



# Great Western Primary School

February 27th, 2025

Principal: Kerri-Ann Harris

## Swimming Program

Our swimming program will commence TOMORROW 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  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MONDAY 24TH MARCH  
NEW MEMBERS NEEDED-PLEASE CONTACT  
KERRI-ANN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A  
MEMBER

## 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 ensure you go online to enrol your child. If you have misplaced your paper work please speak to Kerri-Ann.

## 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.

## First Aid/CPR

All staff will complete their First Aid and CPR updates in the next week. These courses and updates ensure all staff are fully qualified to provide safe and reliable first aid to the students when required.

## Leadership Day.

Students in Year 6 will be travelling to Horsham on Tuesday 4th March to participate in a Leadership day. These days build confident, capable student leaders.

## 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.



PUPIL FREE DAY  
Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY



## 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.

### School Council Elections

Great Western Primary School, School Council Election process will commence **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. A 'Notice of Election and Call for Nominations' is attached. The Parent category has 2 vacancies of two year tenure and 1 community member vacancy for a two year tenure. 1 DET member vacancies of two year tenure . Nominations will open **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2025**, and will close at 4:00pm on **Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup> 2025**. Nomination forms will be available from the school office. *Please consider becoming a school council member. Meetings take place twice a term (8 times a year), it is a great opportunity for you to share ideas and add to the future direction of the school.*

### 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 2 has been sent home with the students. 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.**

### 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.

## NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of GREAT WESTERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school from **Thursday 27th February** and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on **Thursday 6th March**

Parent members who have come to the end of their term: Sara Bowen-

Vacant Parent member: 2 year term.

Community members who have come to the end of their term: Bec Coates

DET member who has come to the end of term: Leisha Sharp

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027	2
Community member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027	1
DET member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027	1

Notice of election and call for nomination.	Thursday 27th February
Closing date for nominations	Thursday 6th March
Date by which the list of candidates will be displayed	Tuesday 11th March
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and Distributed <b>if required</b>	On or before Thursday 13th March
Close of ballot	Monday 17th March
Vote Count/Declaration of ballot	Monday 17th March
Tentative first Council meeting to appoint New members (the Principal will preside)	Monday 24th March
Tentative second Council meeting to elect office bearers (the Principal will preside).	Monday 24th March

# 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