

Great Western Primary School

March 14th, 2024

Principal: Kerri-Ann Harris

Welcome

Professional Development / Pupil Free days

All staff will be attending a Professional Development Program on Friday 22nd March. Students are *not* required at school on this day.

School Council Meetings

Tuesday 26th March AGM

Breakfast Program

Our Breakfast Program will begin next Thursday. Breakfast will be available from 8.30am - 8.45am each Thursday morning.

Toast, cereal, baked beans and fruit will be on offer. All students and family members are most welcome to join us for breakfast.

Absences, Late Arrivals and Early Departures

A reminder, 'It's not okay to be away!' If your child is absent from school, is arriving late or leaving early we ask that you please send a text message to the <u>school</u> <u>mobile</u> prior to 9:30am. We are required by DET to follow up unexplained absences after 9.30am. A text provides us with the written parental consent for an absence.

Cluster Cross Country

This year's Cluster Cross Country will take place on Wednesday 17th April at Halls Gap Primary School. Parents and family are also more than welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Students will be transported by bus to and from Halls Gap PS

Somers Camp

We hope Sam, Tom and Xander all have a great time as they head off to Somers Camp next week. We look forward to hearing about all the activities they were involved in.

School Sports – Friday 26th April

This year's Cluster Sports will be hosted by Pomonal PS at *North Park, Stawell*.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Please see eligibility criteria below. Application forms are available from the office.

For audit reasons we require a copy of your concession card.

EligibilityTo be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non- government Victorian primary or secondary school must: on the first day of Term one, or Term two

- Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, or
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date

SCHOOL COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED-PLEASE CONTACT KERRI-ANN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER

> MARCH BIRTHDAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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We hope you have a great day
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Great Western Primary School is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount

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Harmony Day will take place on Thursday 21st March.

What Is Harmony Day?

All the different cultures that come together in Australia bring many things with them: different foods, ways of dressing, languages, customs and beliefs.

Harmony Day is about celebrating these differences and learning about new cultures.

Students are invited to wear something orange or just even a splash of orange to help celebrate the day.

Car Boot/Market/Garage Sale Trail.

Due to the lack of bookings this weekend's event has been cancelled. We will set a new date in November. Please think about being a part of this fundraiser. Funds raised from any events this year will go towards upgrading some of our broken playground equipment.

Big Breakfast-Last Day Term 1 Thursday 28th March

To celebrate the end of term we would like to invite parents to join the children in a big breakfast. Breakfast will take place at 8:30am. The menu will include-Pancakes-Bacon and Eggs-Cereal- Baked Beans-Spaghetti and of course we can't leave out the toast. For catering purposes please let the school know if you will be attending.

REMINDER DISMISSAL TIME IS 2:30





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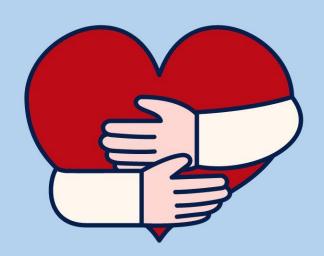




COMBINED SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

TOGETHER, WE MADE A DIFFERENCE







WE ARE VERY PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR COMBINED SCHOOL FUNDRAISER RAISED

\$13,735

FOR THE POMONAL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THIS FUNDRAISER INCLUDING LOCAL BUSINESSES THOMAS FOODS INTERNATIONAL, BAKERS DELIGHT AND CHRIS'N'DIS BAKERY



















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March						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
				SWIM PROGRAM		
4	5 LOTE	6	7	8 SWIM PROGRAM		
11 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	12	13 NAPLAN	14 MARC VAN BOOK CLUB DUE NAPLAN	SWIM PROGRAM NAPLAN		
18	19 LOTE SOMERS	20 SOMERS	21 SOMERS	STAFF PD PUPIL FREE DAY SOMERS		
25 SOMERS	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AGM SOMERS	27 SOMERS	MARC VAN FINAL DAY TERM 1 2:30 DISMISSAL	GOOD FRIDAY		

April April						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
1	2	3	4	5		
8		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				
15 WELCOME BA TERM 2	ACK LOTE	CROSS COUNTRY	18	19		
YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP D HORSHAM		24	25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26 MDSSA SCHOOL SPORTS		

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