Dear Families,

Welcome back, Frau Stoffel! ☺

We’d also like to welcome the newest member of our school community …… Rex! He is our new lizard: a bearded dragon (who, it seems, gets a little camera shy.) Everyone is more than welcome to come in and say hi to him. Also – he likes to eat grated carrot and green beans (these are very good for him) so if you have any extras growing in your garden we would be very pleased to take them off your hands. He doesn’t eat a lot at the moment as he is only small.

After a year of not running their program, Woolworth’s have very kindly reinstated their Earn and Learn rewards scheme. We have chosen some fantastic resources from this in the past and look forward to making the most of the opportunity again. Please collect your stickers and either bring them in to the school or put them in our box at the Stawell Woolworths.

A reminder that we are all going tree planting in Stawell tomorrow. Please ensure your child has old clothing and shoes to wear while tree planting (I imagine it will get quite muddy) and perhaps a change of clothes to put on when we return to school. School uniform is not required tomorrow. LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE GOING AHEAD AS USUAL!

Ja-San Trimble
Principal

PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL ROAD IS DESIGNATED A 40KPH LIMIT AT ALL TIMES.
Want to find out more about what your child is learning at school in each subject at each year level?

Need practical tips about what you can do at home to help support your child’s education?

SchoolMate is an App for parents of school-aged children in Victoria, Australia.

Produced by Victoria’s Department of Education and Training, SchoolMate will provide parents with a roadmap to help aid their child’s learning at home and at school.

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2015 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey of 15 per cent of the school community. We use the information to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement. Your survey will be coming home with your eldest child this week.

The survey is designed to take no more than 20 minutes to complete and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. Your comments in the final, open-ended question will be scanned and provided back to the school.

I ask you to take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. For example, feedback from parents helped to change the way we communicate to families.

When completed please seal your survey in the envelope provided and write your child’s name and year level on the back of the envelope. Your child’s name will only be used to record you have returned the survey. The sealed envelope will not be opened by the school but will be sent to an independent organisation for collation and reporting. The results will be shared with parents via the School Council later in the year.

Please return your completed survey to school by Friday, 31st July 2015.

Thank you for taking the time to participate, your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries about the survey.

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MORE DATES – TERM 3

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For the month of July:
Addi Hutchins 24th July
The Northern Grampians Shire Youth Action Council proudly presents...

**The Winter Cinema Series**

**AUGUST**
**FRIDAY 21st**
**Stawell Leisure Complex**

**PENGUINS OF MADAGASCAR**
(80 mins)

The Penguins of Madagascar are back in their very own feature film! Filling the enterprising Penguins from DreamWorks Animation’s Madagascar franchise, this comedy adventure stars Skipper, Private, Kowalski, and Rico in their very own spy thriller.

Entry to all movies is FREE!
All movies begin at 7:30pm
Please bring something comfy to sit on (e.g. beanbag)
Popcorn, fairy floss, and soft drink available for a gold coin donation
All events are strictly drug, alcohol, and smoke free

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**CHANGES TO HALLS GAP TRANSFER STATION OPENING HOURS**

Halls Gap Transfer Station opening hours are set to change from 1 August 2015, following a review of the service which showed a significant drop in patronage.

The opening hours from 1 August 2015 are as follows:

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For further information on Council’s transfer station services contact Customer Service on 03 5356 8700 or refer to our website [www.ngshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.ngshire.vic.gov.au).

**JUSTINE LINLEY**
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**Jr. Singing and Drama Group**

For ages 7 - 17 years

**ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**

Wednesday 4 – 5pm
Stawell Secondary College

The SPACi Young Ones is a program of singing and drama activities for 7 to 17 year olds, which aims to build skills and confidence in the performing arts.

The program runs on Wednesday afternoons from 4—5 pm at the Stawell Secondary College Hall, moving to the Town Hall stage for the final rehearsal run in term 2 which includes some Sunday afternoons.

All Young Ones are members of Stawell Performing Arts Company ($10 annual membership) and pay a term fee equal to $5 per session invoiced in the 3rd week of each term.

The program provides skill building activities in terms 3 and 4 which lead into rehearsals in terms 1 and 2 for the on stage production in the last week of term 2.

**ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR TERM 3 2015**

on the trybooking website — [http://www.trybooking.com/119509](http://www.trybooking.com/119509)

The Young Ones are also involved in performance opportunities in terms 3 and 4 when they arise.

For more information please call Dianne on 0427850278