Great Western Primary School

January 28th 2021

Principal: Kerri-Ann Harris

Dear Parents, Family and Friends,

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PREP STUDENTS
Lenny
Banjo
Jacob
Lane

We all hope you have a great time here at Great Western Primary School.

Reminder:

To aid in the transition to school prep students do not attend school each Wednesday for the first 5 weeks.

Newlsetter

The newsletter will be sent home every 2nd Thursday in your child's envelope, please read carefully as there is always something happening that you need to know about. All relevant information and permission forms will also be in these envelopes. Please ensure these envelopes are returned to school each Monday.

2021 Fees

Thankyou to all the families who have already paid their contributions. For those who still need to, these contributions can be paid via cash or B Pay. The fees are set at $230 per child. These fees cover your child's books/pencils and various class materials along with curriculum based excursions, the Kitchen Garden program and the swim program. Excursions outside the curriculum, and camps, will be charged separately.

MARC Van

Our first MARC Van session for the year will take place next Thursday, 4th February. Students will be able to borrow two books each.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders will take place each Thursday. Please ensure all orders are written on an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it along with the correct money enclosed. Students need to place it in the bags provided outside the staffroom by 9:00am. Please find attached an updated price list. We would like to thank the Great Western General Store for making the service available.

Fruit Snack

Just a reminder that students are able to 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 etc are much better for recess and lunchtime as they can make work sticky.

Swim Program

Our swim program will commence on Friday 5th February and will be conducted on Friday afternoons for the next five weeks. Students living in Stawell may be collected from the pool at 3:10pm if this suits parents.
The program is conducted by the Stawell Sports and Aquatic Centre staff and supported by our teachers. Students learn basic swim and survival 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 we sometimes venture into Stawell for lunch at the park.
Students are reminded to bring along

- **Bathers**
- **Towel**
- **Bag for wet clothes**
- **Full uniform with runners**

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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

a) 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

b) Be a temporary foster parent

c) 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.

Labour Day

Monday 8th March
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Enjoy your long weekend.

2021 ENROLMENTS NOT TOO LATE

If you, or know anyone you know would like to enrol their child for 2021 please contact the school on 03 5356 2235 or 0458 562 235 for a tour and information package.

TERM DATES 2021

TERM 1	28/01/21	–	01/04/21
TERM 2:	19/04/21	–	25/06/21
TERM 3:	12/07/21	–	17/09/21
TERM 4:	04/10/21	–	17/12/21

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.

FEBUARY BIRTHDAYS
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
RJ

We hope you have a great day
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Matilda and Jai who celebrated their birthdays in January.

Absences, Late Arrivals and Early Departures

A reminder, if your child is absent from school, arriving late or leaving early we ask that you please send a text message to the ***school mobile 0458 562 235*** 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

Just a reminder that our breakfast program will continue again this year. Breakfast will be available each Thursday morning from 8:25-8:45. Students can enjoy cereal, toast, baked beans, fruit, and are even sometimes lucky enough to have pancakes.

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February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 Prep Rest day	4 MARC Van	5 Swim Program
8	9	10 Prep Rest day	11 LOTE	12 Swim Program
15	16 School Council meeting	17 Prep Rest day	18 MARC Van	19 Swim Program
22	23	24 Prep Rest day	25 LOTE	26 Swim Program

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 Prep Rest day	4 MARC Van	5 Swim Program
8 Labour day PUBLIC HOLIDAY	9	10 Prep Students attend School	11 LOTE	12
15	16 School Council AGM	17	18 MARC Van	19
22	23	24	25	26

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