

# Newsletter to Parents

## STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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Week 2 Term 1

5th Feb 2013

### BAKER, BAKER

KP Lily Dobing  
1H Kaylee Bartley-Shaw  
2BV Aura Atkinson

**No peanut products are to  
be used**

**Contribution Fees**  
\$40 per student per year

**Special Interest Groups**  
\$12 per student per year

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 06/02 Toni Ling  
Cathy Bartlett

Fri 08/02 Emma Stauffer  
April Scott

Mon 11/02 Niki May Bryant  
Lauren Harris

Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, it's a habit." (Aristotle)

### HOME READING PROGRAM.

Home reading began yesterday and will continue every day all year from 8:30am until 9:00am in the Year 2 classroom. Parents please take your child there and staff will provide you with a home reading folder for your child and explain how the program works. Staff will assist you every morning in the Year 2 room before the bell rings at 9.00am. I'd encourage you to take advantage of this program as often as you are able to. Grandparents can also take their children, if parents are not available.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

We have just been informed that school photos will be conducted next Wednesday 13th February here at school. I apologise for the very short notice. An envelope was sent home last Friday with each child that explains the costs. Please place the envelope with money in the basket on the table in the foyer before or on the morning of the photos, Wednesday 13th February.

### ASSEMBLY ROSTER FOR TERM ONE

8th February	First assembly 2013
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

### P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I would like to invite all parents and grandparents to our AGM for the P&C which will be held in the Year 2 classroom next **Monday 11th February** starting at **6:30pm**. It would be fabulous to have some new faces as well as the parents who have been willing and able to assist the school in 2012.

### SCHOOL FEES

This year voluntary school fees will be \$40 per child and are payable to the school office. EFTPOS facilities are available. Thank you for considering paying these fees.

### BAKER BAKER

Each Friday, one student from each class is rostered to be a baker at recess. This requires the child to bring some goodies to sell either home made or purchased. All students are encouraged to bring 10c or 20c to school to purchase a treat from the bakers. If it is your turn, you will be notified in advance by the newsletter.

Special baker outfits are provided by the school. The bakers practice financial literacy skills through selling and giving change. The total of their sales is calculated with teachers and sent home with them at the end of the day. NB We do not allow any foods made with peanuts or peanut butter. This program will begin this Friday 8th February.

### CLOTHES DRYING RACK

If anyone has an old portable, metal clothes drying rack that they no longer need, please can we have it, as it will wonderful to peg children's wet paintings on. Thank you.

### LARGE BABY FOOD JARS

I would love a few of the larger baby food jars, with lids please, to keep paint in for the kindergarten class. Thanks very much if you can bring some into school.

### BOOKCLUB

Issue 1 for 2013 is being sent home today. Please return your order to the office by Tuesday 19th February.

### BIRTHDAY CAKES

If it is your child's birthday you are welcome to send in a birthday cake for them to celebrate with the class. Could you also send in either serviettes or plates for the class as well please.

### RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT CARD

IGA at Kurri Kurri have kindly sent us 50 benefit cards already registered to our school to be handed out to our families to be used at any Ritchies stores in NSW, QLD & Vic. You do not have to fill out the application form as they are registered just simply start

shopping with the card. The stores are located on the back of the form. Every time you shop just present the card to the cashier for scanning and a percentage of your total shopping bill will be automatically allocated to our school at no extra cost to you.

As we only have 50 cards if you receive one but you have already got a card would you kindly please send it back to the office so we can pass it on to someone else.

Anne Carr  
Principal.



Cessnock Family Support Service

## Tuning in to Kids

A six session parenting program for parents of children aged 3 years to 10 years

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

*Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:*

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

**Where:** Cessnock Family Support Service

5 Hall Street, Cessnock

**When:** Tuesdays, Tuesdays 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> February,

5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013

10am to 12pm

**Contact:** Cessnock Family Support Service

Phone: 4980 4507

Contact service to register for attendance or further information

Cessnock Family Support Service is funded by NSW Community Services,  
Department of Family and Community Services



Calendar of Events for Term One 2013	
Monday 11th February	P & C AGM 6.30pm. All welcome to attend
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
28th Feb, 7th Mar, 14th Mar, 4th Apr	Special Interest Groups
Monday 25th February	Parent Interviews for Kindergarten about Best Start Results
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.



Join Maitland Hockey Association's

## Hook into Hockey Program

Suits Boys & Girls U6 to U16 years of age

**Starts:** Wednesday 27 February to Wednesday 11 March 2013

**Time:** U6-U10ys - 5:00pm to 6:00pm

U11 - U16ys - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

**Where:** Maitland Hockey Field, Maitland Park  
Egmont Street, Maitland

**Cost:** \$40.00 includes shin pads, stick, ball and mouthguard



## Play Hockey this Winter

Registration Day on Thursday 28 Feb 2013

Juniors (U6 - U16) - 5pm to 6pm

Women's - 6pm to 7pm

**FUN, SAFE, ONE PLACE, ONE TIME**

Further information and registration forms available on our website: [www.maitlandhockey.com.au](http://www.maitlandhockey.com.au)  
Or contact Rita Shortell 02 4933 2827 or Steven Orchard 0421 631 309

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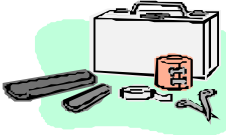
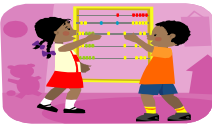


## SCHOOL WELFARE AND DISCIPLINE PROCEEDURES

I am including our policy in this newsletter so we are all aware of the procedures that happen at Stanford Merthyr Infants School. To ensure your child feels happy and safe at school.

The school operates on a mission statement which states:

“Stanford Merthyr Infants School strives for excellence in learning and caring.”

This statement is fundamental to our operation; and the school rules, strategies for promoting good discipline and effective learning, practices to recognise and reinforce student achievement and the strategies for dealing with unacceptable behaviour, are reflected in this statement. The school rules were developed through consultation with students, staff and parents.

RULES	WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE
<p>1. Care about each other.</p> 	<p>1. Students being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• friendly</li> <li>• kind</li> <li>• respectful</li> <li>• sharing</li> <li>• helpful</li> <li>• truthful</li> <li>• playing together</li> <li>• happy</li> </ul>
<p>2. Stay safe.</p> 	<p>2. Students playing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in safe places</li> <li>• safe games</li> <li>• safe actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in playground</li> <li>- in classroom</li> <li>- on the crossing</li> <li>- in the carpark</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>3. Trying our best, to learn.</p> 	<p>3. Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• joining in all activities in the class and playground</li> <li>• following rules</li> <li>• having fun</li> <li>• trying for quality work in all we do</li> </ul>
<p>4. Listen to others and take turns.</p> 	<p>4. Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sharing / taking turns</li> <li>• quiet / still people</li> <li>• hands up</li> <li>• trying to learn</li> </ul>
<p>5. Protect and care for our environment.</p> 	<p>5. Caring for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wildlife</li> <li>• plants</li> <li>• clean / tidy playground</li> <li>• school</li> <li>• equipment / belongings</li> </ul>

## **PRACTICES TO RECOGNISE AND REINFORCE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.**

### ***CLASS LEVEL:***

- Verbal acknowledgement.
- Tangible acknowledgement:
  - table of the week.
  - class stickers - merit award.
  - weekly awards
  - weekly awards.
- Class roles and responsibilities - monitors etc.
- Displays of students' quality work.
- Portfolios of students' work.
- Regular interviews with parents.

### ***PLAYGROUND LEVEL:***

- Non-verbal and verbal acknowledgement of positive appropriate behaviours.
- Privileges - Hat Draw/10 mins free play weekly.

### ***WHOLE SCHOOL LEVEL:***

- School roles and roles of responsibilities - sports shed, cubby, flag, bell monitors.
- Merit awards - Stickers, Early marks.
- Kids' Council.
- Special events - Special activities at lunch eg dance, crafts etc.
- Weekly notification in newsletter of student achievements.
- Weekly awards - Parents attend.
- Library
- Principal's awards - Quality work, Quality behaviour, Citizenship.

### ***CLASSROOM EXIT PROGRAM***

If a child has continued to break class rules despite warnings and reminders, the teacher may remove the child from the classroom using the exit program. The teacher will send an explanatory note with the student to the "Exit" teacher.

When a student is exited the Class Teacher is taking the responsibility to contact the exited students parents via telephone or letter.

### ***PROBLEMS IN THE PLAYGROUND***

If a child has continued to break playground rules despite a warning, the teacher may ask the child to walk with them for a few minutes. If the behaviour happens again during the same play break, The teacher will ask the child to sit on the step leading into the library. The parent will be phoned and the incident will be recorded.

If there are incidents of violence of any kind, the child will immediately be withdrawn from the playground and a note will be sent home to parents and an interview requested.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of this policy, please come and see me at any time.



# Photos of kindergarten on their first day of school

