



Great Western Primary School

February 15th, 2024

Principal: Kerri-Ann Harris

Welcome

Pupil Free days



Monday March 11th

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday March 22nd

STAFF PD



Swimming Program

Our swimming program has commenced. The next 4 sessions will take place each Friday afternoon. Students may be collected from the pool at 3:00pm if this suits parents. Please let us know prior to 11am on the day if you would like to collect your child so that children are organised with school bags.

The program is conducted by the Stawell Sports and Aquatic Centre staff and supported by our teachers. Students learning basic swim and survive skills. We utilise both the indoor and outdoor pools.

It is vital that children experience the outdoor pool and swimming and survival skills in a challenging cold water environment under close supervision.

Please ensure that your child has lunch at school on these days, as sometimes we venture into Stawell for lunch at the park.

Students are reminded to bring along

- **Bathers**
- **Towel**
- **Bag for wet clothes**
- **Full uniform (polo and black shorts) with runners**



School Council Meetings

Tuesday 20th February

Tuesday 19th 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.

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.

Eligibility

To 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

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 **school mobile** 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.



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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Lunch Orders

Lunch orders will take place each Thursday. Please ensure all orders are written on an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it along with the correct money enclosed there will be **NO CREDIT** available payment must be made on the day. Students need to place it in the bags provided outside the staffroom by 9:00am. We would like to thank the Great Western General Store for making the service available.

Conveyance Allowance

Conveyance allowance is available to families who live more than 4.8km from their nearest school please see below for eligibility criteria. If you feel you are eligible please collect an application from the office.

Eligibility

An application on behalf of a student may be submitted if the student is:

- a Victorian resident;
- school aged and enrolled (3) three or more days per week at a school; and
- attend their nearest or designated neighbourhood government school appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, or reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from the campus attended.

SUNSMART

Just a reminder that as a part of our Sun Smart Policy all children must wear a hat while outside during Term 1 and Term 4. Hats are available from the school



2024 ENROLMENTS NOT TOO LATE



If you or know anyone you know who would like to enrol their child for 2024 please contact the school on 03 5356 2235 for a tour and information package.

TERM DATES 2024

TERM 1	30/01/24	–	28/03/24
TERM 2:	15/04/24	–	28/06/24
TERM 3:	15/07/24	–	20/09/24
TERM 4:	07/10/24	–	20/12/24

MARC VAN NEWS

MARC van will visit Great Western Primary fortnightly on Thursdays.

Term 1 dates:

29th February

14th March

28th March

On MARC days, students will participate in library and literature lessons and borrow books to read for pleasure. *The more children enjoy reading, the more they read. The more they read, the better they read. The better they read, the more they enjoy reading.*

If you don't already have one, a library bag is well worth it, regardless of your child's grade. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, just a dedicated bag to store and carry library books.

Happy reading,

Caitlyn Fisher, Great Western MARC Teacher Librarian



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PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



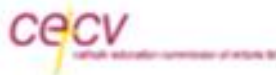
It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources

www.education.vic.gov.au/protect



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5	6 LOTE	7	8	9
12	13	14	15 MARC VAN BOOK CLUB DUE BACK	16
19	20 LOTE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING	21	22	23 SWIM PROGRAM
26	27	28	29 MARC VAN	

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 SWIM PROGRAM
4	5 LOTE	6	7	8 SWIM PROGRAM
11 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	12	13 NAPLAN	14 MARC VAN NAPLAN	15 SWIM PROGRAM NAPLAN
18 SOMERS	19 LOTE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AGM SOMERS	20 SOMERS	21 SOMERS	22 STAFF PD PUPIL FREE DAY SOMERS
25 SOMERS	26 SOMERS	27 SOMERS	28 MARC VAN FINAL DAY TERM 1	29 GOOD FRIDAY

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