Great Western Primary School

May 21st, 2026

Principal: Kerri-Ann Harris

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Community,

Pupil Free Days

Friday 5th June

Report Writing Day

Monday 8th June

Kings Birthday

Education Week

As part of Education Week our school held an Open Morning and Biggest Morning Tea. It was great to see so many family and community members take the opportunity to join our students and celebrate Education Week with us. The Morning Tea was also a wonderful opportunity to raise some funds for the Cancer Council. To date we have raised $369.00.

Education Week also marks the time of year where we start to plan for 2027. Information has been sent to local pre-schools however if you know of anyone who would like to join our wonderful school in 2027 please let us know or pass on our details. It also helps our school if you share our Facebook page with as many friends and family as possible.

like us on facebook

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 ***school*** 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.

School Camp Term 4

We are all booked for our annual school camp. Students in Years P –6 will attend a two night camp to Queenscliff from November 4th –6th. Activities will include surfing, bodyboarding, paddle boarding, rock pooling and lots of other beach adventures. The cost to families will be $250 per child. Please feel free to start making payments if you wish. Families are more than welcome to use their SSB funding from 2025, please contact Marilyn for further information. School Council will also make a considerable contribution to the camp to ensure costs are kept at $250. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to make contact with Kerri-Ann.

Book Club

Issue 4 was sent home with the students on Today. Book club is a great way to purchase books while helping the school to gain some great classroom resources.

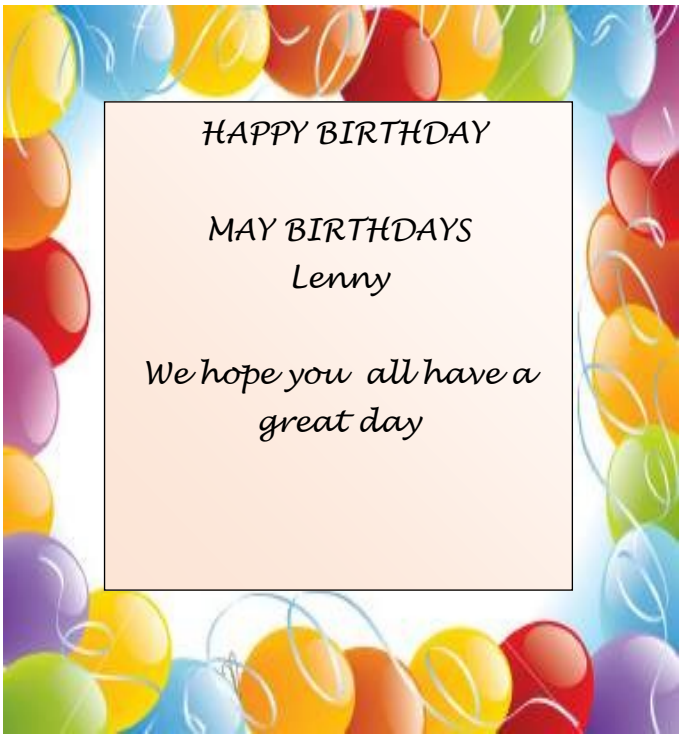
Please ensure all orders along with money are returned by Thursday 11th June.

2026/2027 ENROLMENTS

If you or know anyone you know who would like to enrol their child for 2026/2027 please contact the school on 03 5356 2235 for a tour and information package.

Transition Days

Wednesday 9th September
9:00am-11:00am
Wednesday 21st October
9:00am-12:45pm
Wednesday 25th November
9:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday 8th December
Statewide Transition-Full Day



Hot Lunches

Just a reminder students are welcome to bring along lunch that can be placed in the pie warmer. Lunch packs, casseroles, pasta and leftovers must be in foil containers, whilst pies, pasties, sausage rolls and toasted sandwiches must be wrapped in foil. Please. ensure all lunches are clearly marked with your child's name. Students may also purchase a pie or a sausage roll. $3 each (not available Thursdays).

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.

Fruit Snack

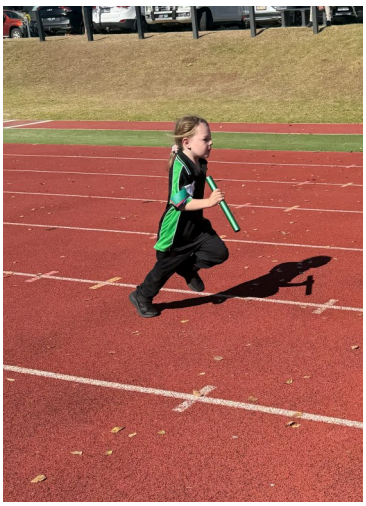
Just a reminder that students can have a fruit snack during the morning session. Please remember this fruit needs to be quick and easy to eat, such as bananas, carrots, grapes, sultanas etc.
Melons, oranges, nectarines are much better for recess and lunchtime as they can make work sticky.

OUR GARDEN OF WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Come along to the Junior room and check out the great display the students have created.

Playgroup

Playgroup meets each Monday 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.



JUMP

Stawell Railway Station Gallery

extends a warm invitation to all, to celebrate

150 years

of the

Stawell Railway Station Building

on

24th May 2026

From 2pm – 5pm

Devonshire Tea available for $5 per person

The Stawell Brass Band will be in attendance

AC Coffee Van and Snak Shak Food Van

The Grampians Model Railway will have a working model railway, along with memorabilia in the Goods Shed opposite the Station

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 CROSS COUNTRY HALLS GAP	5	6	7 PUPIL FREE DAY ALL STAFF PD	8 MOTHERS DAY STALL
11	12	13 LOTE	14	15
18 EDUCATION WEEK COMMENCES	19	20 SCHOOL COUNCIL	21 MARC VAN OPEN DAY BIGGEST MORNING TEA	22 WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
25	26	27 SSC DISCOVERY DAY YEARS 5 & 6	28	29

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 WINTER SPORTS YEARS 5/6	3 LOTE	4 MARC VAN	5 REPORT WRITING DAY PUPIL FREE DAY
8 KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	9	10	11 BOOK CLUB DUE	12
15 SCHOOL COUNCIL	16	17 LOTE	18 MARC VAN	19
22 ELEPHANT ED GRADES 5/6	23	24 ART PERFORMANCE HORSHAM WHOLE SCHOOL	25	26 FINAL DAY TERM 2