

Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

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Week 8 Term 2

16th June 2011



Date	Next fortnight's activities
20th June	Maths at Stanford 12.30 pm
21st June	Kinder & Playgroup to Oakvale Farm Yr1 & Yr2 excursion to Newcastle
23rd June	K, 1, 2 Boys Dance Group to Morpeth Public School
24th June	K-2 Careers Excursion to Kurri Kurri PS
28th June	K,Yr1 & Yr2 Boys Dance to Hunter Valley Gardens
29th June	K,1,2 Boys Dance Group to KKHS, KKPS, WPS
30th June	Whole school to Pelaw Main PS for NAIDOC Celebrations

Baker, Baker
Due to short
notice there will
be no Baker, Baker
this Friday.

Dear Families and Friends of Stanford Merthyr

With all the wet weather I am pleased to see our students practising being responsible and respectful. We all have a job to do at school and students are making sure their job is to be safe and learn. Being indoors for lunch and recess can be a challenge but every opportunity is given to the students to exercise their legs and be outside.

Our lost property box is very full so if you are missing any clothing please check the box outside the canteen.

In the last 2 weeks of school we have some busy times ahead, with special days at our school, excursions and visits to other schools. I do apologise the amount of permission notes that are coming out, but it is unavoidable if we want to take advantage of some fantastic opportunities that have been made available.

Maths at Stanford

Last year, parent feedback indicated that parents would like to be invited into children's classroom to see how they operate. This term we have our Maths at Stanford on Monday the 20th June (12.30 pm until 1.30pm). Students will be showing

and working with parents and grandparents in maths activities. This is a great opportunity to be a part of your child's learning and see how you may be able to support them at home in maths. We would love parents to spend recess with their child and have them join in the last of our special interest groups for the term. Any support is valued and children love to have family members to show the great things they are doing at school. Please complete the **Maths at Stanford** note in the newsletter to let us know if you are coming so teachers are able to organise their maths session.

Kindergarten and Playgroup Excursion to Oakvale Farm Tuesday 21st June

Thank you to the parents who have already brought back their notes for this excursion. Prompt returning of notes are greatly appreciated as many things have to be coordinated through the school office and a late note or payment may mean some children may miss out.

All Year 1 & 2 Excursion to Newcastle Tuesday 21st of June.

This is a surprise excursion for us as the Boys'



Education
& Training

Dance group have been asked to dance in Newcastle for the NAIDOC Ceremony for Department of Education and Communities. A separate note will be given to all students in Year 1 and 2 .

Boys' Dance Group visit to Morpeth Primary School 23rd June (No cost)

All boys are invited to perform at Morpeth Primary School as part of their NAIDOC Celebrations. Kurri Kurri Bowling Club are kindly donating their mini buses to take students to and from the Morpeth PS, but we will still be short some spaces. Year 1 & 2 boys will have first priority if we have limited transport.

Any parents that can help with transport please let the office know. Due to new laws we are restricted by the fact that all children under the age of 7 must be secured in a booster seat when travelling in a car.

Careers Excursion to Kurri Kurri Primary School 24th June.

We have been invited to attend the Careers Day held at Kurri Kurri Primary School. Students will be taken by bus to and from Kurri Kurri Primary School and will have the opportunity to explore and learn about the many career opportunities and see many careers within our local community. A separate note will be given to all students.

Boys Dance Group 28th June (No cost)

Boys have been asked to kick start the day at Mercure -Hunter Valley Gardens for the RYDON Conference. A separate note will be given to all boys.

Boys Dance Group 29th June (No cost)

Kurri High School , Kurri Primary School and Weston PS will have the opportunity to watch the boys dance as part of our NAIDOC celebrations. A separate note will be given to all boys.

NAIDOC Ceremony at Pelaw Main Primary School on 30th June.

This year the school will celebrate NAIDOC Week with a special day on Thursday June 30th. All schools in the Kurri Kurri Learning Community will hold activities on the same day. Pelaw Main PS will

host the students from Mulbring Public School and Stanford Merthyr Infants School on the day. Pelaw Main P&C will open the canteen on the day to supply pre-ordered lunches. The canteen price list is enclosed in this newsletter and the order must be back at Stanford by 22nd June. No late orders can be taken. On the day, students will attend a number of activities including an artist workshop, the high school students playing Indigenous games with everyone and the Stanford Merthyr dance group will perform.

Semester Reports

Teachers are finishing their class reports for Semester 1. Every child will receive a report on their progress this year. Kindergarten receive a report based on the outcomes of Early Stage One, Year 1 and 2 students receive a report based on Stage 1 outcomes,

Each child is given an effort based on their performance in the class in that subject area. As students move through Early Stage 1

(Kindergarten), Mid Stage 1 (Year 1) and Late Stage 1 (Year 2), there can be no comparison on what they have received in past reports, as the report is a snapshot in time on what is happening in their class this year. I will be having a parent information session on our school reports and what parents can expect on Wednesday 22nd June at 2.00pm for Kindergarten and Thursday 23rd June at 2.00pm for Year 1 and 2 parents. Please complete the note below to let me know if you will be attending.

School Attendance

Thank you to the parents who are advising the school when their child is absent or late to school. Under the Department attendance policy a reason must be given when your child is not at school or late. We have to mark whether a child is sick (S) or on approved leave (L). If a child is representing the school they are marked as school business (B) and not marked absent. We cannot mark the absence unless we know why they were away or late. If we are not notified why a child is absent on a day it must be marked as A which is an unexplained absence. The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) checks school rolls each term and students who

have unexplained absences are recorded and often parents receive a follow up phone call.

Civic Theatre (My Grandma lived in Gooligulch and Bluehills Recreational Park, Minmi on 21st July.

All children will be travelling by bus to the Civic Theatre to see *My Grandma lived in Gooligulch*, then travelling to Bluehills Recreational Park at Minmi where they will have lunch and Aboriginal Discovery Rangers will deliver cultural activities. They will return to school at 3.00pm. The cost of this excursion is **\$26 per child**. (The P & C are paying for the children to participate at the recreation park)

Thought of the week

Anyone who says sunshine brings happiness has never danced in the rain!
Have a fantastic week and remember the awesome moments of each day!

Kathryn Duncan ☺

Principal

Book Club

Please have Book Club orders back at the school no later than Wednesday 29th June, 2011.

P & C News

We only have 3 entertainment books left. So far we have sold 17 and have made \$204.00 for our school. Thanks to everyone who has bought a book.

We are currently selling numbers for our 100 club. Numbers are \$2.00 each and there are two prizes. We have 2 prizes, -An Entertainment Book or \$50.00 voucher to the Belmore Hotel kindly donated by the Moyle Family. P & C ladies will be selling numbers before and after school.

Coming Fundraising Events

Thompsons Pie Drive

Order forms will go out on the 28th June, just before the school holidays and orders must be back to school by 22nd July. Delivery will be approx 1 week later.

Family Portraits

Family portraits will be happening on Saturday 30th August, but we need 30 interested families for us to go ahead.

Please let Tracey Osland know if you are interested.

Fruit Boxes

We are still ordering Fruit Boxes, so anybody interested please the office. We know the quality dropped off a bit at the end of last term but the company has assured us that the quality will be of a higher standard. Nadine Langman buys 2 every week and she says the quality is much better. Please remember \$5.00 from every box sold goes to our school.

Thank you for your continued support.

P & C Committee

Pelaw Main Public School is proud to host the NAIDOC day.

Our canteen will be open those wanting to order.

Please order and prepay for your hot food.

The menu is as follows:

Food	Price	Quantity
Hot Dog with tomato or bbq sauce (please specify)	\$2.00	
Large Chicken & Veg Pie	\$2.00	
Large Plain Pie	\$2.00	
Sausage Roll	\$1.50	
Party Pie	\$1.30	
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Single	\$1.50	
Supreme Pizza Single	\$1.50	

Sauce 130¢

Please finalise your numbers and payment to the school by 24th June.

Other items available to buy on the day:

DRINKS

Orange Passio Drink.....	\$1.20
Orange Mango Drink.....	\$1.20
UpNGo - Vanilla Ice.....	\$1.40
UpNGo -Choc Ice.....	\$1.40
Slushies Fruit Burst	
or Tropical.....	\$2.00
Water 600ml.....	\$1.00
Water 350ml.....	\$0.50

SNACKS

Red Rock Honey Soy Chicken Chips	\$1.00
Red Rock Sea Salt Chips.....	\$1.00
Large Choc Muffins.....	\$1.00
Finger Bun.....	\$1.00
Mini Muffins (asstd flavours).....	\$0.20
FROZEN TREATS	
Jelly Stix.....	\$0.20
Juice Tube.....	\$0.50
Calippo Lemon or Raspberry.....	\$0.90
Icy Twist.....	\$1.00
Ice Cream Tub.....	\$1.00
Paddle Pops.....	\$1.30

Cans of cordial \$150
(1/6 fundraiser)

Maths at Stanford

I will be attending the Maths at Stanford on Monday 20th June at 12.30—1.30pm.

Name.....

Child's Name.....

Class.....

School Reports

Please indicate which Parent information session you will be attending

Wednesday 22th June at 2.00pm for Kindergarten

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Thursday 23rd June at 2.00pm for Year 1 & Year 2

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Please indicate if you wish to attend these sessions.

Name.....

Child's Name.....

Class.....



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY !



Noah Sternbeck

K/1P

07/06/11

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;
At the assembly on Friday 10th June 2011
these children all received awards.

1/2S	K/1P	KH
Ashtyn Bean Great use of maths strategies	Noah Sternbeck Demonstrating high level of number skills	Jade Roberts Ordering numbers to 20
Jay Osland Great effort with power point presentation	Jackson Fitzgerald Improving his sight word knowledge by 51 words	Mia Brady Outstanding independent writing
Tiah Cornell-Taggart Focused application to learning	Kayla Akins Effort and persistence during assessments	Izabel Wynne Improved quality 5 work and behaviour
Samantha Falko Confidence	Shilah Gamble Getting Along	Halle Saunders Resilience
<p align="center">READING AWARDS</p> <p align="center">BRONZE</p> <p>Liam Smith Taynaya Conn Reegan Summerville Jayden Fisher</p> <p align="center">SILVER</p> <p>Jordyn Atkinson Callen Ingham Halle Saunders</p> <p align="center">GOLD</p> <p>Imogen Atkinson Graham Wood</p>		
<p align="center">PRINCIPAL'S AWARD</p> <p align="center">Cooper Fox Jai Langman Graham Wood</p>		



July Holiday Activities @ your library

No phone bookings, tickets on sale early June. Numbers strictly limited

Aboriginal Art Workshop - ages 5-12

Monday July 4	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$5.00
Monday July 4	Cessnock Library	12.00 – 1.00	\$5.00

Picture Book Making Workshop – ages 7 – 12

Monday July 11	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.30	\$7.00
Monday July 11	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.30	\$7.00

Art Workshop with Casscar Art Studio – ages 7-12

Wednesday July 13	Cessnock Library	10.00-12.00	\$8.00
Wednesday July 13	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	\$8.00

Pizza and Games – ages 9 +

Wednesday July 13	Cessnock Library	5.00 – 6.30	\$3.00
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Pizza and Air Guitar Competition – ages 11-16

Tuesday July 5	Kurri Kurri Library	5.00 – 6.30	\$3.00
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Baby Rhymetime - ages 0-2

Monday July 4 &	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.30	FREE
Monday July 11	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.30	
Wednesday July 6 &	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 10.30	FREE
Wednesday July 13	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 10.30	FREE

Bedtime Storytime - ages 2-8

Wednesday July 6	Cessnock Library	5.30 – 6.30	FREE
Tuesday July 12	Kurri Kurri Library	5.30 – 6.30	FREE

Winter Storytime – ages 2-8

Tuesday July 5	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Tuesday July 12	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

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