



Great Western Primary School

February 13th, 2025

Principal: Kerri-Ann Harris

Swimming Program

Our swimming program will commence the week beginning 28th February and will take place each Friday afternoon for 5 sessions. 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 learn 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. **NO HEAT UPS.**

Students are reminded to bring along

- **Bathers**
- **Towel**
- **Bag for wet clothes**

Full uniform (polo and black shorts) with runners

School Council Meetings

Monday 17th February

Monday 17th March AGM

Fruit Snack



Just a reminder that students can have a fruit snack during the morning session. Please remember this fruit needs to be quick and easy to eat, such as bananas, carrots, grapes sultanas etc. Melons, oranges, nectarines etc are much better for recess and lunchtime as they can make work sticky.

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.

MARC Van

The MARC library van will visit Great Western Primary on Thursdays fortnightly. The first visit was today. The MARC van allows students to browse and borrow books of their choosing.

If you don't already have one, I recommend sending to school a dedicated library bag to store and carry books.

Student Enrolment Details

Student enrolment details have also been sent home with your child. Please look over the carefully and update any new information. Please take particular care in Occupation Status. The Department are very strict in making sure these are correct as it determines some of our funding. It would be appreciated if these could be returned by **Thursday 20th February** to ensure all details are correct on CASES prior to CENSUS Day.

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
- ⇒ Be a temporary foster parent, and
- ⇒ 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.

Book Club



Issue 1 was sent home with the students on Wednesday. Book club is a great way to purchase books while helping the school to gain some great classroom resources.

Please ensure all orders along with money are returned by Monday 17th February.

Playgroup

Playgroup has commenced. We are currently running these sessions each Wednesday from 10:00am-11:30. We are looking forward to a fun year of activities.

Smile Squad

The smile squad dental van will be visiting us again this year. This is a free service to check your child's dental health. Please check their bag for further information along with consent details.

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

Building Friendships Halls Gap & Great Western

Primary Schools

Tuesday February 18th

9:30 @ Halls Gap Primary School

3:00 Collection from the Pool

Venus Baths Walk

Art Activity, Activities, Pool Time, Sausage Sizzle Lunch.

A permission form has been sent home with your child please return as soon as possible thank you.



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



February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5 LOTE	6	7
10	11	12	13 MARC VAN	14
17 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING	18 HALLS GAP POOL DAY	19 LOTE	20	21
24	25	26	27 MARC VAN	28 SWIM PROGRAM

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5 LOTE	6	7 SWIM PROGRAM
10 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	11 SMILE SQUAD	12 NAPLAN	13 MARC VAN SMILE SQUAD NAPLAN	14 SWIM PROGRAM NAPLAN
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Tuesday April 1st Leadership Day Year 6
 Thursday 3rd April Cluster Cross Country
 Friday 4th April Final Day