Great Western Primary School

April 23rd , 2026

Principal: Kerri-Ann Harris

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Community,

Welcome back . We hope everyone had a great break and are ready for a busy Term 2

Pupil Free Days

Thursday 7th May

STAFF PD

Friday 5th June

Report Writing Day

Monday 8th June

Kings Birthday

ANZAC DAY

Saturday 25th April. 8:50am

This year we will again be involved in the Great Western ANZAC Day March.

It is hoped that all students will participate in this special event.

Students need to meet at 8:50am ready to assemble. (Great Western Garage)

Students need to be in full neat school uniform

Mothers' Day Stall

On Friday May 8th we will conduct our annual Mothers' Day Stall. Students may purchase a gift for their mother or significant person. Gifts will be on sale from $2- $5.

Please ensure they bring along their money by Wednesday 6th May.

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.

Education Week

Education Week commences on Monday May 18th. We will hold an *Open Day* on Thursday May 21st. Family, friends and prospective students are welcome to visit our classrooms. We will also hold the traditional *Morning Tea,* raising funds for the Cancer Council, at 11:00am. We ask that all families supply a plate of morning tea to share at this event. We invite family, friends, and community to join us!

Makers Market

We will be having a stall at the next Makers Market on Sunday May 3rd. We require parents/ students to help do a shift. If you are able to help, please let Kerri-Ann know.

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.

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).

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2026 ENROLMENTS
NOT TOO LATE

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

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.

Book Club

Issue 3 of book club was sent home with your child today. Book Club is a great way to purchase books while helping the school gain some great classroom resources. Please ensure all orders along with payment are returned by Friday 8th May, or alternatively you can purchase online.

School Sports –

MONDAY 27TH APRIL

This year's Cluster Sports will be hosted by Concongella PS at ***North Park, Stawell***.

- Students need to be at the ground by **8:40am** with the day concluding about 2:30pm.
- Students will need to **make their own way to and from** the sports.
- Students are required to be in full school uniform at the start of the day for the marching.
- Black track pants **for marching** (then black shorts for sporting events)
- Black polo with white logo
- Black shoes/runners
- School rugby jumper or black polar fleece
- Hair accessories in school colours.

After the judging of the marching is completed students will have time to *change into black shorts and runners* to compete in the sporting events.

Please bring enough food and snacks for the day including lunch and a warm jacket (NO CANTEEN) if weather is cool.

In the event of bad weather, families will be notified by the school of the need to cancel the sports.

You will be notified from 7.30am onwards. If this does happen, students will be expected to come to school as normal.

This day is a fantastic day with parents, family and friends attending to cheer along our students.

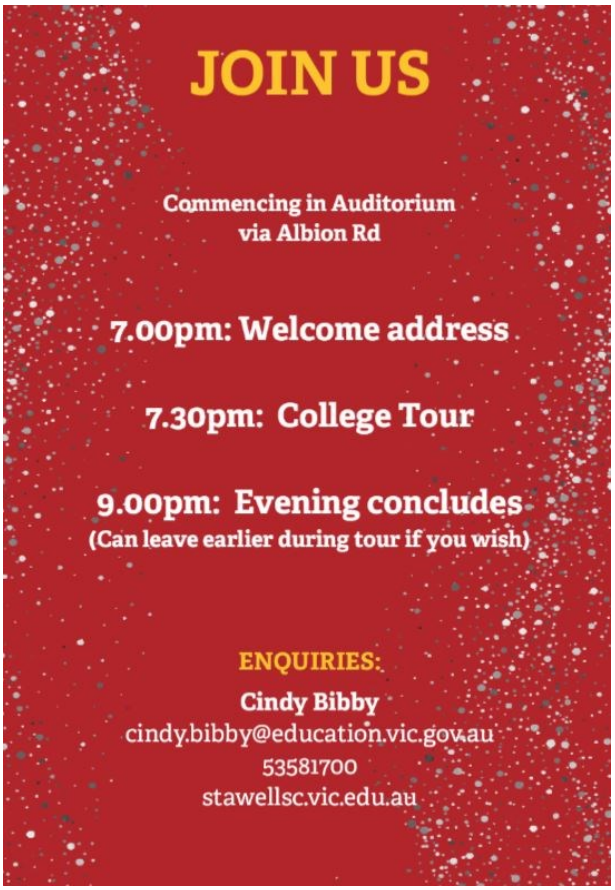
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

No Smoking or Alcohol

This is a **SMOKE FREE** and **ALCOHOL FREE EVENT.** As this is a school event, neither smoking nor the consumption of alcohol is permitted. If you do need to smoke, please do so outside the sports ground.

ART NEWS

Last term the seniors looked at the work of David Bromley. They used a reverse painting technique where the original background becomes the foreground object. The shimmering silver paint adds to the magical effect.



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This week the students have been learning about the significance of ANZAC Day and why it is important to commemorate it each year.

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 WELCOME BACK TERM 2	21	22	23 MARC VAN	24
27 ATHLETIC SPORTS	28	29 LOTE	30	

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 SCHOOL COUNCIL	19	20	21 MARC VAN OPEN DAY BIGGEST MORNING	22
25	26	27 SSC DISCOVERY DAY YEARS 5 & 6 LOTE	28	29

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL ANZAC DAY CEREMONY– STUDENTS TO WEAR FULL UNIFORM.

SUNDAY 3RD MAY MAKERS MARKET-GREAT WESTERN HALL-HELPERS REQUIRED.

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE –REPORT WRITING DAY-*PUPIL FREE DAY*

MONDAY 8TH JUNE-KINGS BIRTHDAY-*PUBLIC HOLIDAY*