

Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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Week 3 Term 1

12th Feb 2013

BAKER, BAKER

KP Blayde Hoy
1H Nicolas Albrew
2BV Brock Allaway

No peanut products are to be used

FRUIT BREAK ROSTER

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

15/02 Julie Williams
Toni Ling

22/02 Emma Stauffer
Liz McDonald

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 13/02 Tanya Conn

Fri 15/02 Julie Williams
April Scott

Mon 18/02 Niki May Pearson
Lauren Harris

Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

P&C COMMITTEE FOR 2013

Our AGM was held last night and it was wonderful to have such interest from parents in wanting to support our school. Thank you to each of you for your willingness to help.

The people voted in for the positions for 2013 :

President: Amber Parry
Vice President: Lauren Harris
Secretary: Niki-May Pearson
Asst Secretary: Kristy Marrone
Treasurer: April Scott
Vice Treasurer:
Canteen Co-ordinator: Cathy Bartlett
Kristy Summerville

HOME READING INFORMATION SESSION

I would like to invite parents to an information session next **Tuesday 19th February at 2:30pm in the library.** I will give you ideas of how to help your child with their reading. This is especially important for our new kindergarten

Contribution Fees

\$40 per student per year

Special Interest Groups

\$12 per student per year

ASSEMBLY ROSTER FOR TERM ONE

15th February	Year 2 present work
22nd February	Year 1 present work
1st March	Kinder present work
8th March	Year 2 perform item
15th March	Year 1 perform item
22nd March	Kinder perform item
9th April	Year 2 present work
12 April	Year 1 present work

students. Thank you to all families who have begun coming in for home reading each morning. We have had a great start to this program.

SCHOOL PHOTOS TOMORROW

Children are to wear normal school uniform please. It is important to bring your envelopes tomorrow, if you haven't already handed them into the office.

SONG ROOM

Each Tuesday we have a music teacher, Claire, coming to school for the morning session to take each class for a 30 minute music program. This program will begin next Tuesday. At lunch time she will take the girls for choir. We were very fortunate to be able to continue this program from last year and it is only possible because we applied for, and were successful in gaining sponsorship.

DROPPING OFF CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

Parents, please escort your children inside the gate when they arrive in the morning. This is important to ensure their safety.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, Stanford Merthyr Infants is here to help you.

Poor Attendance Patterns

May result in children:

- * not achieving potential
- * being disadvantaged in quality of choices
- * being social isolated, (bullying and harassment)
- * Increased incidence of socially unacceptable and/or illegal activities
- * having gaps in knowledge and understanding of basic concepts

Poor Attendance Patterns

Result in students who:

- * are more likely to leave school at a younger age
- * are over-represented in the juvenile justice system
- * may be at risk due to wellbeing and possible child protection issues.

1. AWARD FOR 100% ATTENDANCE

Stanford Merthyr Infants is introducing a proactive program to encourage attendance by our students. **Each term students who have attended 100% of school days will receive an**

award at assembly and morning tea with the Principal to be held at the end of the term. This will be a time to congratulate all those students who have made an effort to attend each school day, including reading time at the beginning of the day. As parents and guardians I am sure you will encourage the attendance of all students to ensure each child has the best possible educational outcome.

2. RAFFLES FOR BEING IN LINES AT SCHOOL BY 9.00am.

Every morning teachers will give your child a raffle ticket if they are at school by 9.00am. These go into a box and each Friday at assembly the weekly raffle is drawn and 1 girl and 1 boy will receive a prize.

PLAYGROUP HAS BEGUN FOR 2013

We are very fortunate to have Cindy Staley, one of our parents and a trained pre-school teacher, as well as Maree Brown, a Learning Support Officer run our playgroup for us this year. If you were not aware of this program that began today for 2013, please come and talk to us. The attached flier will give you more details.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thank you very much to all the parents who have volunteered to do canteen. I'm attaching the roster for term one so you can see the available dates. You would be needed from 9.00am -11:15am to do canteen. Thank you for considering helping the school and the children.

Anne Carr
Principal.

P & C NEWS

There will be a Canteen Committee meeting next **Monday 18th Feb at 9.15am in the Library.** Anyone with ideas about food choices for our menu, please come and share with us.

The next **P & C Meeting** will be in 2 weeks on **Monday 25th Feb at 6.30pm in the Yr 2 classroom.**

Niki-May Pearson
Secretary

Calendar of Events for Term One 2013	
Every Tuesday from 12th February	Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school
Wednesday 13th February	School professional photos being taken
Every Thursday from 7th February	Delta dog reading program
Monday 18th February	Canteen Committee Meeting
28th Feb, 7th Mar, 14th Mar, 4th Apr	Special Interest Groups
Monday 25th February	Parent Interviews for Kindergarten about Best Start Results P & C Meeting 6.30pm Yr 2 classroom
Thursdays 21st March, 28th March, 4th April, 11th April	Tentative booking for whole school to participate in a gymnastics program.
Wednesday 27th March	Back to Stanford Day for last years Year 2 students to visit us.
Wednesday 27th March	Easter Hat Parade
29th March-1st April	Good Friday and Easter Monday holiday
Tuesday 2nd April 12:30pm-1:30pm	Teddy Bears Picnic for children starting Kindergarten here in 2014
Wednesday 3rd April	Whole school excursion to Newcastle
Monday 8th April	3 way conferences with teacher, child and parents for Kindergarten
Tuesday 9th April	3 way conferences with teacher, child and parents for Year One
Wednesday 10th April	3 way conferences with teacher, child and parents for Year Two
Friday 12 April	Water fun day. Final day of term.

KURRI KURRI PRESCHOOL

You are invited to our BACK TO PRESCHOOL AFTERNOON TEA
at Kurri Kurri Preschool on Thursday 21st February 2013 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Please RSVP to Toni or Di or at
kurripreschool@bigpond.com
Looking forward to seeing you all!!

KURRI KURRI NETBALL

Kurri Kurri Netball is offering Discount registrations for season 2013.
5-7 Yrs Free, 8-10 Yrs \$20, 10-17 Yrs \$30. Limited numbers.
Registration dates are : 16th, 23rd, 26th February. 2nd, 5th, 9th March.
Saturdays 9.00-11.00am, Tuesdays 5.00-6.30pm
at Kurri Kurri Netball courts.
Please contact Deb 0412 053 923 for more information.

Treatment

Head lice are only found on the human head or hair. Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding, carpet or anywhere else in the environment. Treating anything other than the human head does not eradicate head lice.

Before you choose a treatment for head lice, consider the following:

- Make sure that the heads you treat are infested with head lice, otherwise do not treat them.
- Avoid treating babies for head lice or any scalp that is irritated or inflamed.
- Protect children's eyes when treating with any product.
- There is no preventative treatment available for head lice. Treating the whole family as a precaution contributes to head lice becoming resistant to the products used.
- Read the product label before applying and use as directed.
- Avoid using natural products like tea tree oil as treatment for head lice.
- Apply product and leave it for 20 minutes. Comb out with a good quality lice comb.
- If dead lice are found, that means product has worked. Retreat in 7 days to kill the nymphs that emerged from unhatched eggs.
- If you find live lice, which means treatment hasn't worked. Use another product or try the comb and conditioner method.
Reduce transmission of head lice by tying hair back or braiding and by checking your children's hair.
- Keeping a good quality head lice comb in the shower should help anyone taking a shower to use the comb.
- Do not use insecticides, methylated spirits or kerosene on your child's head.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities have a number of resources available on their website to educate parents and kids about head lice. Please see links below for further information.

- Head Lice – Facts, Treatment and Tips
<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php>
- Removing Head Lice and Nits
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits>

Useful Links/Contacts

- Head Lice Information Sheet
<http://www.icu.edu.au/school/phtm/PHTM/hlice/hlinfo1.htm>
- Head Lice Detection Information Kit
<http://www.icu.edu.au/school/phtm/PHTM/hlice/hldetkit.htm>
- The Department of Medical Entomology, University of Sydney and Westmead Hospital
<http://medent.usyd.edu.au/>
- Head Lice, Department of Health, Victoria
<http://health.vic.gov.au/headlice/>
- The National Pediculosis Association Inc
<http://www.headlice.org/>

To find the NSW Health Public Health Unit for your area please click on the following link: [Contact Details for PHU Units](#)



Come to our playgroup

A welcome to Stanford Merthyr Infants Playgroup is extended for parents considering sending their children to Stanford when they start Kindergarten.

Every Tuesday
9.30-11am

at Stanford Merthyr Infants School



Our playgroup is an opportunity for young children and their parents /grandparents to:

- meet new friends and other parents
- be in a safe, relaxed and child friendly environment
- engage in creative play
- encourage the development of gross and fine motor skills
- use a exciting & wonderful playground
- bring a healthy fruit break to eat and listen to a story
- be a part of a school readiness program with independent play and group sessions.



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*To help with resources, we
ask for a gold coin donation.*

If you are looking for these features in a playgroup. **PHONE 4937 1192.** We are looking forward to your call!

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1

WEEK	DATE	MONDAY	DATE	WEDNESDAY	DATE	FRIDAY
2	4TH FEB	Kristy Summerville	6TH FEB	Toni Ling Cathy Bartlett	8TH FEB	Emma Stauffer April Scott
3	11TH FEB	Niki-May Pearson Lauren Harris	13TH FEB	Tanya Smith	15TH FEB	Julie Williams April Scott
4	18TH FEB	Amber Edwards-Parry	20TH FEB	Toni Ling Cathy Bartlett	22ND FEB	April Scott
5	25TH FEB		27TH FEB	Kristy Summerville Lauren Harris	1ST MAR	April Scott
6	4TH MAR	Amber Edwards-Parry	6TH MAR	Toni Ling Cathy Bartlett	8TH MAR	April Scott
7	11TH MAR	Beth Fetch	13TH MAR	Kristy Summerville Lauren Harris	15TH MAR	April Scott
8	18TH MAR	Amber Edwards-Parry	20TH MAR	Toni Ling Cathy Bartlett	22ND MAR	
9	25TH MAR	Beth Fetch	27TH MAR	Kristy Summerville Lauren Harris	29TH MAR	GOOD FRIDAY
10	1ST APR	EASTER MONDAY	3RD APR	Toni Ling Cathy Bartlett	5TH APR	Julie Williams Renee Fox
11	8TH APR	Amber Edwards-Parry	10TH APR	Kristy Summerville Lauren Harris	12TH APR	



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

Kaylee Bartley-Shaw	1H	02/01/13
Harrison Fitzgerald	1H	19/01/13
Angelo Plumbe	KP	22/01/13
Blayde Hoy	KP	25/01/13
Riley Chapple	2BV	31/01/13
Eliza Summerville	1H	01/02/13
Joel Wells	1H	01/02/13
Elliya Shields	2BV	05/02/13

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;

*At the assembly on Friday 8h February 2013
these children all received awards.*

2BV	1H	KP
Jade Roberts Excellent work in counting by 10's on and off the decade	Quinn Cousins Effort in identifying numbers before and after	Tammy Thomas Wonderful counting skills
Reegan Summerville Exceptional leadership skills	Georgia Ross Fantastic descriptive writing	Talon Lovett Fantastic effort in reading
Brock Allaway Consistent effort in alphabetical order	Chloe Smith Being a responsible role model	Lilly Winchester Resilience and having a happy smile

