



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

Stawell Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

FRIDAY 26th JULY, 2024

2024 TERM 3

WEEK 3

Monday 29th July

Meals on Wheels

Grade 3/4 Swimming

Tuesday 30th July

Meals on Wheels

Grade 3/4 Swimming

Wednesday 31st July

Meals on Wheels

Grade 3/4 Swimming

Thursday 1st August

Meals on Wheels

Book Fair

Grade 3/4 Swimming

Canteen Open

Friday 2nd August

Meals on Wheels

Book Fair

Grade 3/4 Swimming

Prep 100 Day celebration

Canteen Open

WEEK 4

Monday 5th August

Boof Fair

Tuesday 6th August

Grade 6 Excursion—Mt
Clear

Wednesday 7th August

502 Olympics Day—Dress
up

Thursday 8th August

Canteen Open

Friday 2nd August

Canteen Open

Principals' Day

Friday 26th July 2024

Dear Stawell Primary School Community,

Exciting updates are happening around our school! Our Prep classrooms in Room 14 and 6A have recently been transformed with fresh paint, new carpet, and blinds. The modernised teaching space has really brightened up the classrooms, making it a more vibrant and enjoyable place for our little learners.



Our Grade 3/4 swimming program has kicked off, and despite the cooler weather, our students have been brave and enthusiastic about swimming in the indoor heated pool. A huge thank you to our dedicated parent helpers and the fantastic swimming staff who have made this program a success!

We're thrilled to welcome Brittany Healey from One Red Tree as a provisional psychologist. Brittany will be supporting the wellbeing of our students and families, adding another layer of care to our community.

The Grade 5 camp to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat was a hit! The students loved the interactive museum, and it was a memorable experience for all. Thank you to the parent helpers who made this camp possible and to Jess for coordinating everything so smoothly.

The Parent Opinion Survey has been emailed to all families. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us plan for the future and set priorities. We'd love to hear from as many of you as possible!

The Stawell Primary School community are excited to welcome Miss Wendy to the Grade One teaching team! She will be working with us one day a week. Her experience in curriculum implementation and ability to build strong rapport with students will be a wonderful addition to the classroom.

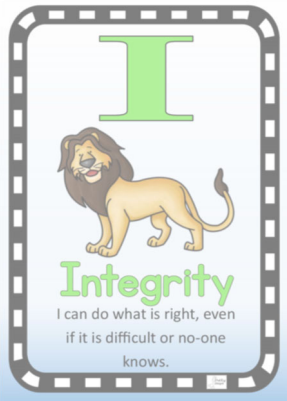


A friendly reminder about the importance of attending school every day—regular attendance is crucial for student learning and development. If your child is away, please make sure to contact the school to let us know.

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

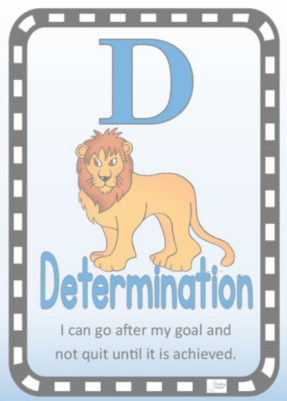


We've just concluded the second day of our School Strategic Plan Review. It's been fantastic to showcase the changes we've made and celebrate the improvements in student learning outcomes and wellbeing. A big thank you to the parents who joined the review panel on short notice. Your insights are essential in helping us shape our goals for the next four years.

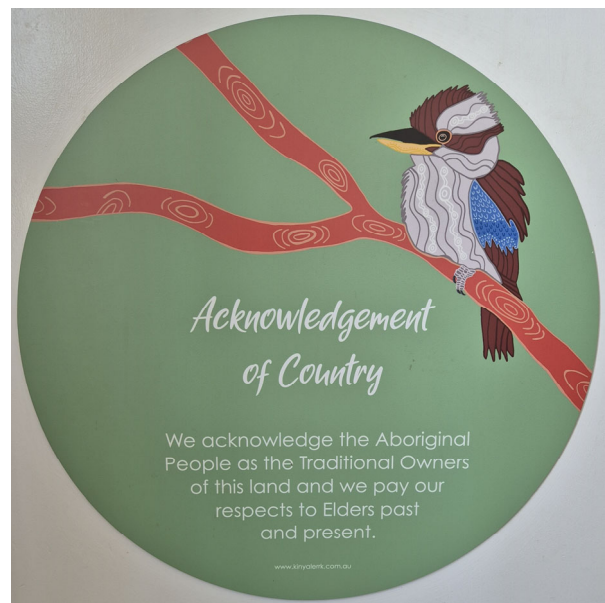


Thank you all for your continued support and engagement in our school community!

Warm regards,

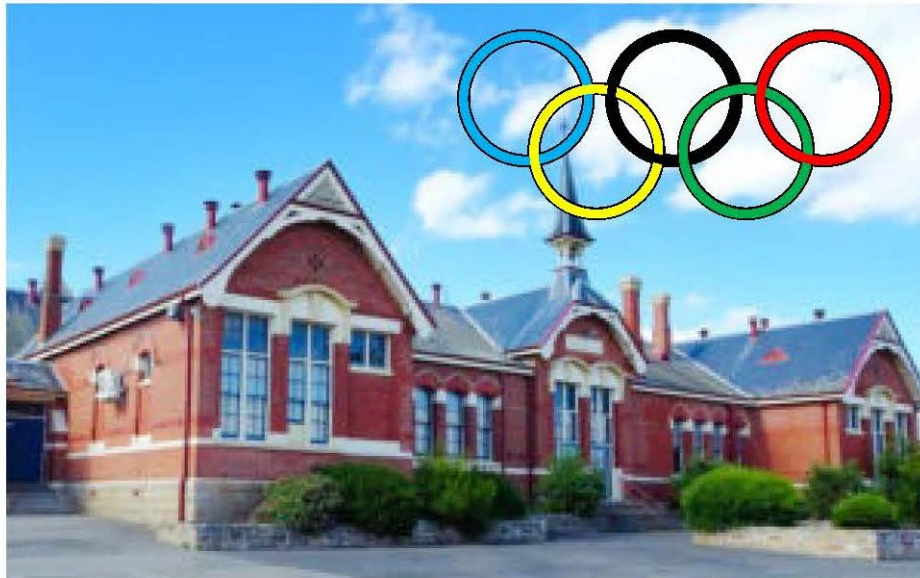


Russell Marland
Principal



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.

Stawell 502 Olympics



Wednesday 7th August - Dress for your allocated Country with special lunch packs available for order.

See QKR for special lunch orders available for the day, thanks to our Wonderful Parents and Friends Group.

Paper copies for lunch orders can be collected from the office if required.

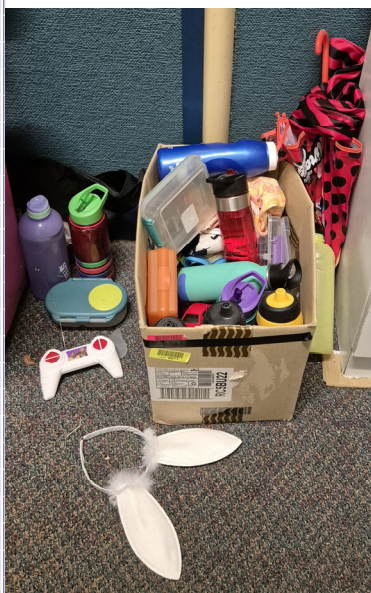
All lunch orders must be in before 3:20 on Wednesday 31st July.

CONGRATULATIONS!

On Thursday the 18th of July Jerome competed in the Victorian Schools State Cross Country Championships in Melbourne.

Jerome ran against 96 students from across Victoria. He has shown a great amount of dedication to his running, practicing in his own time and competing with the Stawell Amateur Athletics Club.

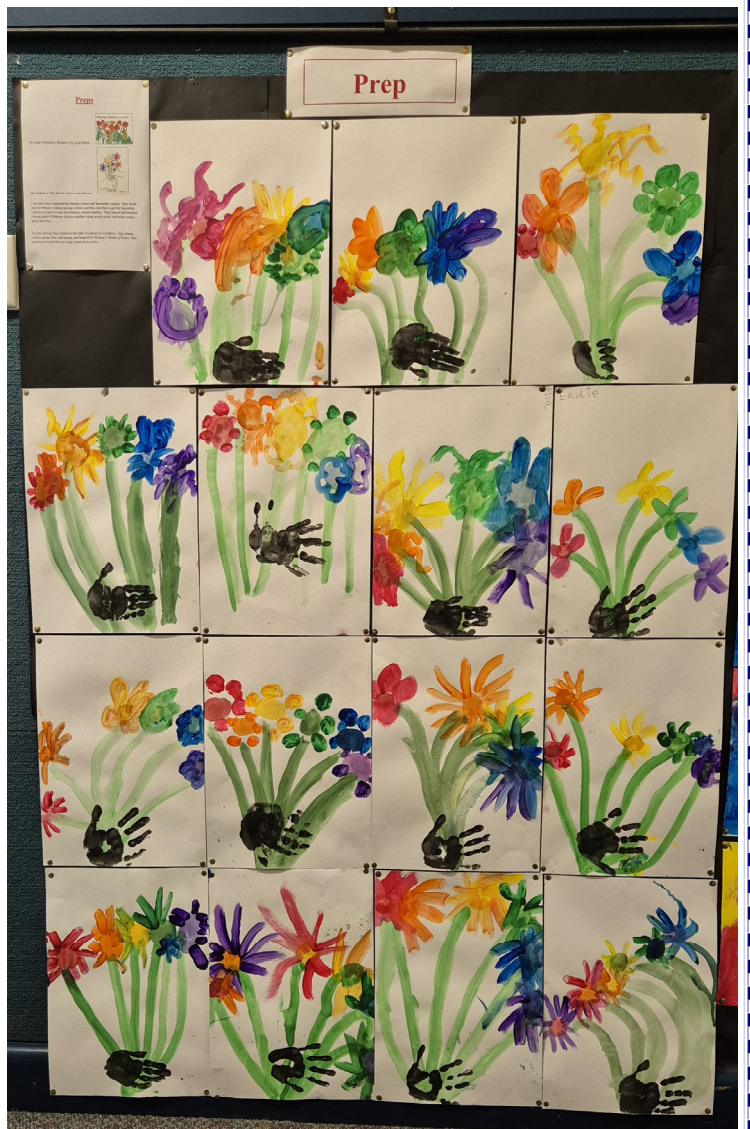
Well done Jerome!



Lost Property

We have a large collection of lost property. If your child is missing or mis-placed a jumper or jacket. Please feel free to check the lost property bins in the main building, or ask your child to. Jumpers and Jackets with names are the easiest to find.

ARTWORK



Grade 5 Camp

Sovereign Hill





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.

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Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Room: _____

Day Preferred:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday

How Often:

Weekly Fortnightly Monthly Once a term

You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC **Book Fair**

ONE WORLD, ONE DREAM



BOOK FAIR TIMINGS

Lunch from 1:40 – 2:20pm

After school from 3:25 – 3:50pm

Ritchies IGA

We would like to send out a big thank you, to those families that have nominated Stawell Primary School as part of the Ritchies community benefit program.

The funds we received in 2023 went towards purchasing our new PA system at the beginning of this year.

RITCHIES IGA + LIQUOR



NOMINATE US TODAY

AS PART OF THE RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM

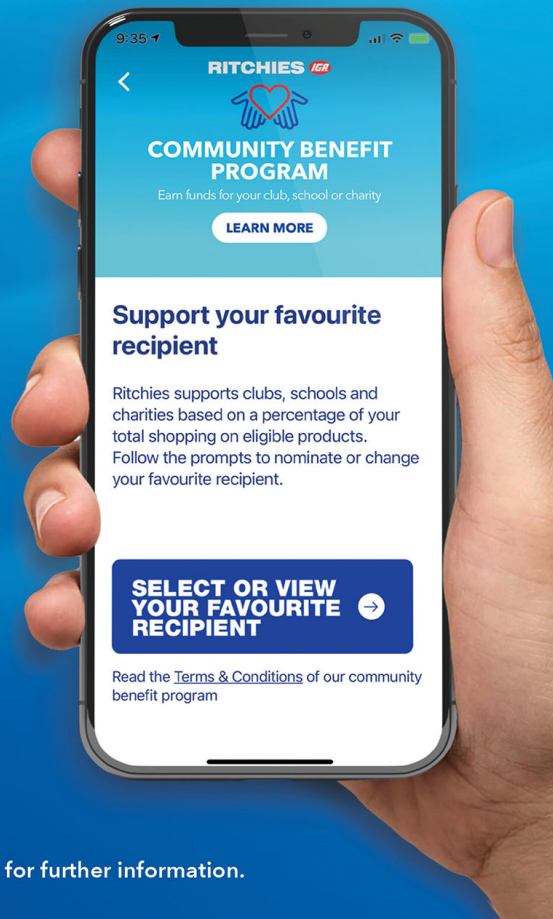
and help us generate extra funds.

- 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.

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



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



Camps/Excursions Reminders

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

Deposit Overdue

*Grade 3 Roses Gap Camp (23rd Oct-25th Oct)

Deposit & Form Due Fri 30th August

*Grade 4 Dunkeld Camp (2nd Sept-4th Sept)

Final Payment Due Mon 19th August

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



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

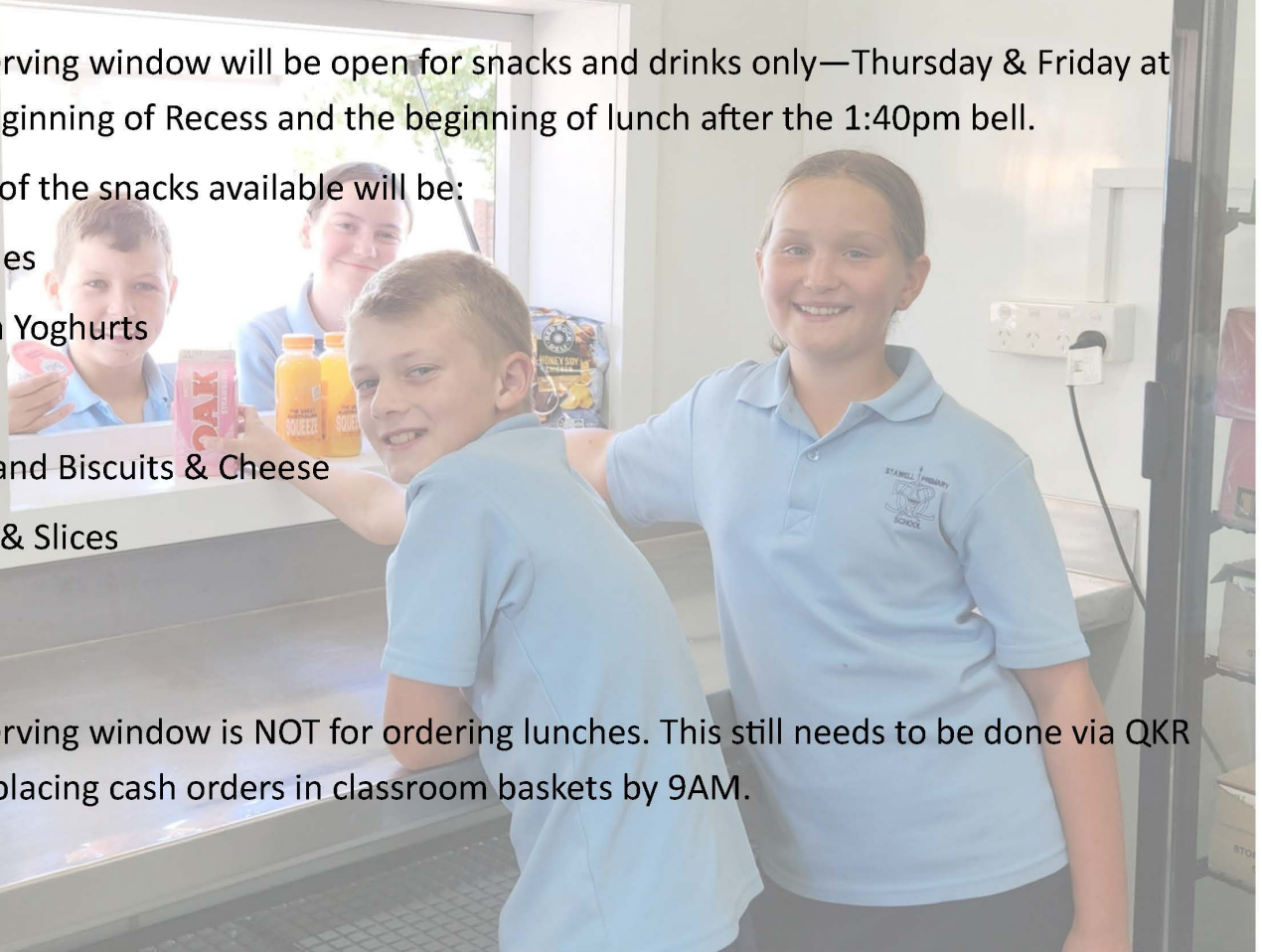
Chips

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.

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



Thursday 1st August & Thursday 8th August

Sweet Chili Chicken Wrap

With lettuce, tomato, cheese and the option
of sour cream

\$8.00



Winter Recess Sale

Thursday and Friday

Warm Milo

\$2



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

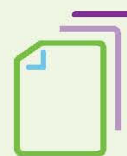


Applying for Foundation enrolment

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

Theircare acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land that we grow on. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We celebrate the diversity and ongoing cultures and connections. 🇺🇸



Meet the team.

I'm Meli your service Co Ordinator. I have had a fantastic time meeting and getting to know you all.

What we did!

This week we attending the Olympic Games by creating our own torches, mural of the games and designed our own medals. We also enjoyed out door play by playing on the oval and various ball games.



Further Information 🇺🇸

We are still accepting new bookings. If you would like your children to attend please come in and have a look of what we have to offer. Bookings can be made via our website info@theircare.com.au or speak with Meli, I am able to assit.



TIMES
Before School: 7.00AM-8.45AM
After School: 3.20PM-6.00PM
Holidays: 7.00PM-6.00PM

CONTACT HEAD OFFICE
1300 072 410
info@theircare.com.au

CONTACT SERVICE
0419 251 104
stawell@theircare.com.au



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Stawell Primary School

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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.

To register visit theircare.com.au



Service phone number:
0419 251 104

Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.

Save up to **90%** with child care subsidy



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

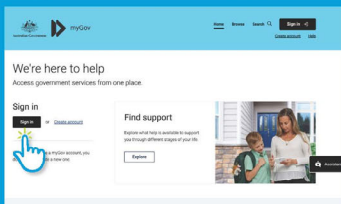
Claim these subsidies via **myGov**

theircare.com.au

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



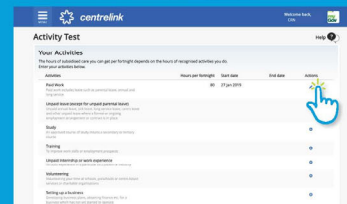
1. Go to **my.gov.au**
2. **Sign in** or **Create account**
3. Go to **Centrelink** and sign in to complete the next step

STEP 2: Centrelink - Activity Test



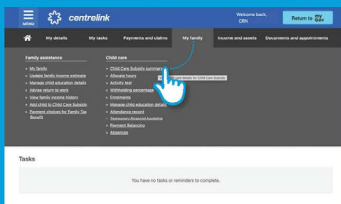
1. Roll over **My family** in the main navigation
2. Under 'Child care' click on **Activity Test**
3. On the 'Activity Test' page, click on **Update Activity Test**

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

theircare.com.au

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

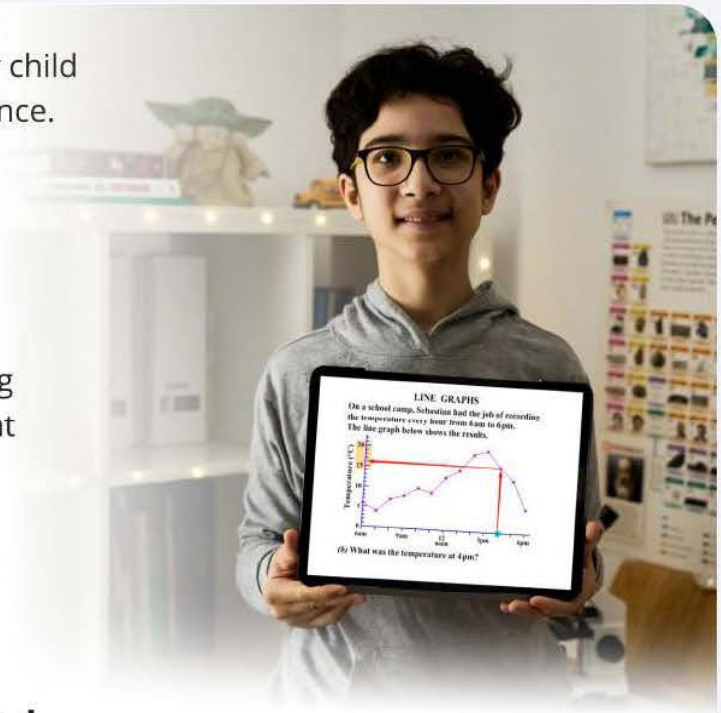


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To speak to
someone about
Mathsonline,
call us at
1300 882 045

MathsOnline is here to help your child succeed and build maths confidence.

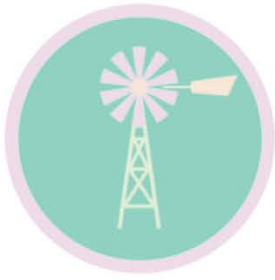
With over 1,400 video tutorials and 50,000 interactive questions and worksheets, MathsOnline helps guide your children lesson by lesson allowing them to pause, rewind and repeat all or part of any video tutorial until they fully understand it.



Get started with
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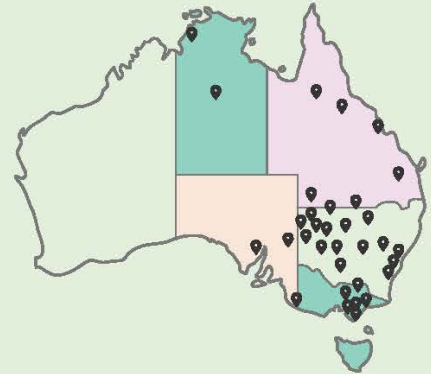
-  **Clear and concise step-by-step video lessons**
-  **Interactive questions and worksheets to test understanding of topics**
-  **Students receive immediate feedback on their answers, helping them to correct mistakes in real-time**
-  **Available 24/7, giving students the flexibility to work when it's most convenient for them**
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www.mathsonline.com.au**



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**Delivering accessible
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services to rural children,
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SPEECH PATHOLOGY

**Speech Pathologists assist
your child to communicate
effectively.**

They can work on goals in the
following areas:

- Speech sounds
- Expressive Language
- Receptive Language
- Literacy
- Feeding/Fussy Eating
- Fluency (Stuttering)
- Late Talkers



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

**OT's work with children and
their families to develop
important daily living skills.**

They can work on goals in the
following areas:

- Play skills
- Emotional/Social Regulation
- Handwriting
- Behaviour
- Sensory Processing
- Fussy Eating
- Toileting



FUNDING

Most private health funds have
Speech Pathology & OT listed as
an extra.

We are also able to see clients
who are plan-or-self-managed
through the NDIS.

Clients can also access a care
plan from their GP.

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT OR REFER A FAMILY



admin@blossomrural.com.au



0408 850 775



www.blossomrural.com.au

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>July 29th</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming Meals on Wheels	<u>July 30th</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming Meals on Wheels	<u>July 31st</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming Meals on Wheels	<u>Aug 1st</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming Meals on Wheels Book Fair Canteen open	<u>Aug 2nd</u> Grade 3/4 Swimming Meals on Wheels Book Fair Canteen open Principals' Day
Week 4	<u>Aug 5th</u> Book Fair	<u>Aug 6th</u> Gr 6 Earth Ed Excursion	<u>Aug 7th</u> 502 Olympics Day - Dress up & Special lunch orders	<u>Aug 8th</u> Canteen open	<u>Aug 9th</u> Canteen open
Week 5	<u>Aug 12th</u>	<u>Aug 13th</u> Prep Information Night	<u>Aug 14th</u>	<u>Aug 15th</u> Canteen open	<u>Aug 16th</u> Canteen open
Week 6	<u>Aug 19th</u>	<u>Aug 20th</u> Book Week Dress Up Parade 1-1:30pm	<u>Aug 21st</u>	<u>Aug 22nd</u> Canteen open	<u>Aug 23rd</u> Canteen open
Week 7	<u>Aug 26th</u> Pupil Free Day Professional Development	<u>Aug 27th</u>	<u>Aug 28th</u>	<u>Aug 29th</u> Canteen open	<u>Aug 30th</u> Parents & Friends Father's Day Stall Canteen open
Week 8	<u>Sept 2nd</u>	<u>Sept 3rd</u>	<u>Sept 4th</u>	<u>Sept 5th</u> Black Ranges Athletics Canteen open	<u>Sept 6th</u> Canteen open
 <p>Grade 4 Camp—Dunkeld</p>					
Week 9	<u>Sept 9th</u>	<u>Sept 10th</u> Sporting Colours Day	<u>Sept 11th</u>	<u>Sept 12th</u> Canteen open	<u>Sept 13th</u> Prep Excursion to Halls Gap Zoo Canteen open