

Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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Week 10 Term 1

29th March 2011

Date	Next fortnight's activities
30th March	3 Way Conference K/1P
31st March	3 Way Conference KH
1st April	3 Way Conference 1/2S
5th April	Playgroup SMIS 9.30-11.00am Morning at Stanford and BBQ lunch
7th April	Bike Fun Day and Easter Raffle draw
8th April	Last day of Term 1
28th April	Students return for Term 2

Baker, Baker

KH Jackson Ferry
K/1P Imogen Atkinson
1/2S Emma Caulson

No peanut products are to be used

Dear Families and Friends of Stanford Merthyr

Last weekend was a wonderful example of school and community partnership! We saw our boys' dance group performing with pride to a very large audience at the Nostalgia Festival. Thank you to the parents who brought their sons to the festival. The boys are also a great attribute to the talents of Mr Ping. Back at school we had a continuous stream of parents who worked on the barbeque & cake stall. As well as a social get together, the P&C raised a considerable amount of money for our students. Thank you to all who organised, donated, and gave delicious cakes and slices to the stall and manned the BBQ.

Hunter
watching her
big brother,
Marty.



It was a tremendous success and again reinforced to me how lucky I am to be associated with such a brilliant community school.

By now all parents should have received a time for their 3 way conference with their child and the child's teacher. As you can imagine the 10 minute conference time is only enough time for the student to lead the discussion about their learning. It is also a time where teachers and parents can work out how they can best support the students to achieve their goals. This is a valuable experience for your child to shine and demonstrate how they are taking on some responsibility for their own learning. If you require a more in-depth appointment with your teacher please let Mrs Cant know and the class teacher will get back to you to organise a time to suit.

If there is any parents of families that can help us on our Monday afternoon special interest groups it would be greatly appreciated. The students are loving the opportunities they have been given from working with clay, wood, sewing and cooking.

These are intensive workshops and we were hoping to have any parents, grandparents, neighbours who are able to help us at 2.00pm on a Monday



Thinking of selling or leasing your property? Don't forget to contact Renee at Sylvester Real Estate in Kurri Kurri. For every house Renee sells she will donate money to our school.

afternoon. Please see your child's teacher if you can help or know anyone who maybe able to help. You may have an interest or a hobby that you think students would enjoy learning about. We would love to hear from you to further enrich the program.

Yesterday I was lucky enough to accompany the students from the Hunter Valley who were going to have a stay at Stewart House. When the bus pulled up opposite Curl Curl beach and we got out, the children were then told about a surprise picnic on the beach. I wanted to stay!! The exciting excursions they have planned for the students is wonderful. I can't wait to hear a recount from Ashtyn.

Morning at SMIS

On **5th April** we will be having another Morning at Stanford Merthyr. If you can come for the morning and help out in the classroom please let us know. We will be having a BBQ lunch for all families that wish to stay. Please pre order your sausage sandwich on the enclosed order form. Drinks can be purchased from the canteen on the day.

Thought of the week

'Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today'

Have a wonderful week !
Kathryn Duncan
Principal



We sold \$91.00 worth of raffle tickets and sold around \$500.00 worth of food. We would also like to thank Marty Williams for all of his help on the day, especially directing people to the polling booth.

Entertainment Book

The 2011 entertainment book will be arriving on Wednesday afternoon. If anyone is interested in purchasing one, please see Julie Moyle or Wendy in the office.

Payment can be made by EFTPOS or please have the correct money in an envelope.

Raffle Tickets

Our Easter raffle tickets have been given out to all students and they will be drawn on 7th April at the Easter/Bike Fun Day.

Mother's Day Stall

Our Mother's Day Stall will be held on **Friday 6th May**. Children can purchase gifts for \$5.00 on the day by ***PRE-ORDERING*** their purchase by completing the attached permission note and returning it with monies to the office. There is no limit on how many gifts children can purchase, however, they **MUST** be pre-ordered to avoid disappointment on the day.

Our next P & C meeting will be held on 13th May 2011.

P & C Committee

P & C News

Thank you to everyone that helped out with either time, donations of slices, or both, on election Day.



THIS EVENT IS FREE!

TUESDAY 12TH APRIL 2011

EASTER CRAFTY FUN



This will be a fun morning of craft activities as well as a special surprise before we finish!



With lots of
Easter craft
Moonsand
Easter eggs
Fun drawing
Collage
Easter Hats

If you are aged up to 12 years old, have a disability and you'd like to bring your mum, dad, brothers and sisters for a morning filled with heaps of fun, then phone us on 4935 0400 to book your places now.

Bookings will be limited to the first 30 people.

So, don't miss out, book your place now!
Remember it's FREE!

Location: Maitland Real Life Church Hall
Cinema Complex, Ken Tubman Drive, Maitland.

Tea, coffee and morning tea will be supplied.

TIME: 9.30 - 12N

Proudly supported by Northcott Disability Services, Cerebral Palsy Alliance
(formerly known as the Spastic Centre NSW) and Educare Support Service (HNE Health)

**Morning at Stanford Merthyr
Tuesday 5th April 2011**

☐ I will attending the morning at SMIS on 5th April.

No of people attending to help in the classroom

I would like to order sausage sandwiches @ \$2.00 each

Amount enclosed \$.....

Drinks will be available to purchase on the day.

Child's Name _____ Class _____

MOTHER'S DAY STALL



I request for my child/children.....of
class.....

to purchase.....items at a cost of \$5.00 each.

Total enclosed \$.....

Parent/Guardian signature.....

Gardens

EDUCATIONAL NEWSLETTER

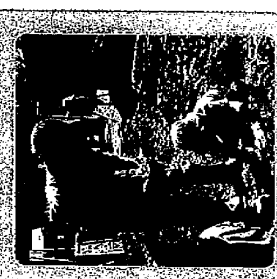
AUTUMN 2011



Gardening for kids

Bees are now in season and it's a great way to get the kids involved in the garden. Bees are very important to the garden and their very own bees have been released.

If you need to be sure you have a good idea of where the bees are, you can also release some bees around the garden. This is a fun garden project for kids, but you can also modify it to suit your needs, such as making a garden full of miniature forests!



DINOSAURS ARE COMING


DINOSAUR PETTING ZOO

11-21 APRIL - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Come see, touch & feed the dinosaurs with Ernie's Dinosaur Petting Zoo these April school holidays! Experience a unique and interactive show, which takes kids and adults on a journey through prehistoric Australia.

The Dinosaur Petting Zoo will not be appearing on Monday 19 April.

See our website for the full program.



EASTER WEEKEND

GIANT EASTER EGG HUNT


22-26 APRIL - FAMILY FUN

Enjoy games, activities, entertainment and prizes over the Easter Weekend!

Easter Saturday & Sunday Only:

- Giant Easter Egg Hunt with a FREE Easter egg gift bag for the kids
- Easter Bunny, Barn - 12pm
- The Gingerbread Workshop - user pay

See our website for the full program including many more daily activities.



HOME MADE EEMONADE

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 1 litre of water
- 1 litre of lemon juice
- 1 litre of sugar
- 1 litre of lemon juice
- 1 litre of lemon juice

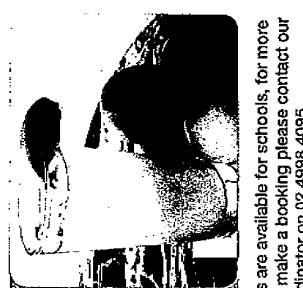
WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

- 1. Mix the water and sugar together in a large bowl.
- 2. Add the lemon juice and stir well.
- 3. Add the lemon juice and stir well.
- 4. Add the lemon juice and stir well.
- 5. Add the lemon juice and stir well.

FOLLOW US

Great group rates are available for schools, for more information or to make a booking please contact our Education Co-ordinator on 02 4998 4095.



Broke Road, Pokolbin ~ 02 4998 4095 ~ education@hvg.com.au ~ www.hvg.com.au

BORN TO BE BLUE

JOIN BORN TO BE BLUE AT THE GAME!

The best way to support the NSW Blues is to be at ANZ Stadium on June 15 when they take on Queensland.

THE BLUES NEED YOU THERE!

And what better way than to be in the Born to Be Blue designated area!

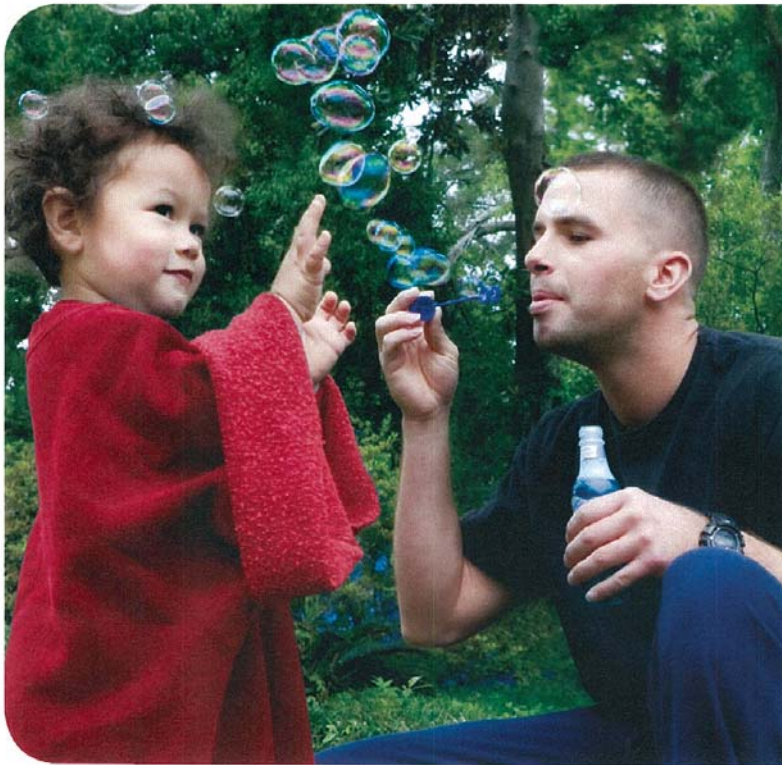
Tickets just \$60 for Adults and \$40 for Juniors

The ticket price includes:

- Public transport to and from the game
- Your seat at the game
- Your very own blue wig
- And your own t-shirt (to be collected at the game)

To find out more and purchase your ticket go to: www.ticketek.com.au/origin





Your link to support

Tel. 1300 006 480



NSW HEALTH



**Finding it difficult to cope,
but don't know where to turn?**

Call the Newcastle Family Referral Service.



- We can help you access useful services in your local area.
- We offer face to face meetings and telephone referrals.
- We refer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families to culturally sensitive services wherever possible.

We provide telephone and face to face services, and we can also arrange to meet you at your home or somewhere else convenient for you.

If you live in the Newcastle, Central Coast or Hunter regions, call us on 1300 006 480 to find out how we can help.

Newcastle Family Referral Service is operated by The Benevolent Society.

8:00am – 6:00pm Monday to Friday (except public holidays).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY !



There were no birthdays to celebrate this week, but to any family members we wish them many happy returns.

***STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;
At the assembly on Friday 25th March 2011
these children all received awards.***

1/2S	K/1P	KH
Samantha Falko Great work with 2D shapes	Liam Smith Magic effort in sorting 2D shapes	Lilly Hoad Improvement and effort in maths
Dylan Fox Excellent results in reading	Madison Todhunter Effort in reading	Cooper Fox Outstanding literacy results
Jay Osland Great application in all areas		Jade Roberts Enthusiasm in Drama
Aryan McLean Persistence	Aura Atkinson Getting Along	Jackson Ferry Resilience
<p align="center">READING AWARDS BRONZE</p> <p>Noah Sternbeck Kayla Akins Jackson Ferry Jordyn Atkinson Imogen Atkinson Angus Guy Aiden Blishen Cuneo Abby Stauffer Max Stauffer Murrinjii Griffiths</p>		

