



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

Stawell Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

THURSDAY 27th JUNE, 2024

2024 TERM 2

WEEK 11

Friday 28th June

Canteen Open

End of Term Assembly
beginning at 12:00pm

Picnic Lunch (weather permitting) from 1pm

Early Dismissal at 2:30pm

2024 TERM 3

WEEK 1

Monday 15th July

First day term 3

Thursday 18th July

Canteen Open

Friday 19th July

Canteen Open

WEEK 2

Monday 22nd July

Grade 5 Camp Departs for
Sovereign Hill

Grade 3/4 Swimming

Tuesday 23rd July

Grade 3/4 Swimming

Wednesday 24th July

Grade 5 Camp Returns

Grade 3/4 Swimming

Thursday 25th July

Grade 3/4 Swimming

Canteen Open

Friday 26th July

Grade 3/4 Swimming

Canteen Open

WEEK 3

Monday 29th July

Meals on Wheels

Grade 3/4 Swimming

Thursday 27th June 2024

Dear Stawell Primary School Community,

As we approach the end of Term Three and find ourselves amid winter, I would like to extend a thank you to our wonderful school community for your unwavering support.



Student School Reports

Student School Reports will be published at the end of this week. These reports will reflect the learning growth of our students. I encourage all parents and guardians to take the time to read through these reports, celebrate your child's achievements, and review the goals set for their future growth. A special thank you goes to our dedicated teachers who have spent countless hours reviewing data and crafting a clear narrative for each child's report.

Enrolments for 2025

Enrolments for 2025 are coming in well, and we are excited to welcome new families to our community. If you would like a private tour with the principal, please contact the school to arrange a visit.

Greater Western Regional Netball Competition

Last week, two of our teams headed off early to compete in the Greater Western Regional Netball competition. We are incredibly proud of both our mixed and girls' teams for their excellent performance. The students played exceptionally well, coming close to winning the trophy in both heats. It has been fantastic to see their dedication and hard work during training sessions at recess and lunchtime.



Importance of Regular Attendance at 502

Regular attendance is crucial for every student's educational journey. Each day of school is an opportunity for learning that cannot be regained if missed. If your child is unwell, please ensure the school is notified. Let's work together to ensure our students are present and engaged every day.

When your child misses just...	That equals...	Which is...	And therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is...	This means the best your child can achieve is...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4



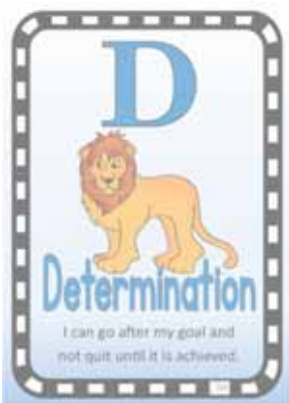
Looking Ahead: Next Semester and the School Review

As we look forward to the next semester, we are excited about the upcoming School Review. This review will focus on developing key learning and wellbeing goals for the next four years. We are honoured to welcome our challenge partners, Lee McKenzie (Principal at Horsham West and Haven Primary School) and Stephanie Carter (Principal at Portland Primary School), who will bring valuable insights to our learning journey.

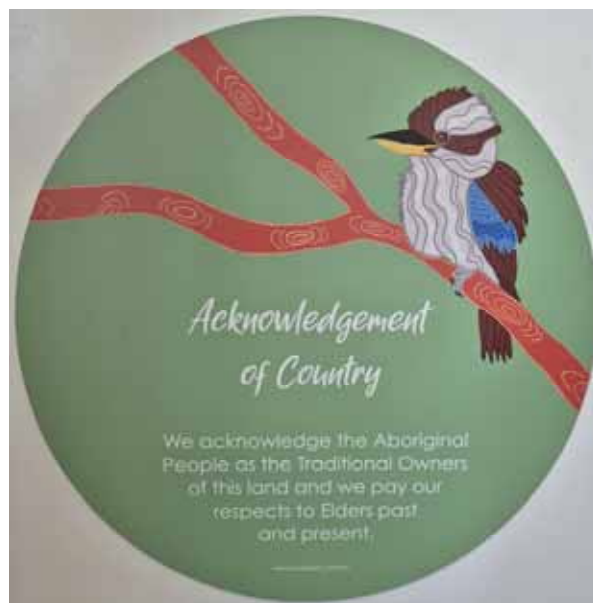
Lee has been a supportive partner, inviting us to professional learning opportunities and research-based approaches to best practice. Stephanie's expertise in literacy and community connections, coupled with her focus on student wellbeing, aligns closely with our goals at Stawell Primary School. Their collaboration will be invaluable as we develop our 2025-2028 School Strategic Plan.



Thank you once again for your continued support and commitment to our school community. Have a lovely term break, and we look forward to an exciting and productive Term Three.



Warm regards,
Russell Marland
Principal, Stawell Primary School



Notice to Parents: Changes to Breakfast Club for Term 3, 2024

Dear Stawell Primary School Community,

We are excited to announce some changes to the Breakfast Club program for Term 3, 2024, and to introduce the new 'Their Care' OSHC program. We recently conducted a survey among parents, and the results clearly indicated a strong interest in having before and after school care available. We are pleased to welcome the 'Their Care' OSHC program to our school community, starting in Term 3.

'Their Care' OSHC Program

'Their Care' OSHC requires a dedicated space that is both welcoming and accommodating for students. Based on past success, we have decided to utilise the BER (Building Education Revolution) area for this program. This location has proven to be an excellent choice, providing a suitable environment for our students.

Breakfast Club Changes

To accommodate the 'Their Care' OSHC program, we have thoughtfully considered different scenarios for relocating the Breakfast Club. We are pleased to inform you that Breakfast Club will still be running and will now run out of the BER serving window. We will be purchasing new seating and other resources to create a welcoming and inviting space for students to enjoy their breakfast (during Term 3).

New Breakfast Club Schedule

The Breakfast Club will have a slightly adjusted schedule to ensure students can enjoy their breakfast comfortably:

- Start Time: 8:45 AM
- End Time: 8:55 AM (*late arrivals will be able to request breakfast if available*)

This brief window will allow students to access a quick breakfast and have a pleasant space to sit and enjoy their food.

Staffing and Volunteer Support

We regret to inform you that Jackie, our current Wellbeing Support who runs the Breakfast Club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, will not be available in Term 3. During this week's School Council meeting, we discussed the need for parent volunteers to help run the Breakfast Club. We are seeking volunteers to assist on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Additionally, if anyone is willing to support Kylie on Thursdays and Fridays, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are available to help with the Breakfast Club, please contact the school office.

School Attendance and Supervision

As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety and punctuality, we would like to remind parents of our school motto regarding attendance: **"Strive to arrive at 8:45 AM."** It has come to our attention that some students are being dropped off at school as early as 8:00 AM. This is concerning, as students are not supervised until 8:45 AM when yard duty staff are on duty. If you need to drop your children off earlier, please take advantage of the 'Their Care' OSHC program to ensure their safety and supervision.

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We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in making these transitions smooth and successful for our students. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards,

Russell Marland

Principal

Stawell Primary School



Breakfast Club Term 3 News!

Starting Term 3 — Breakfast Club will operate
Thursday & Friday mornings 8:45am—8:55am.

For Breakfast Club to run on other days of the week we will need
some helpful volunteers.

To be able to help, all you need is a little free time and a Working With
Childrens Check (Volunteer checks are free).

Arrive by 8:30am to serve at 8:45am.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Breakfast Club 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:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday

How Often:

Weekly Fortnightly Monthly Once a term

End of term



Friday 28th June – Last day of Term

End of term assembly to begin at 12pm

Weather permitting – Picnic lunch from approx. 1pm

Early Dismissal at 2:30pm

Term 3 Starts on Monday 15th July

Amazing Ballet Incursion



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.

pirate Day





We have had lots of fun in the Prep Rooms over the past couple of weeks. Miss Greene and Miss Sellon are SO proud of all the learning and success that has been happening.

Holding the leafy stick insects was very exciting!



Dramatising the book 'Room on the Broom' with some great partner writing to follow.



Making foil boats to find out 'Who Sank the Boat? We were not able to sink Eadie and Anthony's boat!



Investigating length and capacity.



Chinese

On 14th June 2024, the Grade 6 students had a wonderful opportunity to learn a lesson regarding a Chinese legend "Journey to the West" presented by the teachers from Lianyungang Cangwu Primary School in Jiangsu, China via Zoom. The students had lots of fun in this engaging class!



502 Club Spotlight

Lunchtime clubs at 502 have become a fun and exciting new adventure for our students.

Computer Club



Crochet Club



Camps/ Excursions Reminders

*Grade 6 Warrnambool Camp (13th Nov-15th Nov)

Deposit Overdue

*Grade 5 Sovereign Hill Camp (22nd Jul-24th Jul)

Final Payment Overdue

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 3 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 3 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 344 323 and leave a message. They will contact you within 24 hours.

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



Winter Recess Sale
Thursday and Friday
Warm Milo
\$2



Thank You!

We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to the following business that are key in supporting our Breakfast Club and Family Food Hampers.

Ritchies IGA

Woolworths

Waacks Bakery



PREP 2025 INFORMATION EVENING



STAWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

When: Tuesday 13th August

Time: 5-6pm

Where: Prep classroom

Come along and find out more information on how to best support your child with a positive start to primary school.

Learn about all the wonderful things Stawell Primary School has to offer!



Phone: 5358 1255

Email:

stawell.ps@education.vic.gov.au

14-28 Barnes Street
Stawell

Starting primary school?

Starting school is an exciting time for children, parents and carers.

The first year of primary school is called Foundation or Prep.

To enrol in a Victorian government primary school, follow these steps the year before your child starts school.

Before filling out an application

Read about when and how to enrol on our website



Make sure your child is the right age to start school



Find your local school and other nearby government schools at findmyschool.vic.gov.au



Contact primary schools to book a tour, visit or for further information



Applying for Foundation enrolment

Get an application form from the primary school



Gather the required documents



Submit everything to the primary school by the due date (last Friday in July)



Wait for the school to contact you (first 2 weeks of August)



You can find out more, and access translated resources, at:

Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) | Victorian Government



Department of Education



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Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	7:00 AM to 8:45 AM	\$20.00	\$2.00
After School Care (ASC)	3:20 PM to 6:00 PM	\$27.00	\$2.70
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$70.00	\$7.00
Holiday Program***	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$70.00	\$7.00

*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy | ** Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy | *** Standard fee costs excluding incursions/excursions

Cancellation Fees

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)

BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: **\$5.00**

Holiday Program within 5 days of session start time: **\$10.00**

Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Late Booking Fees

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)

BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: **\$5.00**

Holiday Program: book less than 5 days from the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

Late Pick-up Fees

(Child Care Subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)

\$1 per minute after service close time.



Service phone number:
0419 251 104

Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.

Save up to 90% with child care subsidy



To register visit theircare.com.au

TheirCare support team is available between 6.30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time) on **1300 072 410** or info@theircare.com.au

Up to **90%**
of Child Care costs
can be covered
by Child Care
Subsidy!

There are **2 types** of Child Care Payments.

Child Care Subsidy

The **amount you can get** depends on:

- 1 your family's income
- 2 the type of childcare you use
- 3 the age of your child
- 4 the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is **extra support** for some families including:

- 1 grandparents / great grandparents
- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- 3 those experiencing temporary hardship

Claim these subsidies
via **myGov**

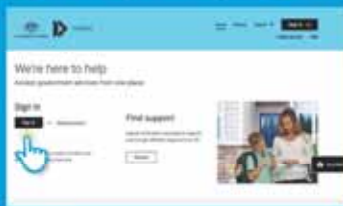


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For more information, call TheirCare on 1300 072 410

A Guide for Families: The steps to claiming Child Care Subsidy

STEP 1: Sign into myGov



1. Go to **my.gov.au**
2. **Sign in** or **Create account**
3. Go to **Centrelink** and sign in to complete the next step

STEP 2: Centrelink - Activity Test



1. Roll over **My family** in the main navigation
2. Under 'Child care' click on **Activity Test**
3. On the the 'Activity Test' page, click on **Update Activity Test**

STEP 3: Update the Activity Test table



1. In 'Your Activities', update the table with your activities and work information
2. Click on **Next** to Review & Submit
3. If you need help, call Family Assistance on **13 61 50**

STEP 4: Check the Summary



1. Roll over **My family** in the main navigation
2. Under 'Child care' click on **Child Care Subsidy summary**
3. This will take you to a summary for you to review and make sure all is correct

STEP 5: Book with TheirCare



1. Go to **www.theircare.com.au**
 2. Click on **Book Now**
 3. **Sign in** or **Register Now***
- *To register, have this info handy: Centrelink, CRNs / bank details / emergency contacts / doctor, Medicare & immunisations details / diagnosed allergy, asthma, anaphylaxis & dietary requirements

STEP 6: Centrelink - Confirm enrolments



1. Go to **Centrelink**
2. Roll over **My family** in the main navigation
3. Under 'Child care' click on **Enrolments** and check all enrolments have been confirmed*
*If not confirmed, view details and follow the prompts to confirm



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For any assistance, call TheirCare on 1300 072 410

How to Enrol

GUIDE



Enrolment and bookings are completed online at www.theircare.com.au and takes around 15 to 20 minutes.



When doing your child's enrolment there will be some information and documents that you will need on hand to complete the process.

These include

- 1 Centrelink CRNs for yourself and the child you are enrolling
- 2 Credit card or bank account details for direct debit purposes
- 3 Emergency contact details in case you are not contactable in an emergency
- 4 Authorised nominees for drop off and collection
- 5 Doctor, Medicare, immunisations details for your child
- 6 Any medical or health details for your child



Enrolment takes approximately 15–20 minutes



See FAQs on our website
theircare.com.au/families

STAWELLS BEST MULLET



COMPETITION

Judging categories

0 - 5 years 6 - 12 years
13 - 17 years

Best Women Best Man
Longest Mullet Messiest Mullet
Most team members with a mullet
Sporting Team Challenge

Great Prizes to be won!

Judging to be held at the Stawell Show
26th October 2024

Enter on the day



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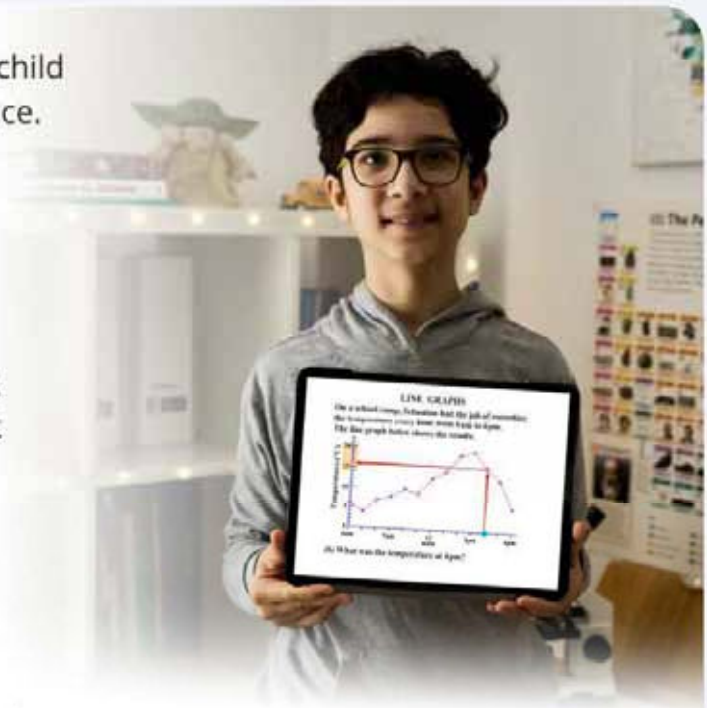


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Stawell Library Holiday Program



WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

2.30pm

Felt Ladybug Finger Puppets
followed by Lego Club

THURSDAY 4 and FRIDAY 5 JULY

Storytime at 10.30am

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY

2.30pm

Brown Bear Craft
followed by Lego Club



THURSDAY 11 and FRIDAY 12 JULY

Storytime at 10.30am

**NAIDOC storytimes and crafting
over the two weeks!**

NAIDOC -
National Aborigines' and
Islanders' Day Observance Committee



Call 03 5358 1274 to book in!

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TIM RICE

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in person: Ararat and Grampians Visitor Information Centre

by phone: 1800 657 158

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Dates for the Diary!

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Term 3 Week 1	<u>July 15th</u>	<u>July 16th</u>	<u>July 17th</u>	<u>July 18th</u> Cant een open	<u>July 19th</u> Cant een open
Week 2	<u>July 22nd</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming	<u>July 23rd</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming	<u>July 24th</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming	<u>July 25th</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming Cant een open	<u>July 26th</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming Cant een open
					
Week 3	<u>July 29th</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming Meals on Wheels	<u>July 30th</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming Meals on Wheels Book Fair	<u>July 31st</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming Meals on Wheels Book Fair	<u>Aug 1st</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming Meals on Wheels Book Fair Cant een open	<u>Aug 2nd</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming Meals on Wheels Book Fair Cant een open
Week 4	<u>Aug 5th</u>	<u>Aug 6th</u> Gr 6 Earth Ed Excursion	<u>Aug 7th</u> 502 Olympics Day - Dress up & Sausage Sizzle	<u>Aug 8th</u> Cant een open	<u>Aug 9th</u> Cant een open
Week 5	<u>Aug 12th</u>	<u>Aug 13th</u> Prep Information Night	<u>Aug 14th</u>	<u>Aug 15th</u> Cant een open	<u>Aug 16th</u> Cant een open
Week 6	<u>Aug 19th</u>	<u>Aug 20th</u>	<u>Aug 21st</u>	<u>Aug 22nd</u> Cant een open	<u>Aug 23rd</u> Cant een open
Week 7	<u>Aug 26th</u> Pupil Free Day Professional Development	<u>Aug 27th</u>	<u>Aug 28th</u>	<u>Aug 29th</u> Cant een open	<u>Aug 30th</u> Parents & Friends Father's Day Stall Cant een open