

Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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Week 5 Term 4

6th Nov 2012

BAKER, BAKER

K/1H Quinn Cousins
K/1P Nicolas Albrew
1/2S Aura Atkinson

No peanut products are to be used

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 7/11 Tanya Conn
Fri 9/11 Julie Williams
Mon 12/11 Helpers Needed

FRUIT BREAK ROSTER

Parents are asked to cut up fruit & vegs for class platters

9/11 Mia Brady
Tyler Hartley
16/11 No Fruit Break-Sydney Excursion

Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"We never know the love of a parent until we become parents ourselves." Henry Beecher.

JOLLY PHONIC PROGRAM

All children are making great progress on knowing their single sounds and most are learning the blends and double vowel sounds called digraphs.

I have attached a hand out in this newsletter, so you can also learn the actions that are apart of this program. Often children remember the action representing sounds, before they remember the sound itself. Get your child to show you the actions and what they mean. Eg The action for "a" is flicking your lower arm to flick the ants off your arm. Children associate "a" with ants.

PEER TUTORING PROGRAM

Three times a week we run our peer tutoring program for the whole school. Last term our year 2 leaders had two or three students each and they helped their group learn their jolly phonic sounds and actions.

This week we are commencing the phonic sight word program during peer support time. The year 2 leaders will help their group sound out the words and learn to blend sounds together to

form words.

REMINDERS

Sydney Excursion	\$46 per student
Contribution Fees	\$35 per student per year
Special Interest Groups	\$12 per student per year
Due now please.	

K-2 HOME READING PROGRAM FOR 2013

As a result of the fundraising from the Skip-a-thon last week, new home readers will be purchased ready for 2013. I will be encouraging parents to come with your child before school, listen to your child read a few pages of their book and change their home reader every day. This will certainly help support the class guided reading program and will help your child with their reading.

ANY CONCERNS PLEASE COME AND SEE ME

If you have any concerns about anything to do with your child at this school, please know my door is always open and if I am aware of your concern. I can help address your issues.

OCTOBER SCHOOL SPIRIT AWARD

Congratulations go to Jay Osland and Chloe Smith for receiving the School Spirit Award for October. They are being recognised for their willingness to support the teachers and always follow school rules.

EXCURSION TO SYDNEY

Wednesday 14th November is the final day for payment please, for our excursion to the Aquarium and Wildlife



If you list and sell your property through Renee Bean-Wyper at Sylvester Real Estate Renee will donate \$300 to the school.

Calendar of Events for Term Four

Thursdays 15th Nov	2 more sessions at Pelaw Main School for year 2 students going to Year 3
Thursdays 15th Nov	2 more sessions for Yr 1 children to be together with Mr Ping and Kinder to be together with Miss Humbles, while Yr 2 is at Pelaw Main.
Wednesday 7th November	Kinder Orientation 1:45-3.00pm
Wednesday 14th November	Bright Beginnings 2pm
Friday 16th November	Whole School excursion to Sydney. \$46 per student
Tuesday 20th November	Movie and Pizza night here at school beginning at 5pm. Rainbow Day
Wednesday 21st November	Bright Beginnings 2pm
Friday 23rd November	Whole school disco
Monday 26th November -Friday 7th December	Whole School Learn to Swim Program at Kurri Aquatic Centre. 1:15pm-2:30pm each day for 10 days. Cost: \$30 for pool entry only.
Thursday 22nd November	Kinder Orientation 10:00am-12noon
Friday 7th December	School Spirit Awards for November announced in assembly
Sunday 9th December	Carols by Candlelight at Kurri Public School. (Boy's Dance Groups & Girl's choir to perform)
Tuesday 11th December	School Party Day at Speers Point Park
Wednesday 12th December	Parent Helpers lunch
Monday 17th December	Definite date for Presentation day at Pelaw Main School Hall at 9:30am
Tuesday 18th December	Year 2 parents invited to see a power point presentation at 2pm.
Wednesday 19th December	Fun day at school for the children's last day of the year.

P & C Report

There will be a short P & C meeting next **Monday 12th November at 3.30pm**. You are all invited to attend. From this Friday the P & C will be selling boxes of beautifully handcrafted cards. There are 30 in a box for \$25. That's great value!

Kurri Kurri Bowling Club Raffles

We have now been given the all clear to commence our club raffles beginning this Friday 9th November. It is a wonderful opportunity for our P & C to raise a good amount of money to go towards our school. If there is anyone that would be able to give up a little bit of their time to help it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Tracy Osland.

World. The cost is \$46 per child. All parent seats have now been taken.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION PROGRAM.

Our new kindergarten students for 2013 will have their second orientation session on Wednesday. Parents are asked to drop their child off and leave them in the capable hands of Miss Humbles.

WEBSITES FOR KIDS

This week's website to try out with your child is a great website with word banks for children to help them with sight words.

www.wordle.net

WHOLE SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

We are running the swimming program at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre again this year, every day for 2 weeks, from 26th November until the 7th December. It is a fabulous opportunity for our students as they learn so much quicker, having daily lessons. It is important that all students learn to swim living so near the beach. The permission note was sent home last week. The major cost for this program is the cost of the buses each day. The P&C have very generously agreed to pay this for our students. Parents are only being asked to pay the cost for entry to the pool, which is \$3 a day, \$30 in total. You can pay this in \$10 instalments if you prefer. Final day for payment will be the 21st November.

CLASSES TO PRESENT WORK IN ASSEMBLY	
Date:	During Friday Assembly
9 th November	K/1P class item
23 rd November	1/2B class item
30 th November	K/1H present work
7 th December	K/1P present work
14 th December	1/2B present work

CLASS ITEM

This Friday K/1P will present an item in assembly for your enjoyment. We hope you can join us then.

Anne Carr
Principal

Y1/2 B ART WORK ON HALLOWEEN.

To celebrate Halloween 1/2B created pumpkin lantern artworks to hang in the classroom. The students created their artworks by scrunching small pieces of orange, white and black crepe paper into little balls and gluing them onto their lanterns. The students then painted a black background onto their artworks and glued their lanterns onto the paper. Finally the students drew Halloween symbols around their lanterns using oil pastels to finish off their artworks.



Jade
Roberts



Liam
Bailey



Aura
Atkinson



Shilah
Gamble

To the householder



Transport
Roads & Maritime
Services

30 October 2012

Dear resident

Update: work to install the permanent roundabout at Stanford Merthyr

Abigroup started work on 25 June 2012 to install a new permanent roundabout at the intersection of Maitland Street and Mulbring/Tarro Street, Stanford Merthyr.

Work at the site is progressing and Abigroup has completed the site establishment and installation of fencing, temporary erosion and drainage controls, installation of a site compound and survey mark-ups of drilling locations. Mine void filling has started.

Abigroup has pumped 5,200 cubic metres of grout into the mine voids at the site. This drilling and filling of mine voids was expected to take about 12 weeks to complete, weather permitting. The original estimate of the amount of grout required was 6,000 cubic metres, however, almost twice as much grout is needed.

The project team did geotechnical investigations at the roundabout to determine the size and depth of the voids. The drilling and grouting process started and further testing was done, which showed that more grout was needed to fill the voids.

This means the grout filling will take longer than previously expected and is now scheduled to be finished before Christmas.

The delay in completing the mine void filling means the construction of the permanent roundabout has been delayed and the roundabout is now scheduled to open to traffic by Easter 2013.

The current traffic control measures, including the 40km/h speed limit, signage and lighting, will remain in place until the permanent roundabout is installed.

The project team apologises for the delay in the completion of the permanent roundabout. We appreciate the needs of local residents, businesses and road users and will work to complete the roundabout as quickly as possible.

For general Hunter Expressway enquiries, all complaints and further information, please contact us on toll-free 1800 001 267 or visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/hex.

Yours faithfully

Hudson Bawden
Hunter Expressway Communications Manager



SPEEDING KILLS ROADWORKERS TOO.
Slow down at worksites.



When... 10th November 2012
Where... At Kurei Preschool (288 Tarro Road and Boundary Street, Linton Road)
Time ... 2.00pm - photo display and Devonshire tea
5.00pm-6.30pm-Family disco and BBQ
RSVP 493723110

Ship-o-fools Water Saving Play at School last week.

Last week we were very fortunate to have Debbie and Chris come to perform for the school. Their performance was funded by Hunter Water and the children were taught the 8 best ways to conserve water. They used music and drama to effectively get their message across. Children were provided with a booklet, with fun based activities related to the water saving message.



**MISS HUMBLE'S CLASS
WROTE RECOUNTS OF
WHAT THEY LIKED
WATCHING THE SHIP-
O-FOOLS PLAY.**



Yesterday our school watched
Bubbles and Supa Squirt act in
a Water Saving Show. My favourite
part was when Supa Squirt got
upon the unicycle and rode
around the room. I learnt that
you should take shorter showers.
By Cooper Fox

Yesterday our school watched
Bubbles and Supa Squirt act
in a water saving show.
my favourite part was when
he jumped off the unicycle
and when they had to fill
the skirts with balloons. I learnt
that we need to keep the
water from running.

Yesterday our school
watched Bubbles and
Supa Squirt act in a water saving
show. My favourite part was
when Supa Squirt fell off the
unicycle. by Ella Summerville

Yesterday our school watched
Bubbles and Supa Squirt. ✓
My favourite part was when
supa squirt jumped off
the unicycle. I learnt to keep
water safe. I liked Bubbles. ✓
By Ewan K.I.H.

K/1P HAVE BEEN WRITING NARRATIVES THIS WEEK.

The children helped write the beginning of the story together as a class and then came up with their own way to finish the story. We hope you enjoy reading some of their creative ideas.

Once upon a time there lived an egg named Humpty Dumpty. He was a very handsome egg. Sometimes Humpty liked to sit on the brick wall that was next to the King's castle. He liked to eat bananas while he sat there.

One day Humpty was sitting on the wall eating his bananas when he began to swing his legs back and forward. He was singing a song called Twinkle Little Star by the King's Rockers. He was so into the song that he slipped and fell off the wall. Humpty broke his shell in 2 different places and couldn't get back up. Jack was walking back home from his beanstalk when he saw Humpty calling for help. He quickly called for the King's horses and the King's men to come and help but they were no use at all. The horses just crushed Humpty's shell even more.

All of a sudden a man came along and called for help on the phone. Then he wrapped Humpty in his sticky web and fixed him.



Complete sentences



Neat writing



Capitals and Full stops

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Just then a doctor went to the egg. The doctor was named Sally. She just realised it was Humpty Dumpty. She helped Humpty by gluing him. After that Sally gave Humpty. They had a cup of tea and biscuits. Sally has a cat and a puppy. They played with them all day. The end.



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All of a sudden the dragon put Humpty back together by breathing fire on him and the fire made the shell hard.



Spaces



Capitals



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Just then Jack had a plan. He wrapped him up in a foil and then he was fixed.



Spaces



Capitals



Full stops



SKIP-A-THON PERFORMANCE 2ND NOVEMBER

The children performed so well last Friday in front of a large audience. Thank you all for coming and cheering on our confident children, who should be very proud of the skills they have learnt in just four weeks.





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



Brayden Ling

K/1H

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;

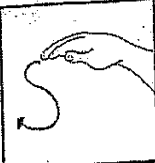
*At the assembly on Friday 2nd November 2012
these children all received awards.*

1/2B	K/1P	K/1H
Jack Ross Excellent effort in measuring length	Luke Dietrich Concentration and effort during Brolga artwork	Brock Allaway Using effective strategies in addition
Graham Wood Exceptional work during safety lessons	Nicolas Albrew Fantastic ending to class narrative	James White Improved quality 5 work in reading groups
Kayla Akins Consistent effort in spelling	Halle Saunders Creative ending to class narrative	Alyssa Patterson Effort in learning class poem
Shilah Gamble Getting Along	Patrick Bartlett Persistence	Indyana Snow Organisation
READING AWARD		
GOLD Reegan Summerville	DOUBLE GOLD Madison Todhunter	DOUBLE ROYAL Morrissey Marshall Brenton
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD		
Verity Ellicott Hannah Quinn Caleb Jenkins Koby Carmody		



Jolly Phonics Actions

S s



ACTION
Wave like a snake, making a shape, saying sssss.

A a
short a



ACTION
Wiggle fingers above elbow as if ants crawling on you, and say 'a, a, a'.

T t



ACTION
Children imitate watching tennis, moving head from side to side and saying tttt.

I i
short i



ACTION
Pretend to be a mouse, by wiggling lips on end of your nose (whiskers), and saying i i i.

P p



ACTION
Hold up thumb large, as if it is a candle, and imagine pulling it out, saying p.

N n



ACTION
Hold out arms as if an aeroplane nose diving, and say nnnnn.

C c
K k



ACTION
Raise hands and snap fingers together as if playing catwalk, saying c c c.

E e
short e



ACTION
Pretend to hold ring with one hand, as if clicking it against the side of a bowl or pan. Use both hands to open shell, saying eh eh.

H h



ACTION
Act as if pointing out a nose, holding hand up to mouth, and saying h, h, h.

R r



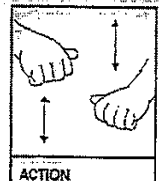
ACTION
Pretend to be a puppy pulling a rug, with teeth clenched and shaking head, saying rrrr.

M m




ACTION
Rush away, waving body back, and say mmmmm.

D d



ACTION
Pretend to hold drum sticks and beat up and down on a drum and say d d d.

G g



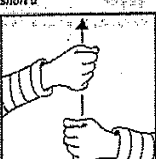
ACTION
Spin hand down as if water pouring down a plug hole, and say g g g.

O o
short o



ACTION
Imagine turning switch on and off, and say o o o.

U u
short u



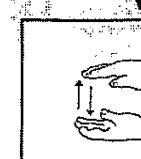
ACTION
Keep one hand steady and raise the other, as if riding an umbrella, and say u u u.

L l



ACTION
Pretend to lick a lolly, saying llll.

F f



ACTION
Place one hand above the other, over the top hand as if pretending to be a fan, and say f f f.

B b



ACTION
Place hands together as if feeling a ball, and say b, b, b.

ai
long a



ACTION
Cap hand over ear, as if head of hearing, and say ayf.

J j



ACTION
Pretend to be a jelly, and wobble, saying j j j.

oa
long o




ACTION
Bring hand up to mouth as if giving something go wrong, and say oo!

ie
long i



ACTION
Stand to attention and cough, saying eye eye.

ee or
long e and the 'er' sound



ACTION
Pretend to be a monkey, saying eeyow, eeyow.

Z z



ACTION
Pretend to be a zebra, with elbows in, and hands flapping, saying zzzzzzzzz.

Ww



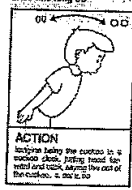
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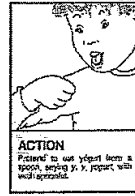
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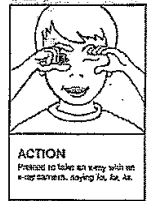
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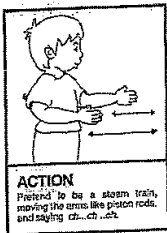
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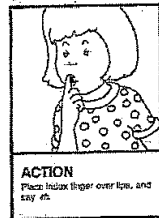
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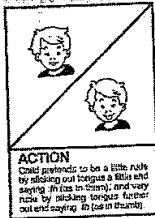
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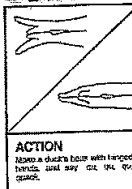
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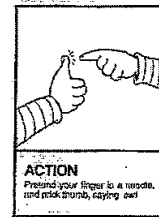
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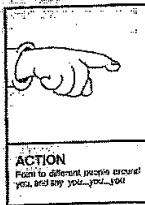
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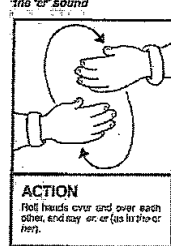
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