

Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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Week 8 Term 4

27th Nov 2012

BAKER, BAKER

K/1H Alyssa Patterson
K/1P Aisha McLean
1/2S Noah Sternbeck

No peanut products are to be used

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 28/11 Cathy Bartlett
Toni Ling
Fri 30/11 Helpers Needed
Mon 03/12 Helpers Needed

FRUIT BREAK ROSTER

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

30/11 Jesse O'Brien
Aiden Blishen Cuneo

07/12 Rylan Staley
Rylan Johnstone

Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." Joseph Addison.

SCHOOL DISCO LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

The children had a wonderful time at the Disco and we witnessed some fabulous dancing. I would like to thank Gavin Bean very much for coming as our DJ for the night. He made sure the children enjoyed themselves. Thanks very much to the parents who stayed to assist and the wonderful group of ladies on the P&C who purchased the food.

COVERING OUR NEW HOME READERS

All our brand new home readers have arrived. To ensure they last for many years, I'm wondering if there might be any parents or grandparents who would have some time to come and contact some of the readers. You would be most welcome to use the library. If any of you would like to come at 2:30pm while you are waiting for the bell to go, just come and see Mrs Cant. Thank you very much to the parents that have already been covering books.

HOMEWORK

This will be the final week for homework for the year due to the children attending the swimming

REMINDERS

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

scheme every day for the next 2 weeks. This will give the teachers time to do some Christmas work.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT DECEMBER 9TH.

This night looks to be an exciting night with performances from all the schools in our local area. Could you please fill in the permission slip and return it to Mrs Cant as soon as possible. There is no cost for this event. It is to be held at Kurri Kurri Public School. **It begins at 6pm and our boys dance group has been officially invited to begin proceedings followed by the girls choir. We would need all students to arrive by 5:30pm to have time to get them changed as they are the first ones to perform and open proceedings.**

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

Yesterday we had a lot of parents staying at the pool who let their children continue swimming when it was time for them to get dressed. If you are at the pool and are planning to take your child home, for safety reasons, the children need to line up and wait with a towel around them with a teacher, until the other children have been changed and we mark every child's name off at the same time. Teachers are responsible for all children until their name is marked off the list. Then you are free to take



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

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.
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 (Out of Uniform)
Wednesday 12th December	Parent Helpers lunch
Friday 14th December	Last day for Canteen orders
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.

CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT KURRI KURRI PUBLIC SCHOOL SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2012 6.00PM

My child..... of class..... will/will not (circle one)

be attending the Carols by Candlelight at Kurri Kurri Public School on Sunday 9th December starting at 6.00pm. Our students are first to perform at 6.00pm. Boys first, followed by the girls choir.

I will be able to have my **CHILDREN** there at Kurri Public at the gate in Lang Street opposite Coles Supermarket at **5:30pm**, to get them changed into their outfit.

Girls choir costume is black clothes please.

I understand that it is my responsibility to transport by child/ren to and from the carols.

Signed.....
(Parent/Caregiver)

Date.....

your child back into the water. If you are letting another parent pick up your child from the pool, I will need a written note please, giving permission for that parent to mind your child.

This is going to be a tiring two weeks for the children. Yesterday was an assessment day, where the instructors see what every child can do, so they can be placed into the appropriate group. That is the reason why the children did not get into the pool for very long yesterday. This is part of the program and is done on the first day with every school, as children may have regressed from where they finished last year, or progressed, especially if they attend private swimming lessons.

Thankyou to those parents who are attending and assisting in getting children dressed and undressed.

SCHOOL PARTY DAY AT SPEERS POINT PARK

A permission note was sent home last week about the school party day at Speers Point Park on Tuesday 11th December. We have spaces on the buses for the first 30 parents who would like to come with us. Parents who want to drive and meet us there are welcome to do so. If you want to join in with the BBQ at a cost of \$3 per adult and \$2 per pre-schooler, please fill in the pre-paid order in this newsletter and give to Mrs Cant.

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

LIBRARY

There will be no more borrowing for this year, so please could all library books please be returned as Mrs Vickers is now doing the library stock-take. Mrs Vickers has promised a prize for the class that has all their books returned first.

USEFUL WEBSITES

I have attached some useful websites that will give you a lot of information about educational and health related issues for your information.

BOOK CLUB

Book club is due back to school today.

Anne Carr
Principal

PHOTOS FROM THE MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT



PHOTOS FROM THE SCHOOL DISCO



PHOTOS FROM RAINBOW DAY



P&C Report

Kurri Kurri Bowling Club Raffles

If there is anyone that would be able to give up a little bit of their time to help at Kurri Bowling Club it would be greatly appreciated. **Thankyou to Brian Biddle** for selling the raffle tickets last Friday night. The following are the dates we need parents please to help sell tickets. It only takes about one hour. The 30th November, 7th December, 14th December 11th January, 18th January and the 25th January: **If you can help on any of these Fridays please see Tracey Osland.**

Useful websites and other information

- www.dec.nsw.gov.au
- www.schools.nsw.edu.au
- www.schoolatoz.com.au
- www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/language/index.php
- www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport
- www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au
- www.foodsafety.asn.au
- www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/gats
- www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents
- www.bullyingnoway.gov.au
- www.cybersmart.gov.au
- www.health.nsw.gov.au/topics
- www.fahcsia.gov.au/schoolkids-bonus
- www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/children/index.html
- www.humanservices.gov.au

Kurri Kurri Preschool

Kurri Preschool are currently taking names for children requiring preschool education for children eligible to attend preschool up to 2015 ie. born before 1/8/2011.

We also still have positions available for 2013 for children aged 3-5. Please contact Kurri Preschool on 4937 2110 for further information.

SPEERS POINT PARK

☐ My preschooler will be joining SMIS for a sausage sizzle lunch_____

and will meet at Speers Point Park on Tuesday 11th December at a cost of \$2.00 per child.

☐ I will be joining SMIS for a sausage sizzle lunch at a cost of \$3.00 per adult.

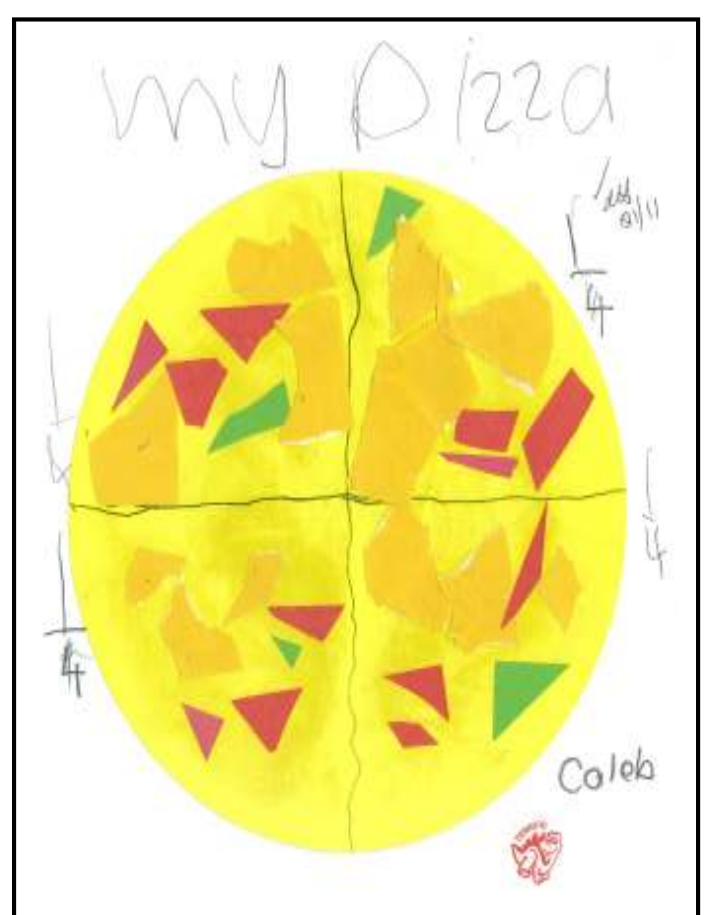
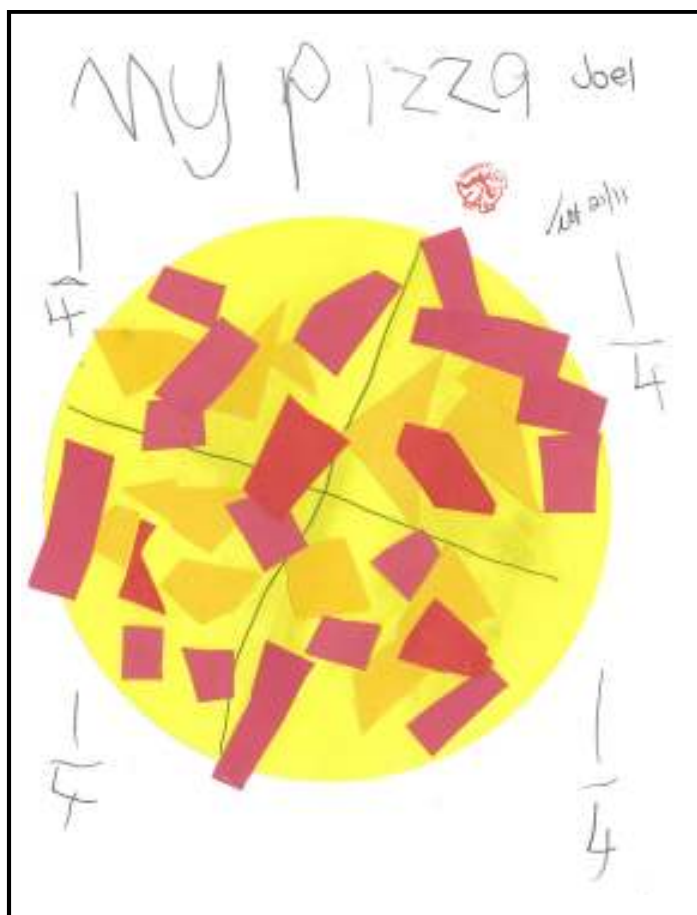
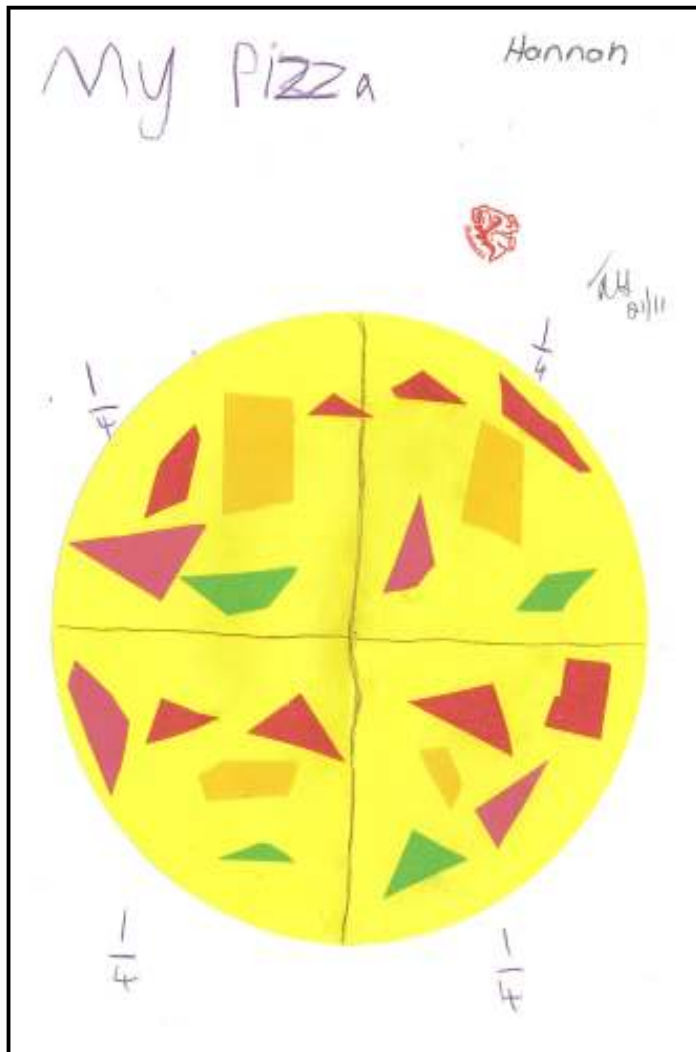
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Parent/Caregiver

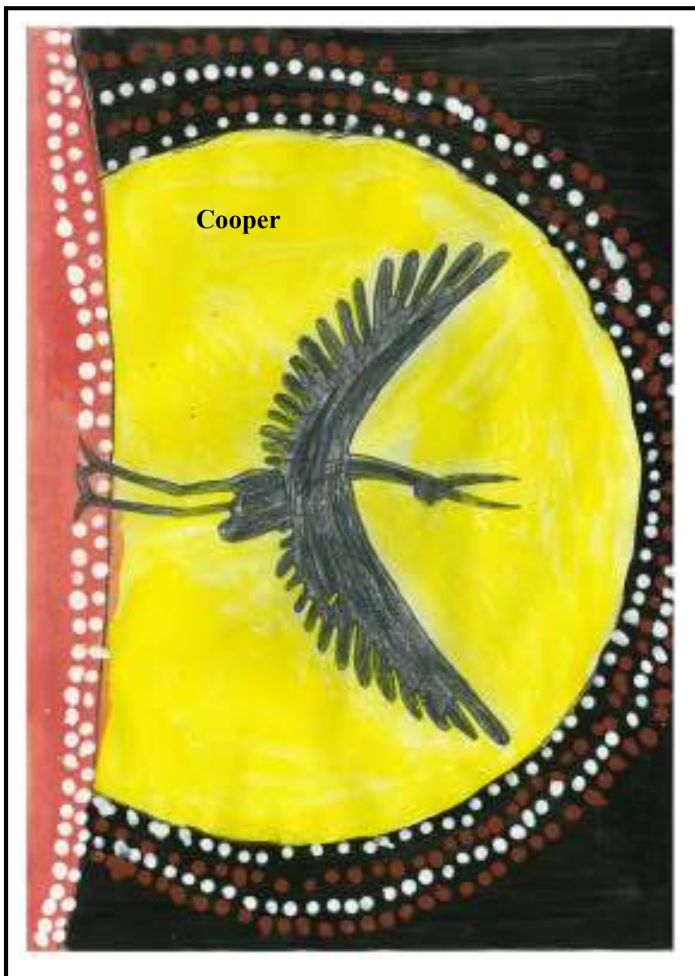
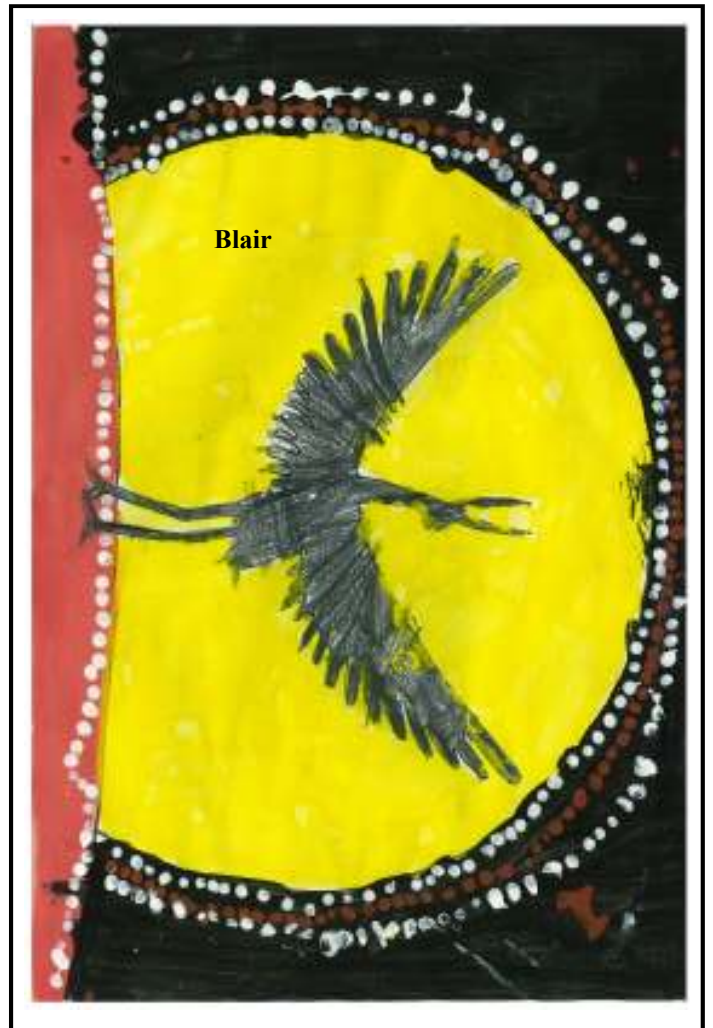
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K/1H have been learning about fractions. They had to make sure they had the same amount of ingredients on each quarter of the pizza.



Aboriginal Art by K/1P



Stories by 1 /2B. This term 1/2B has been learning about celebrations. This past week the students have been learning about a festival called Diwali or Divali. As a writing task the students had to pretend they were part of an Indian family living in Australia who celebrated Divali. The students had to describe what things they would do to celebrate Divali with their family. The students published their work on the computer and illustrated their work.

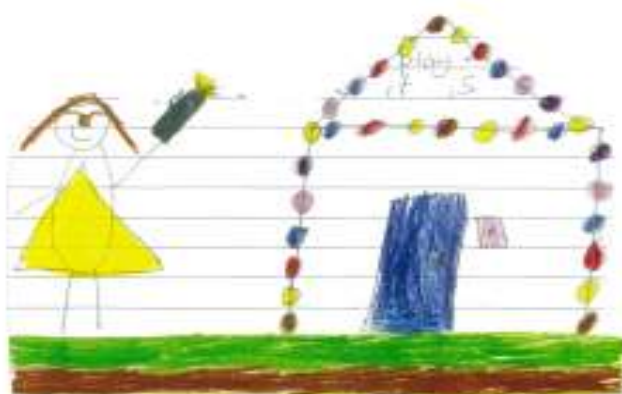
Diwali in Australia

We will put up lights. Next we will celebrate for 5 days. After that we will cook and eat Barfi, Cham Cham's and Ladoo's. Also we will light sparklers. Then we will put on a Play. I feel happy because it is fun.
Thankyou for reading
By Tyler



Diwali in Australia

I'm going to celebrate Diwali by putting up Lights. We will cook and eat Barfi, Cham Cham's And Ladoo's. I will celebrate for 5 days. Next we will light sparklers. Myself and my sister are going to put on a Play. I feel happy because it is fun.
By Kayla



Diwali

Shiloh Gumble

I'm going to celebrate Diwali by putting lights up in our house. We cook Barfi, and eat Cham Cham's and Ladoo's and celebrate for 5 days and also decorate our house with Torans. After that we will put on plays then dance in the parade. We light sparklers. Boys wear Kurtas and Girls wear Saris, and girls draw Rangolis. I felt happy because I got to draw Rangolis.

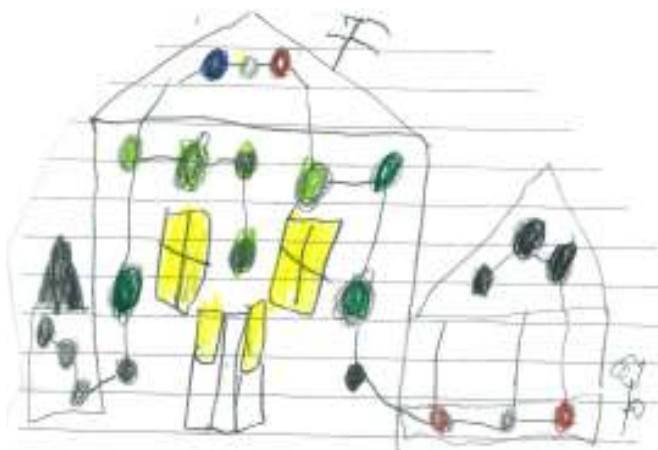
Thankyou for reading.



Diwali

I celebrate for 5 days. We will eat Cham Chams. I will put lights up on Diwali. We have a feast. We stay up to midnight. We have music on. I felt happy because we have music on. Thanks for reading.

By Graham





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



Madison Todhunter	K/1P	11/11/12
Jackson Fitzgerald	1/2B	12/11/12
Graham Wood	1/2B	23/11/12

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;

*At the assembly on Friday 23rd November 2012
these children all received awards.*

1/2B	K/1P	K/1H
Aura Atkinson Wonderful work in adding two digit numbers	Koby Carmody Creativity and effort in narrative writing	Rylan Staley Outstanding multiplication skills
Olivia Falko Exceptional work in description writing	Blair Walters Improvement in effort and concentration	Hannah Quinn Creative narrative writing
Jackson Fitzgerald Consistent effort in spelling	Keeley Scott Settling into new school	Lilly Hoad Effort in all areas
Reegan Summerville Getting Along	Madison Todhunter Organisation	Ewan Oirbans Confidence
READING AWARD		
BRONZE Tyler Hartley	SILVER Liam Bailey	GOLD Graham Wood
DOUBLE GOLD Aura Atkinson	ROYAL Hannah Quinn	
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD		
Verity Ellicott Hannah Quinn Caleb Jenkins Koby Carmody		

