



Great Western Primary School

April 24th, 2025

Principal: Kerri-Ann Harris

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

Pupil Free Days



Monday 5th May

STAFF PD

Friday 6th June

Report Writing Day

Monday 9th June

Kings Birthday



ANZAC DAY

Friday 25th April. 8:50am

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

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

Students need to meet at 8:50am ready to assemble.

Students need to be in full neat school uniform.

Makers Market

We will be having a stall at the next Makers Market

Sunday May 4th. If you are able to help, please let Kerri-Ann know.

Mothers' Day Stall

On Friday May 9th 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 Thursday 8th May.

Education Week

Education Week commences on Monday May 12th. We will hold an *Open Day* on *Thursday May 15th*. 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!



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.

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.

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.

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).

APRIL BIRTHDAYS
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
We hope you have a great day

Lenny
&
Tom



School Sports – Friday 23rd May

This year's Cluster Sports will be hosted by Halls Gap PS at **North park, Stawell.**

- Students need to be at the ground by **8:40am** with the day concluding about 3:00pm.
- 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
- 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 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.

As the students will be practicing the varied events over the upcoming weeks, they may wear or bring their runners to school each day.

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.

If any parents are able to help with marshalling age groups around please contact Kerri-Ann as soon as possible.

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 Monday 12th May, or alternatively you can purchase online.

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2026



Enrolments are currently being taken for 2026 students.



Children turning 5 years of age by April 30th 2026 are eligible to enrol to attend school in 2026. Please contact the school to arrange a tour and to collect an enrolment pack for your child.

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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



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Enrolments for 2026 are now open:

- Small class sizes
- Individualised teaching
- Personal tours by arrangement
- Phone: 0408 389 319

Transition Days: 2025 Preps

Wednesday September 10th: 9.00-11.00
Wednesday October 22nd: 9.00-12.45
Wednesday November 26th: 9.00-1.30
State-wide Transition Day December 9th



Education Week:

- Open Morning – Thursday May 15th
- Classrooms open 9:00am – 11:00am



Cancer Council

Australia's
Biggest
Morning
Tea

Gold Coin Donation Please

Thursday May 15th
11:00am

Great Western Primary Schools
Staff, Students and Community
Extend an Invitation to attend
Great Western Primary School to
raise funds for 'The Biggest
Morning Tea'

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28/4	29/4	30/4	1	2
5 PUPIL FREE DAY TEACHER CURRICULUM DAY	6	7	8 MARC VAN	9
12 BOOK CLUB DUE BACK	13	14	15 BIGGEST MORNING TEA OPEN DAY	16 ART GALLERY GUM SAN VISIT LIVE PERFORMANCE
EDUCATION WEEK				
19 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING	20	21	22 MARC VAN	23 ATHLETIC SPORTS
26	27	28 LOTE	29	30 BACKUP SPORTS DAY

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5 MARC VAN	6 REPORT WRITING DAY PUPIL FREE
9 KINGS BRITHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10	11 LOTE	12	13
16	17	18	19 MARC VAN	20
23 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING	24	25 LOTE	26	27
30				