



Stawell Primary School
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Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 22nd MARCH, 2024

2024 TERM 1

WEEK 9

Tuesday 26th Mar

Easter Egg Hunt and Hat Parade

Thursday 28th Mar

Canteen Open

End of Term Assembly
Beginning at 12pm

Family picnic lunch 1-2pm

Early Dismissal 2:30pm

Last day Term 1

2024 TERM 2

WEEK 1

Monday 15th Apr

First Day Term 2

Thursday 18th Apr

Canteen Open

Friday 19th Apr

Canteen Open

WEEK 2

Thursday 25th Apr

Public Holiday—ANZAC
DAY

Friday 26th Apr

Canteen Open

WEEK 3

Thursday 2nd May

Black Ranges Cross Country

Canteen Open

Friday 3rd May

Canteen Open

WEEK 4

Thursday 9th May

Canteen Open

Friday 10th May

Canteen Open

Friday 22nd March 2024

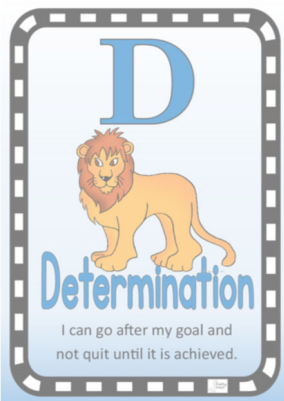
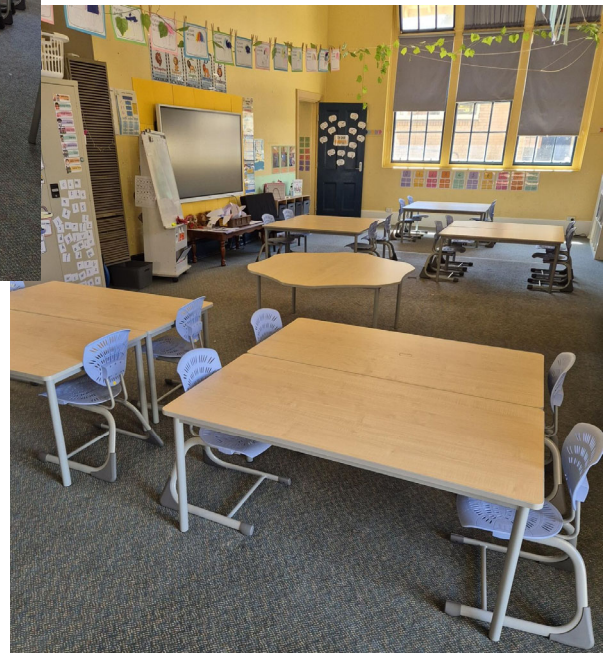
Dear Stawell Primary School Community,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I can announce the outstanding achievements of our Grade 5 and 6 students, who emerged victorious at the recent Maths Olympics. Not only did they win victory in the problem-solving and strategy games rounds but also secured the overall winning title. A big thank you goes to Stawell Secondary College for hosting the event, and to all participating schools; St Patricks Primary School (Stawell), Stawell West Primary School, Pomonal Primary School, Landsborough Primary School, Concongella Primary School, and Halls Gap Primary School for their spirited competition. This triumph emphasises the transformative impact of our new numeracy program on student outcomes and exemplifies the dedication of our students and staff. Well done all.





Thanks to a substantial financial commitment, we're thrilled to unveil the arrival of brand-new furniture in our Prep, Grade 3/4, and Grade 5/6 classrooms. This investment is to provide our students with the best possible resources to support their learning journey. A big thank you goes out to all the students who lent a helping hand in moving out the older furniture, paving the way for this exciting change. Community members, including parents and sporting groups, are invited to collect any remaining furniture from the designated area, free of charge.



Stawell Primary School Council Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday night was a resounding success. I am thrilled to congratulate our new office bearers: President Julia Maasland, Vice President Sharna Croft, Treasurer Barry Fletcher, and Minutes Secretary Barbara Wickham. We extend a warm welcome to our new members Naline Pirani, Pamela Seaman, and Jamie Perry, while also expressing our gratitude to continuing members and bidding farewell to those transitioning from their roles. A special mention goes to Jacinta Smith, our outgoing School Council President, for her dedicated service over the past two years.



NAPLAN assessments are now completed. I extend my sincere gratitude to all parents and staff for their support in guiding our students through this process. We eagerly await the results and are confident that our students showcased their best efforts during the assessments.

Harmony Day celebrations on March 19th were a resounding success. Students dressed in orange came together to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, fostering inclusivity, respect, and belonging for all. The performance of "We're All Amazing" was sung by all students, symbolising our unity and celebration of diversity.

Planning Week for Grades Prep-2 and Grade 3/4 has been completed with our Grade 5/6 team to begin on Monday. It is great to have all curriculum areas mapped out for the Term. Well done to all the teachers who were involved.

Kind regards,

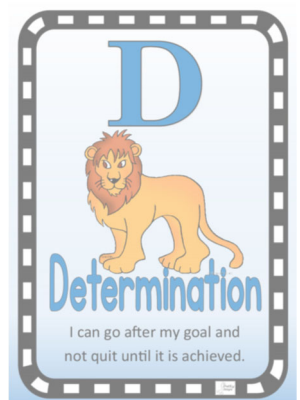
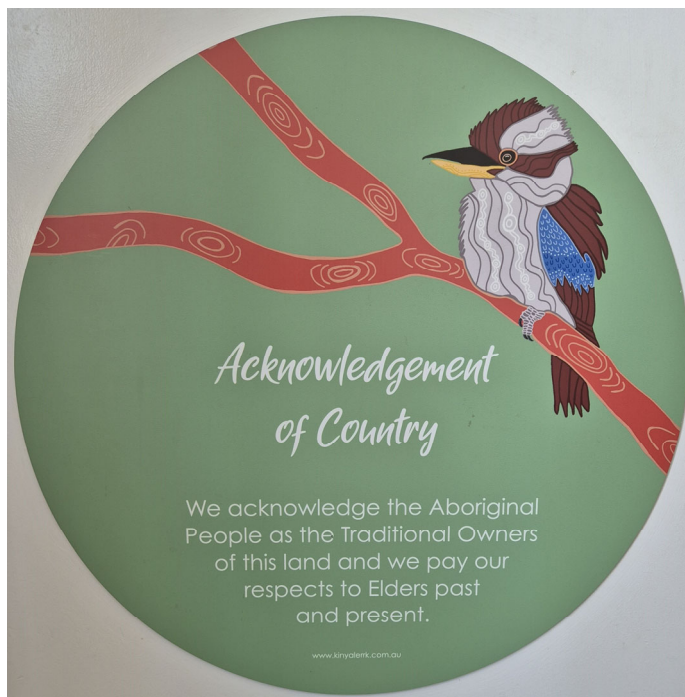
Russell Marland

Principal, Stawell Primary School



Lost Property

Please be sure to check our lost property rack at our end of term assembly, for any of your child's lost property.



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.

Art Room Antics

The giant Easter eggs are done and looking fabulous. You ought to be able to see them around town, go and see if you can find ours.



Harmony Day



MEET 502'S NEWEST MEMBER...



THERAPY DOG: LOTTIE

Lottie is a 2 year old Labrador cross Blue Heeler, who is a certified Therapy Dog. Whilst Lottie is at 502, she will be under the care of her trained handler and classroom teacher, Lisa. During her visits to school, she will provide support to students and staff in many different ways.

WHAT DO THERAPY DOGS DO?

Therapy dogs, like Lottie, are trained to bring support to people in many different forms. They can be used to help improve empathy/compassion, self-esteem, social skills and behaviour. They can also assist students to improve confidence with their learning in a variety of areas, such as reading.



THERAPY DOGS FAQ'S

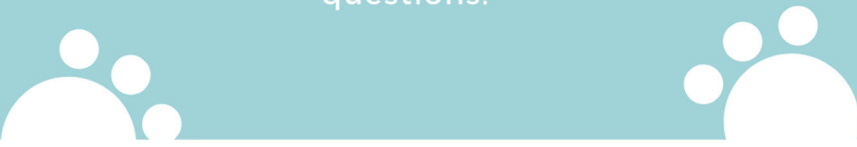
Are Therapy Dogs safe around children? Yes, Therapy Dogs (like Lottie) work with children throughout their training and have been temperament and obedience tested in a variety of settings, including around children, farm animals and with the elderly.

What if my child is allergic to dogs? Lottie is well groomed and bathed regularly. If we are aware that your child is allergic to dogs, all care will be taken to ensure they will not have contact with her during her visits at school.

Do Therapy Dogs disrupt the classroom? No, whilst Lottie is at school she will always be with the handler and will never be unattended. When she is in class, she will be settled on her mat in a 'drop' position, unless otherwise directed by the handler.

We understand that there may be some families who **do not** want Lottie the Therapy Dog to work directly with their child during her school visits.

Please email the school at stawell.ps@education.vic.gov.au to state your preference if you **do not** want Therapy Dogs in contact with your child/ren at school, or if you have any further questions.



Hands On Learning



Black Ranges Swimming



Camps/Excursions Reminders

*Grade 6 GRIP Leadership excursion (3rd May)

Payment Due Friday 19th April

*Grade 5 Sovereign Hill Camp

Deposit Due Friday 19th April

Approvals are all done through the XUNO App.

Click “events and fees”

Click “view” to read the information about the camp/excursion.

Click “Fill out form”.

If there are no medical updates, please enter “nil” and use the dropdown to select “yes” to give permission.

All questions require an answer before submitting

If you require a paper copy note, please make arrangements with the office.

Payments can be made through the QKR app

Under “School Payments” you can find the camps and excursions tabs.





Term 2 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.

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



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.

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.



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*You're
Invited!*

Easter Hat Parade

& Pop In at Pick Up

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.



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

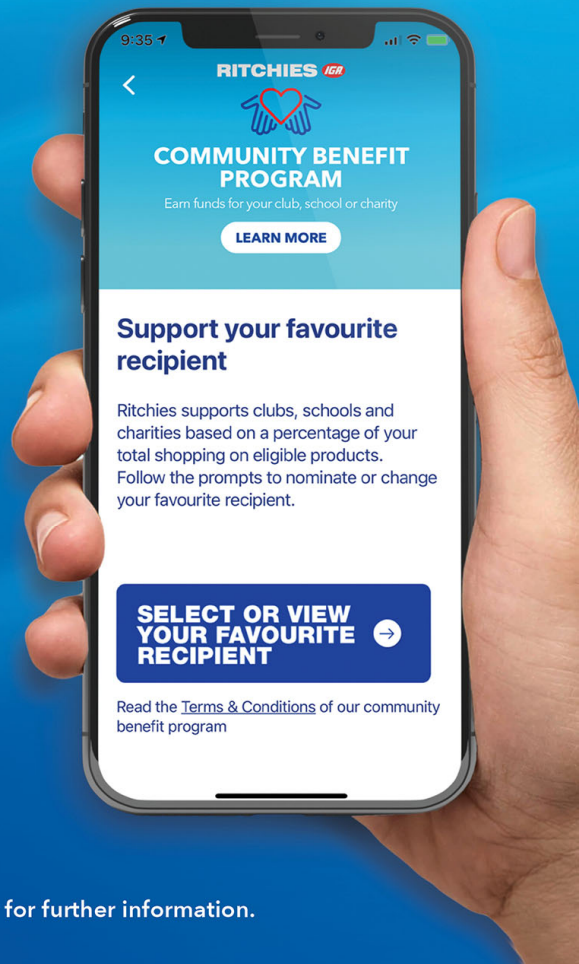
and help us generate extra funds.

- 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

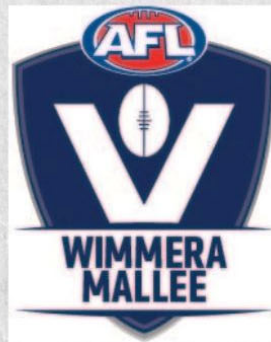
AFL Wimmera Mallee are hosting a Come & Play for all 4 to 12 year olds who want to have heaps of fun while learning some new skills
COME FIND YOUR AWESOME!!!!

WHERE

NORTH PARK OVAL
STAWELL

WHEN

MARCH 24 10AM-12PM



SCAN TO REGISTER



PLAY FOR KICKS

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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	Ham and Pineapple Pizza	\$3.00
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 (200ml)	\$ 2.50
Banana Cake	\$ 2.00	Chocolate Milk (200ml)	\$ 2.50
Chocolate Cake	\$ 2.00	Iced Coffee (200ml)	\$ 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	\$ 2.80	Water	\$2.00
Raspberry Frozen Yoghurt	\$ 2.80		
Mango Frozen Yogurt	\$ 2.80		
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 9	<u>Mar 25th</u>	<u>Mar 26th</u> Easter Egg Hunt and Hat Parade Pop in at pick up 3:00-3:20pm	<u>Mar 27th</u>	<u>Mar 28th</u> Canteen open End of Term Assembly 12pm Family picnic lunch Early Dismissal 2:30pm Last Day Term 1	<u>Mar 29th</u> Good Friday School Holidays
TERM 2 WEEK 1	<u>Apr 15th</u> TERM 2 Starts	<u>Apr 16th</u>	<u>Apr 17th</u>	<u>Apr 18th</u> Canteen open	<u>Apr 19th</u> Canteen open
WEEK 2	<u>Apr 22nd</u>	<u>Apr 23rd</u>	<u>Apr 24th</u>	<u>Apr 25th</u> Public Holiday ANZAC DAY	<u>Apr 26th</u> Canteen open
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> Canteen open	<u>May 3rd</u> Grade 6 GRIP Leadership Canteen open
WEEK 4	<u>May 6th</u>	<u>May 7th</u> Black Ranges Cross Country –St Arnaud	<u>May 8th</u>	<u>May 9th</u> Canteen open	<u>May 10th</u> Canteen open
WEEK 5	<u>May 13th</u>	<u>May 14th</u>	<u>May 15th</u>	<u>May 16th</u> Canteen open	<u>May 17th</u> Walk to School Day Canteen open
WEEK 6	<u>May 20th</u>	<u>May 21st</u>	<u>May 22nd</u> National Simultaneous Story Time Day	<u>May 23rd</u> Canteen open	<u>May 24th</u> Canteen open