

Newsletter to Parents

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Striving for Excellence

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Week 1 Term 3

19th July 2011



| Date | Next fortnight's activities |
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| 21st July | Civic Theatre & Bluegum Hills, Minmi |
| 19th July | Playgroup SMIS 9.30-11.00am |

Baker, Baker
There will be no
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this Friday.

Dear Families and Friends of Stanford Merthyr

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a well deserved break. I heard this morning it is the 200th day of the year!

Yesterday we had a productive staff development day. We worked with Pelaw Main staff in looking at consistent teacher judgement in assessing students. This supports and provides a consistent transition to Year 3 for our students. We also met Angela Pusz, who will be working with us on a Tuesday. She is a teacher/speech pathologist and her position has been made available with our National Partnership funding. We will be having a parent workshop on the importance of language development in children. This term she will be working with staff to identify the language and speech needs of our students and put in place programs to support the findings.

I would like to welcome Mrs Kylie Sealey, a trainee teacher who will be working at our school for 4 weeks.

Thank you to Miss Webb who has done a fantastic job organizing our excursion to The Civic Theatre and Bluehills Recreational Park, Minmi, this Thursday.

I am looking forward to working with you in partnership this term, in supporting your child's success.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Langman, Jai (KH) and Tamika on the birth of their son and brother, Koby.

No Assembly

There will be ***NO*** assembly this Friday afternoon.

REMINDERS

Civic Theatre /Bluehills Recreational Park, Minmi
Thursday 21st July 8.30am—3.00pm

Pie Drive

The closing date for orders is this Friday 22nd July.

Family Portraits

If you wish to book a time for our family portraits on Sunday 7th August, you need to do so now. Unless we get another 17 names the portraits will not go ahead.

Fruit & Veg Box

The Cancer Council Fruit & Veg boxes will commence again next Monday for orders. Delivery will be on the Wednesday morning.



Education
& Training

head lice

Head lice are small parasitic insects that live on the hair and scalp, and feed on the blood. Infestation is common among children — school children in particular. As head lice are unable to jump or fly, they rely upon physical head to head contact in order to spread. Contrary to popular belief, head lice do not target dirty hair; all hair is fair game. Lice are commonly referred to as nits. However, nits are the tiny, white eggs laid by the female lice and are not contagious. They attach firmly to the hair, near the root, and hatch in seven to ten days. It takes the baby lice (nymphs) a further seven to ten days to reach maturity, and adult lice can live for up to thirty days on the host with each female louse laying up to one hundred eggs in that time.

The Treatment Program

Check your child regularly for nits or lice, especially if he or she is school-age or attends a nursery or pre-school. Signs that your child may have head lice include itching and scratching (although not everyone will experience these symptoms). However, the best way to tell is to use a louse or nit comb regularly. Nits will appear on the comb as tiny white flecks, rather like dandruff. My treatment program focuses on topical application and does not involve internal treatment at all.

RECOMMENDED TREATMENT

Conventional, commercial head-lice lotions and shampoos use pesticides that are not only toxic, but can be ineffective — over the years head lice have become resistant to some of them. However, nature has provided a wonderful, highly effective alternative.

NEEM (*Azadirachta indica*) This fantastic insecticide repels both lice and nits. Unlike its chemical counterparts, neem is not only effective, but lice do not seem to become resistant to it. It has no side effects and is suitable for children of all ages (and adults). It disrupts the lice's growth, feeding and reproduction cycles. Comb it through the infected hair once a day, without washing, for seven days. Treat the whole family.

making your own head lice oil

To 30ml/2 tbsp olive oil, add:
¾ tsp tea tree essential oil
10 drops rosemary essential oil
10 drops lavender essential oil
10 drops juniper essential oil
¼ tsp neem (this is usually sold as a solid, so you will need to put it in a little hot water to liquefy)

effect by killing both the eggs and the lice.

Once you have finished combing, leave the mixture on the hair for two to three hours or even overnight, and then shampoo it out. Because eggs hatch every seven days, you should repeat the combing process every two or three days for four cycles of seven days to make sure you have eradicated all the hatched eggs. Wash the comb in hot, soapy water between sessions.

For very young children

For children under the age of two, use only the olive oil and no essential oils. The oil will still make it hard for the lice to move and eventually eradicate them.



*HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE
CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY !*



Tiah Cornell-Taggart

1/2S

30/06/11

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;
*At the assembly on Friday 1st July 2011
these children all received awards.*

READING AWARDS

SILVER

Jade Roberts
Samantha Falko
Olivia Falko

GOLD

Jordyn Atkinson
Makayla Patterson
Mitchell Patterson
Marty Williams
Hunter Williams

DOUBLE BRONZE

Imogen Atkinson

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Jackson Ferry

