



# Great Western Primary School

July 31st, 2025

Principal: Kerri-Ann Harris

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Community,

## Pupil Free Day

Monday August 18th

### What a busy Term 2 it was here's just a glance!

Every term is a busy term at Great Western Primary School and Term 2 was no exception. We managed to participate in the following:

- ANZAC Day
- Cluster Sports Day
- Cluster Cross Country
- Mothers' Day Stall
- NAPLAN
- Winter Sports
- Biggest Morning Tea
- Open Day
- Ararat Excursion
- Report Writing Day.

I'm sure this term will be equally as busy.

- New Playground
- New MARC Van
- Student Conferences
- Book Week
- Royal Flying Doctors Visit
- Gymnastics
- School Photos

### Hot Lunches

Just a reminder students are welcome to bring along lunch that can be placed in the pie warmer.

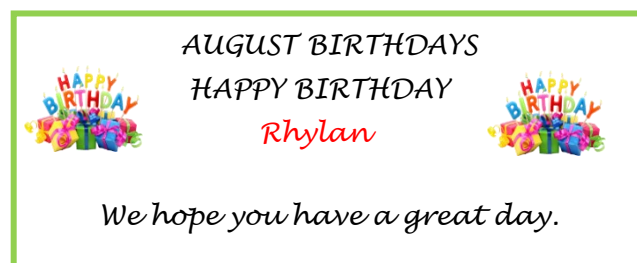
Lunch packs, casseroles, pasta and leftovers **must be in foil containers**, whilst pies, pasties, sausage rolls and toasted sandwiches must be wrapped in foil. Please ensure all lunches are clearly marked with your child's name. **Students may also purchase a pie or a sausage roll. \$3 each, (not available Thursdays).**

### Breakfast Program

Our Breakfast Program has begun. Students are welcome to cereal and fruit any morning throughout the week. Whereby toast, cereals, baked beans, spaghetti and the occasional pancakes are available from 8.30am - 8.45am each Thursday morning.

### 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.



### Anglesea Camp

#### Wednesday Nov 5th– Friday 7th

In Term 4 we will travel to Anglesea for our whole school camp. We will stay at the Anglesea Caravan Park and participate in surfing, bodyboarding, standup board and beach activities.

The camp has fantastic activities for all students. Leisha, Marilyn, Karin and myself will be attending the camp. This camp is partially funded by our Mental health program. Families may use their **School Savings Bonus** and CSEF funding for their cost. All forms need to be returned to school immediately to ensure bookings can be finalized. A \$50.00 deposit must be made as soon as possible.

**Please text Kerri-Ann if you would like to use your School Start bonus credit for camp costs.**



## School Photos

School photos will take place

THURSDAY 11th September

All students need to wear full school uniform.

- Long black pants
- Black/Emerald Polo shirt
- School rugby jumper or black polar fleece
- Black shoes/black runners
- No jewellery
- Hair accessories in school colours are acceptable.



**Envelopes will be sent home shortly**

## Father's Day Stall

**Thursday 4th September**

The school will be organising a Fathers' Day Stall. Each gift will cost \$2.00 - \$6.00. Please ensure your child brings along their money if they wish to participate.

Please contact the school if your child will not be purchasing a gift.

## August Census

As a school we are required to complete a census at the start of August each year. The August census sets our commencement funding for the following year. For this reason, it is vital for us to have reasonably accurate student numbers. If you have a student starting school in 2026 it is immensely helpful to have enrolments completed. If your child will not be with us next year it is also important information for the census. If you know of anyone intending on enrolling at our school for the 2026 school year, please ask them to confirm their intentions by contacting the school and completing the enrolment forms as soon as possible.



## Congratulations Finlay

On Monday night Finlay was awarded the Grey Wolf award. This award is the highest achievement in Cub Scouts.

Well done Finlay your hard work and dedication has been recognized.



## Book Week-

Book Week will take place this term.

This year's theme is *"Book an Adventure"*.

Encouraging children to explore the world of books and embark on an imaginative journey. A date will be confirmed regarding Cluster Day dress up day.



## Adventure Day

Halls Gap Primary School students will be visiting our school on Thursday 14th August. The students will all come together to enjoy a day of both educational and fun activities. Along with the activities we will be conducting a sausage sizzle.

We look forward to having Halls Gap here.

## Playground

Our new playground has come together very nicely. The students cannot wait to try it out on **MONDAY**. Until then no-one is to enter the fenced off area as it is still under construction and unsafe. We would like to thank the guys from Assemble play for their great work.



# 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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)



# STAWELL SHOW SCARECROW COMPETITION

The Stawell Show is running a Scarecrow Competition

Entries can be individuals, groups or school groups (you can enter into both individual and group categories but you must have 2 separate scarecrows)

We can supply you with a prebuilt frame or you can design your own. Construction must be sturdy and be self supporting

Scarecrows must be delivered to the Stawell Show Grounds at 79 Patrick Street between 9am to 4pm on Thursday 23rd October. Scarecrows can be collected after 4pm on Saturday 25th October or on Sunday 26th October

Scarecrows will be judged on Show day by members of the Stawell Community Garden, time of judging to be confirmed. Prizes given to third place.



PLEASE FILL OUT ENTRY FORM PRIOR TO DROPPING YOUR SCARECROW OFF TO HELP US WITH PLANNING.



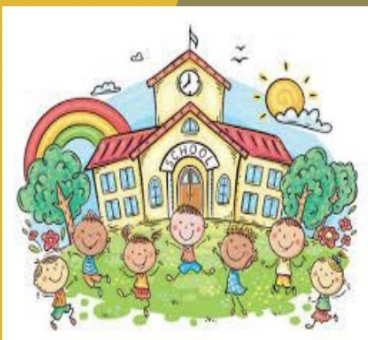
Contact Emma on 0488 185 150 or [stawellshow@hotmail.com](mailto:stawellshow@hotmail.com) for more details

## 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.  
03 5356 2235

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# August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 CENSUS DAY
4	5	6 LOTE	7	8 BOOK CLUB DUE
11	12	13	14 MARC VAN	15
18 CURRICULUM DAY PUPIL FREE DAY	19	20 SCHOOL COUNCIL	21	22 GYMNASTICS SESSION
25	26	27	28 MARC VAN	29 GYMNASTICS SESSION

# September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 ROYAL FLYING DOCTORS VISIT	2	3 LOTE	4	5 GYMNASTICS SESSION
8	9	10 LOTE	11 MARC VAN SCHOOL PHOTOS	12 GYMNASTICS SESSION
15	16	17 SCHOOL COUNCIL	18	19 FINAL DAY TERM 3 2:30 DISMISSAL
22	23	24	25	26

HOLIDAYS