information on:

- How children's brains develop
- The impact of trauma on brain development
- The importance of secure attachment relationships & will also provide
- Practical strategies on how to help children regulate their emotions & respond to challenging behaviours

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW

simply head to:

<https://events.humanitix.com/relationships-regulation-and-repetition>

Further enquires: Jessica Sewell | jess@blossomtreepsychology.com.au | (03) 5333 4157

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

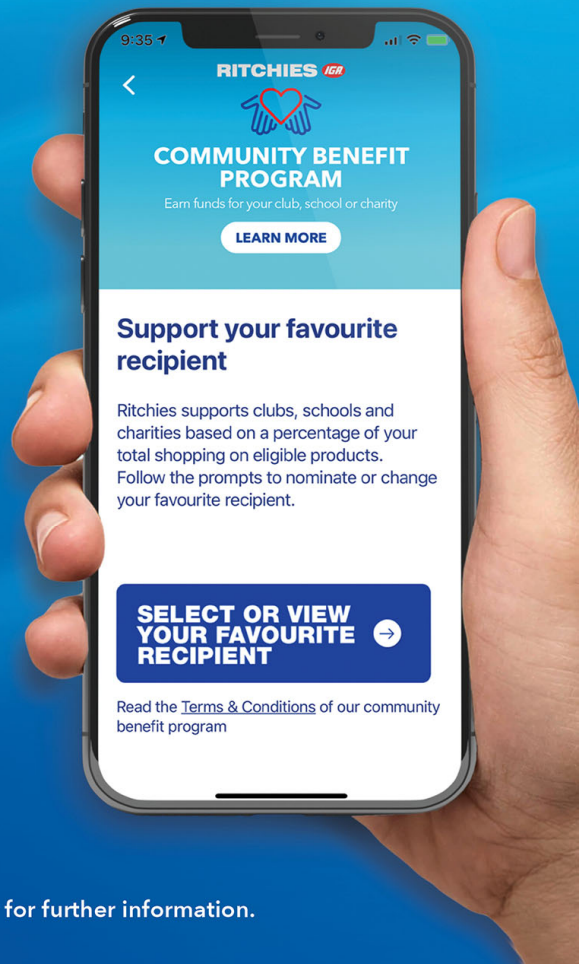
and help us generate extra funds.

- 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



PLAY FOR
KICKS

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



COME & PLAY

AFL Wimmera Mallee are hosting a Come & Play for all 4 to 12 year olds who want to have heaps of fun while learning some new skills
COME FIND YOUR AWESOME!!!!

WHERE

NORTH PARK OVAL
STAWELL

WHEN

MARCH 24 10AM-12PM



SCAN TO REGISTER



PLAY FOR KICKS

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.

NORTH PARK OVAL

24/3/2024 @ 11:00AM



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 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 Grade 3 Gift	<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 Pop 3:00-3:20pm in at pick up	<u>Mar 27th</u>	<u>Mar 28th</u> End of Term Assembly	<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>
WEEK 3	<u>Apr 29th</u>	<u>Apr 30th</u>	<u>May 1st</u> SSC opening evening for current Grade 6 students	<u>May 2nd</u>	<u>May 3rd</u>
WEEK 4	<u>May 6th</u>	<u>May 7th</u>	<u>May 8th</u>	<u>May 9th</u>	<u>May 10th</u>