

Stanhope Primary School

Stanhope Primary School is committed to creating and maintaining a positive and safe learning environment, where our children are protected from abuse and where we maximise individual academic and social growth through explicit teaching and taking responsibility for all our learning.

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Inspiring Lifelong Learning



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THINGS TO DO

Monday 4th February

- ◆ Fill in & return all forms to the office:
 - ☑ CSEF Form (attached)
 - ☑ Any Asthma Plans/medication
 - ☑ Pay school fees or make payment plan arrangements with Mica
 - ☑ School hats available at office for \$5 each (*no hat—no play!*)
 - ☑ Are all my child's classroom items and clothing labelled
 - ☑ Is my child bringing a labelled water bottle.

REMINDER

- ◆ *Most permissions forms and other paperwork will be sent home attached to the weekly newsletter on a Thursday, so please check your child's bag. Due dates back are usually marked and these need to be returned in a timely manner. Please ensure that permission notes with money can be put in the white secure posting box inside the office door.*
- ◆ *As Mica is only in the office 2 days a week, we will be unable to chase up due forms & your child may not attend events or activities that require permission.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 1st February

- ◆ School Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 4th February

- ◆ Return OWLE Permissions

Friday 8th February

- ◆ Grade 5 & 6 students will be participating in the Open Water Learning Experience, run by Life Saving Victoria, in Shepparton. This program will include important practical and engaging activities to promote safety around water. *Permission Form attached*

Tuesday 12th February

- ◆ Shire of Campaspe Pre-School Playgroup commences 9-11am in the assembly room. Ring Tracey Woods for bookings or inquiries on

**Drop off for start of school
8.45-9.00am
Pick up from school
No later than 3.15pm**

From the Principal

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

To all our students and their families

Welcome Preps and New Students!

A very warm welcome to our new prep students Ayvee, Gypsy, Hudson, Jarred, Lilly, Kialla, Liam, Mia, MeilA and Vince. And a very warm welcome to our new Grade 3-6 classroom students, Leo and Jack.

Arrival Times & Absences

We know that students will arrive to school at differing times according to whether they are bus travellers, walking or being delivered by car. However, **it is absolutely critical that all students are here by 9.00am** so that they receive the information and instructions for the day ahead. Please make sure students and families are organised and prepared for a 9.00am start each day.

It is also important to notify the school either before or on the day of your child's absence. Rolls are marked in the morning and afternoon and it is necessary for the school to know who is here and who is absent as early as possible. Absences can be notified via the school phone (leave a message if no answer), school mobile text or school email or dated and signed explanatory note.

Assembly Times

Due to timetabling issues, we will now be holding our whole school assemblies, fortnightly. At this stage times remain the same, that is, 3.00pm Fridays. Our first assembly will be held THIS FRIDAY 1st February.

BYOD

Students in grades 4 & 5 are receiving invitations to participate in our school's BYOD program. This will allow a more personalised delivery of the curriculum using up to date devices. The school's devices are still functional, but will eventually be phased out as they become older and unrepairable and un-updateable. Other families interested in BYOD for their children not in grades 4 or 5, should speak to their child's teacher before purchasing a device.



Christine Owen

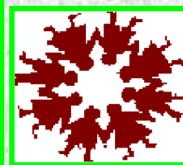
At Stanhope Primary School we have an 'open door' policy for our families to find answers to questions, share concerns or information we might need about your child/ren.

FROM THE

Business Manager



Mica will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am happy to discuss payment options for fees or camps with you.



**STANHOPE
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NEWSLETTER**

is published each Thursday and will generally have any permission forms and information sheets attached.

Families can also request to have this sent via email.

Finally, a reminder to keep an eye on our Facebook & Twitter page, for updates and interesting events.

Twitter: [@StanhopePSVIC](https://twitter.com/StanhopePSVIC)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stanhopeps/>

Water Safety Program

This program will begin on Monday 18th February and run for two weeks. Students will walk down to the local Stanhope Pool in groups with their teachers. This program is part of the Health & PE curriculum and thus involves all students.

- ◆ ***All students need to be independent and able to dress, undress and dry themselves without assistance. There will be no adults allowed into the changing room when other students are in there.***
- ◆ It will be necessary to bring a plastic or waterproof bag to hold wet towels and bathers to take home, each day for the two weeks.
- ◆ Families who do not hold a family pool pass will need their children to pay \$3.90 per entry to the pool.
- ◆ Prep students are welcome to attend on the Wednesdays, but must be in the care of the parent or caregiver.

Safer Internet Day 2019

Next Tuesday, students in grades 3-6, will be once again participating in Safer Internet Day via a Virtual Classroom, 'Your Digital Super Powers'. Families are invited to be part of this session which begins at 9.30am and will run for approximately 40-45 minutes.



uEducateUs

We are aiming to provide families with access to this system, hopefully by the end of first term at least in some capacity. This means families ultimately, will be able to notify the school of absences, approve permission forms and make excursion payments via this online system. Families will be able to receive student reports and access their child's 'gallery' where specific

samples of work are stored. The school will also be able to notify families of student absences, send student reports and other communications. All families will receive an invitation to access uEducateUs as we get this aspect set up and ready.

2019 School Review

This year is our Review year and families will be asked to be involved at various times to provide feedback on specific aspects on the progress of our school over the last four years.

Vic SchoolWidePositiveBehaviourSupport

This year we will be continuing with our VicSWPBS as a key part of our whole school program. This is aimed at improving consistency of approach across the school in order that students, teachers and families are clear about the behaviour expectations at our school. Our teachers and myself spent some of Tuesday, preparing and establishing some of the basic framework and setting of expected behaviours which related to our four school values of **Respect, Learning, Success and Citizenship**. At various times throughout the year, families will be asked to contribute and participate in surveys, activities and events to support this support program.



Forms, Forms and More Forms!

Next week, going out with the newsletters, will be an envelope with a number of forms which all require reading, signing and returning, as soon as possible. Please attend to these promptly so that our system processes can be completed.



SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

- ◆ Is a great way to buy cheap, good quality books. The school earns bonus points as well to get free resources.
- ◆ No money is exchanged at school. Families need to register for LOOP to order books and pay on-line.
- ◆ Books are delivered to the school.
- ◆ If you have any questions, please see Sharon.

BEFORE SCHOOL READING

- ◆ This occurs in each classroom from 8.45-9.00am.
- ◆ It is **expected** that each student will read when they arrive at school.
- ◆ Parents are welcome in the classrooms each morning to read with their own child and other children as well. *Please keep parent-to-parent chat to a minimum in the classrooms.*

PREP, ONE TWO with Mrs Sheedy

- ◆ In Prep, One, Two, students will read their reader to an adult, a peer or themselves, then change their reader out of their book-box ready to take home. After this, students are able to have a quiet play in the classroom until the bell goes. Each Friday before 9.00am students will be changing their readers in their book-boxes.
- ◆ I am trialling a new system of what books students have in their book-boxes, so your child may bring home a reader that is easy or hard (one level above). If it is hard, please read it with your child. For example, you could read a page and your child repeats it, or you could read a page and your child reads the next page . . . Enjoy the book together.
- ◆ Remember that beginning or struggling readers (students) need to point to each word whilst reading.
- ◆ Any questions, please ask.

Café Lunch Orders

This year we will be having Café Lunch Orders on the ***THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH***. This will hopefully avoid most of the term breaks, public holidays & pupil-free days!

(Please mark the dates in your diary for the rest of the year.)

13th February

20th March

24th April

15th May

19th June

17th July

21st August

18th September

16th October

20th November

18th December

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Weekly Awards

MISS OF AUSTRALIA 2019



Lilyanna Cardamone

Junior Finalist - Victoria

SUCCESS:

Lilyanna is a National Finalist for Miss of Australia.

The National Final is in October.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN WRITING OR ELECTRONICALLY BY 9AM WEDNESDAY TO GUARANTEE A SPOT IN



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Stanhope Café Takeaway

LUNCH ORDERS 2019

ITEM	PRICE
Salad Tubs – Small Ham, cheese, tomato, lettuce, beetroot, carrot, avocado, cucumber	\$4.00
Salad Tubs – Large	\$5.00
Sandwiches & Wraps Fillings: Ham, salami or chicken Lettuce, cheese, vegemite, tomato, beetroot, onion, cucumber, avocado, pineapple.	
Fruit Tubs – Small Strawberry, watermelon, grapes, apple, banana, mixed berries, canteloupe	\$4.00
Fruit Tubs – Large	\$5.00
Pies	\$4.00
Flavoured Pies	\$4.50
Sausage Rolls	\$3.50
Mini Dim Sims (each)	.70c
Mini Spring Rolls	\$1.00
Fish Bites	\$1.50
Pineapple Pizza	\$3.00
Half Bag of Chips	\$2.00
Full Bag of Chips	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets (each)	.80c
Pop Top Juices: apple/orange/apple& blackcurrant	\$2.50
Mr D	\$3.00
Nippy Long Life Milk: chocolate/strawberry/honeycomb	\$3.50

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date / /

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – 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
- on the first day of Term two;
 - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of 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; and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2017 closes on 30 June, 2017.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.