Dear Parents

This week we are again visiting our school values as determined through our school review. These values were selected through consultation and discussion with parents, students, staff and school reviewer. Following our assembly on Monday morning we discussed each value, reminded ourselves the key words contained within each value statement and then began to collate examples within our school that were a clear demonstration of that value in action.

**Honesty**
- Being true to yourself, family, friends and teachers

**Persistence**
- Being confident, resilient and optimistic when striving to meet challenges

**Humour**
- To enjoy and celebrate with others

**Initiative**
- To contribute ideas, be flexible and demonstrate leadership

**Commitment**
- Being dedicated to do your very best

**Teamwork**
- Working with and sharing with others to enhance learning for everyone

**Respect**
- Treating self, others and your environment with care and respect.

Five examples of our school values in action –

**Honesty**: Georgia and Zali playing football. They don't often play and they were having a good try. By Nathan

**Honesty**: Sam showed honesty and admitted he got a fright when Mrs H used his whole name (Samuel). By Bethany

**Commitment**: Izzy committed to changing her thinking and mastering her times tables. Mrs Hilbig

**Persistence**: Dylan taking on something new and playing football. By Angus

**Honesty**: Charlie admitted he didn't mark the ball when everyone thought he did. By Haylee

Castles, castles, castles. Yesterday students were busy completing various applications and design briefs for their castle. Students had to meet and plan, present to town planners, obtain permits and then safely construct their buildings. Castles were required to meet specific building guidelines and to include a number of special elements. All groups received the stamp of approval to build following identifying a suitable building site. If you haven’t had a chance to view the various castles please visit the classrooms and ask students to show you their constructions.

Last Thursday we enjoyed our final visit for this term from the Pomonal/Halls Gap Playgroup. Beginning to build relationships with prospective students is an important part of our transition role. It is great to see our students take on roles of leadership during these visits. This week we also enjoyed a visit to our community from the Newcombe Secondary School Band.
A very big thankyou to those who gave generously of their time and came along and helped at the working bee yesterday. We have been very keen to clean out some of the spaces but have been waiting for the building works to end. It was a dirty job which required lots of moving and sorting of old bits and pieces. Our next plan is to work towards ensuring we have grass cover across both oval and play spaces before the summer sets in. It was a dirty job which required lots of moving and sorting of old bits and pieces. Our next plan is to work towards ensuring we have grass cover across both oval and play spaces before the summer sets in.

Have a wonderful week

Judy Hilbig

TEACHER STRIKE ACTION

Please note on Wednesday 5th September the Australian Education Union has asked all members to stop work for the day. As the Junior Class teacher for this day will be stopping there will be no classes for these students. School for the Senior Class will run as normal. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but teachers of this union believe they are protesting for reasons that are important to staff, students and schools.

ALLERGIES – PLEASE AVOID SENDING NUTS TO SCHOOL

Just a reminder – we do have a child at school with a serious allergy to nuts (anaphylaxis). We do ask that you do not send any foods to school that contain nuts.

STAWELL INTERCHURCH NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Stawell Interchurch Netball Association is holding a Junior Netball Coaching Clinic with Geva Mentor and Micaela Wilson from the Melbourne Vixens.

To be held: Sunday 9th September 11.00am to 1.00pm
Cost: $10.00 Participant
Registration Forms can be picked up and dropped back with registration money at Stawell Sportpower.
Clinic open to all Under 11 and Under 15 Stawell and District netball players including those that have recently been involved in the Net-Set-Go Program.

Any questions please contact Kelly Cosson (President SINA on 0400 584890).

STAWELL STINGRAYS – SWIMMING CLUB

GRAMPIANS WILDLIFE ARTS FESTIVAL 2012

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PAVEMENT ART DAY

Do you love drawing and do you love animals and flowers?
Come and join “Chalk Circle” artists Bev and Diana Isaac for a day of pastels, pavement and pretty pictures celebrating the beautiful things living with us in our world.
It's family fun for kids (of all sizes and ages) and all the materials are supplied for a gold coin donation.

LET'S FILL THE GAP WITH COLOURS
UNDER THE SAILS IN HALLS GAP
SUNDAY, SEPT. 2nd 10am - 2pm

CALENDAR

Monday 11th September - Friday 15th September
Somers Camp - Years 3/4
Sawtell Stingrays Swimming Club

Wednesday 13th September - Rural Schools Transition Day 2 Stawell Secondary School – for students attending in 2013
Thursday 14th September - Rural Schools Transition Day 3 Stawell Secondary School – for students attending 2013
Monday 17th September - School Council
Tuesday 18th September - School Photos
Thursday 20th September - MARC
Friday 21st September - Last Day Term 3, school dismissal 2.30pm
Tuesday 9th – Thursday 17th October - Somers Camp (6 students registered)
Thursday 11th – Friday 12th October - Out There Camp years 3&4
Friday 26th October - Community Breakfast 8.00am
Friday 26th October - Northern Grampians Headlice checks
Monday 5th – Friday 9th November - Canberra Camp years 5/6 students
Thursday 15th – Friday 16th November - Out There Camp years 5&6

DISCO
Friday the 14th of Sept
6:30 - 8:00pm
PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE ONLY
(Prep—Grade six)
Where: Stawell Community Health Building
-Patrick St Stawell.
Enter: Stawell Library end of building.
Entry =$5.00 pp

Glow sticks, drinks and snacks available to purchase.
*Children will be fully supervised and no pass outs will be available.
Stawell Stingrays Swimming Club