



# Great Western Primary School

February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Principal: Kerri-Ann Harris

## Welcome

### Pupil Free days



**Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**STAFF PD**



### Combined Schools Fundraiser.

Last Friday saw us join the surrounding district school in a combined fundraiser for the Pomonal Community. The school raised \$170.00 for this cause. A final tally of all schools combined will be announced once all funds are in. Thanks again to our local businesses who donated the bread and sausages to this cause.

### School Council Elections

Great Western Primary School, School Council Election process will commence Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February. A 'Notice of Election and Call for Nominations' is attached. The Parent category has 2 vacancies of two year tenure and 1 vacancy for a one year tenure. Nominations will open Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and will close at 4:00pm on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2024. Nomination forms will be available from the school office, from Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. Please consider becoming a school council member. Meetings take place twice a term (8 times a year).

### School Council Meetings

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Swimming Program

Our swimming program has commenced. The next 3 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.

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**



### 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.

## **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.

*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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### 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

### 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.

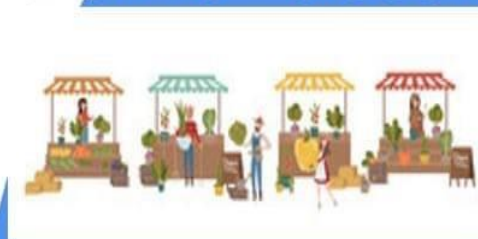
### Eligibility

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.

# Great Western Primary School Car Boot/ Market/ Garage Trail

Stephenson Street Great Western  
Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00am – 2:00pm



Garage Sale Trail - Map inclusion - \$10  
Car Boot or Stall On site - \$10

For information or bookings contact: Marilyn - 0437920512 or Kerri-Ann - 0408389319

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of GREAT WESTERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school from **Thursday 29th February** and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on **Friday 8th march**

Parent members who have come to the end of their term: Stuart Davidson-Amy Carruthers

Vacant Parent member: 1 year term.

Community members who have come to the end of their term: Bec Coates

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026	2
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025	1
Community member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026	1
DET member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026	0

Notice of election and call for nomination.	Thursday 29th February
Closing date for nominations	Friday 8th March
Date by which the list of candidates will be displayed	Tuesday 12th March
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and Distributed <b>if required</b>	On or before Thursday 9th March
Close of ballot	Tuesday 19th March
Vote Count/Declaration of ballot	Tuesday 19th March
Tentative first Council meeting to appoint Community members (the Principal will preside)	Tuesday 26th March
Tentative second Council meeting to elect office bearers (the Principal will preside).	Tuesday 26th March

# 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 BOOK CLUB DUE 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

# April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
8	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS			12
15 WELCOME BACK TERM 2	16 LOTE	17 CROSS COUNTRY	18	19
22 YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP DAY HORSHAM	23	24	25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26 MDSSA SCHOOL SPORTS

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