



Great Western Primary School

March 13th, 2025

Principal: Kerri-Ann Harris

Swimming Program

Our swimming program will continue TOMORROW. 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

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A RASHIE PLEASE SEND IT ALONG AS THE STUDENTS ARE SWIMMING IN THE OUTDOOR POOL AS WELL AS THE INSIDE.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 24TH MARCH

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED-

PLEASE CONTACT

KERRI-ANN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING
A MEMBER

Breakfast Program

Our Breakfast Program has begun. 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.

Maths Olympics

Our Year 5/6 students will attend their first transition session at Stawell Secondary College on Wednesday March 19th. Students will participate in a Maths Olympics at the College. The activity provides an opportunity to use the school bus to get to and from school, find their way around a big school, use the canteen and meet and mix with staff and students. All students in Year 5/6 are expected to attend this activity. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Cluster Cross Country



This year's Cluster Cross Country will take place on Thursday 3rd 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 to be transported to and from Halls Gap PS by parents. If you are unable to transport your child please let Kerri-Ann know or reach out to other parents for assistance. As a school it would be great if we can work together.

Permission Forms

Please keep an eye out for permission forms that have been sent home with your child.

Cross Country-Whole School

Maths Olympics- Years 5 and 6

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.

Playgroup

Playgroup meets each Wednesday morning



in the Art Room from 10:00am-11:30am. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to come along and enjoy the activities.

Book Club



Reminder that Issue 2 is due back next week. 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 Thursday 20th March. Alternatively you can place your order online.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*FINLAY
&
OSCAR*

We hope you have a great day



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

On behalf of the School Council and Staff we would like invite you to come join us in a Welcome Back B.B.Q.

BBQ and Cordial provided by School Council



WHERE: Great Western Primary School

WHEN: Thursday 20th March 6:00pm-7:00pm



Hope to see you all there

2025 Term Dates

Term 1

29th January- 4th April

Term 2

22nd April-4th July

Term 3

21st July-19th September

Term 4

6th October-19th December



Second hand Polo Shirts for sale.

\$5.00 each-assorted sizes.

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

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 LEADERSHIP DAY YEAR 6 STUDENTS	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
17	18	19 MATHS OLYMPICS YEAR 5-6 LOTE	20 WELCOME BACK BBQ 6:00PM-7:00PM	21 SWIM PROGRAM
24 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AGM	25	26	27 MARC VAN	28 SWIM PROGRAM

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 LOTE	3 CROSS COUNTRY HALLS GAP	4 FINAL DAY TERM 1 2:30 DISMISSAL
7	8	9	10	11
14	HOLIDAYS			
				GOOD FRIDAY
21 EASTER MONDAY	22 WELCOME BACK TERM 2	23	24 MARC VAN	25 ANZAC DAY