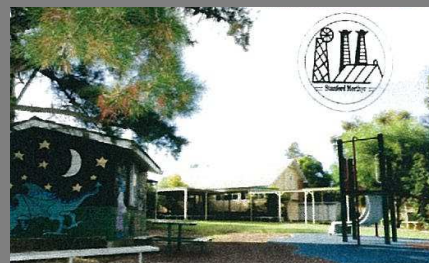


Newsletter to Parents

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Week 4 Term 2

17th May 2011



Date	Next fortnight's activities
20th May	Walk 2 School Safely
24th May	Playgroup SMIS 9.30-11.00am
7th June	Musica Viva Concert at Blackhill Public School \$10.00
10th June	P & C Meeting

Baker, Baker

KH Abby Stauffer
K/1P Reagan Summerville
1/2S Aryan McLean

No peanut products are to be used

Dear Families and Friends of Stanford Merthyr

Wow! What fantastic days we had at the bike day and small school's carnival.

I was very proud of the students' participation, behaviour and attitude at both events. Students were showing how they could be responsible and respectful by using the skills and values of our You Can Do It program. Not only did Mr Ping and Miss Webb organise brilliant weather, but very successful days as well. Thank you to all the parents who cheered us on at the carnival and even the brave athletic parents who wanted to compete. Your attitude about having fun and having a go is fantastic for our students to see. Thank you to the parents who were able to come along to our bike day and support the children's hands on learning about bike safety.

Last week we had our first P&C meeting for the term. It was very interesting to hear an update about the road closure that will effect our families. Thank you to the P&C for purchasing nearly \$600 worth of new home readers to top up our home reading resources. It was fantastic to have the resources available for our students but it is only because of the hard work of the parents and P&C. Thank you all for supporting us and making our school a real community school in partnership for students education.

We also had our first session of Magic Behaviour workshops. It was very well attended by both mums, dads and grandparents. Many issues were raised about concerns parents have with their children. A very common link came through the session and that was you are not alone! Everyone was supportive and could either help giving strategies they had used or declared they also were having the same issues. Tonight we are going to be looking at the program 1,2,3 Magic, as parents had heard positive results about this program. Please come along for a 7pm start and 8pm finish. It is a very supportive atmosphere and I have organised child minding for those parents who were unable to come because of no one to look after the children.

Tomorrow Mrs Sellens and myself are at a meeting with other school who are in National Partnership. We will be learning and contributing about effective programs and strategies to improve the outcomes of all students.

Thought of the week

Life is not waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.

Have a fantastic week and remember the awesome moments of each day!

Kathryn Duncan
Principal



Education
& Training



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.

Walk to School Safely

This Friday we will be starting the morning in a very exciting way. Students are encouraged to meet the teachers at the park on the corner of Maitland Street and John Renshaw Drive. If you can meet the teachers in the area of the seats at 8.45am to walk to school as a group. Parents are more than welcome to join in. Also to recognise the importance of walking to school safely we are wearing odd socks. The brighter the better.

Musica Viva

Our Musica Viva concert (Jacana) is happening again this year on Tuesday 7th June at Black Hill Public School. The children will travel by bus to and from Black Hill Public School, leaving at 11.00am and returning approx 1.00pm. The cost of the excursion is \$10.00 per student.

The permission note is attached and needs to be returned to the office with money by Friday 3rd June

P & C News

There will be a fundraising meeting held on Friday at 1.00pm. Everyone is welcome and we will be discussing the school fete.

P & C Committee



I would just like to say thank you to everyone for assisting with Bike Day last Thursday. It was a great success and all the children seemed to really benefit from the day. The students really demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of Road Safety, which was covered in library in Term 1. They showed off their Road Safety skills by wearing their helmets, checking the safety of their bikes, going on trail rides, performing difficult manoeuvres and abiding by the tricky road signs. Road Safety is a PDHPE unit that is part of the NSW curriculum. Other PDHPE units that are being covered this year in library include Drug Education, Child Protection, Oral Health and Water Safety. Specific time in library is allocated to the teaching and learning of these units so as they are covered in great detail. These topics are so important for students to learn, as it gives them essential knowledge to use in their day to day lives. The units are hands on and are made relevant to the children to help them gain a more holistic understanding of each area. The PDHPE units are designed to teach students the fundamental skills of how to be safe and know what is safe and unsafe. It teaches them to think for themselves and recognise different situations, equipping them with skills in knowing how to react. For example, in Child Protection in library at the moment, the students are learning to "No, Go and Tell" in situations where they feel unsafe. These units are essential in shaping students learning and assist in students developing as individuals. Thank you again to everyone for lending a hand.

Miss Webb.

Stanford Merthyr Community Action Group Want The Following

- * To Keep Stanford Road (Dump Road) OPEN!
- * If this cannot happen we want NO LESS THAN another permanent 2 way access to the North/North East especially in the case of fire or accident.
- * To have the roundabout to INCLUDE Pokolbin Street Pelaw Main.
- * To have another PERMANENT access Road toward Kurri Kurri and the roundabout complete BEFORE Stanford Road gets closed.

We urge you to please contact the Minister below to let him know your opinion!

Minister for Roads and Ports- The Honourable Duncan gay MLC

POST: Level 35 Governor Macquarie Tower

1 Farrer Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Att: The Honourable Duncan Gay MLC

Level 35

Governer Macquarie Tower

1 Farrer Place, SYNDEY NSW 2000

Date:

To The Honourable Duncan Gay MLC,

I am writing to you today with my concerns regarding the following points that I feel needs to be addressed as a person who either lives at or visits Stanford Merthyr.

1. To Keep Stanford Merthyr (Dump Road) open.
2. If this absolutely cannot happen I want NO LESS than another permanent 2 way access to the North/North East especially in the case of fire or accident.
3. To have the roundabout INCLUDE Pokolbin Street Pelaw Main.
4. To have another permanent access toward Kurri Kurri and the roundabout completed BEFORE Stanford Road gets closed.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your reply,

Signature

Print Name:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY !



Emma Caulson	1/2S	07/05/11
Abby Stauffer	KH	07/05/11
Imogen Atkinson	K/1P	12/05/11
Marty Williams	1/2S	13/05/11

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;
At the assembly on Friday 13th May 2011
these children all received awards.

1/2S	K/1P	KH			
Jack Ross Kindness to others	Noah Sternbeck Fantastic number skills	Hunter Williams Working hard to learn her numbers			
Marty Williams Outstanding application to reading	Anthony Johnson Effort in reading groups	Luke Dietrich Using sight words when reading			
Ashtyn Bean Being a special helper at Bike Day	Kayla Akins Following a pancake procedure	Lachlan Saxelby Effort and enthusiasm in art			
Daniel Sherlock Confidence	Rani Dowdell-Reddy Resilience	Mitchell Patterson Persistence			
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