

Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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Week 6 Term 1

5th Mar 2013

BAKER, BAKER

KP Rylan Johnstone
1H Patrick Bartlett
2BV Mia Brady

No peanut products are to be used

FRUIT BREAK ROSTER

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

08/03 Renae Fox
Donna Dobing

15/13 Tess Atkinson

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 06/03 Toni Ling
Cathy Bartlett

Fri 08/03 April Scott

Mon 11/03 Bath Fetch

Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Either you run the day or the day runs you."
Jim Rohn.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

These groups begin this Thursday and will run again on the **14th March, 21st March and 4th April**. We appreciate all the parent and grandparent support we have for these groups and realise many of you have even taken time off work so you can be involved. This program **costs \$12** per child for the year. We ask that payments be made by the end of term 2 please. Thank you.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS INSTALLED

The P&C have kindly agreed to pay for the installation of surveillance cameras and signage for our fences, to prevent graffiti and acts of vandalism from occurring. These will be installed next Tuesday. Our sails that were above the playground equipment have been taken down and are being repaired, after children slashed them in several places over the school holidays. If you live near the school and notice intruders in our playground at nights or over the weekends, please contact security on **1300880021**.

Contribution Fees

\$40 per student per year

Special Interest Groups

\$12 per student per year

ASSEMBLY ROSTER FOR TERM ONE

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

WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION TO NEWCASTLE WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL.

In conjunction with the unit on Transport that Year 1 and Year 2 children are studying, we are taking the whole school on an excursion to Newcastle.

The following permission note explains the details about the day. It is an exciting day that has been planned for the children. The Newcastle Museum has asked for us to have children in groups of 4. Therefore we would appreciate 7 parents or grandparents to assist us from 11:00am until 1:30pm, but you would need to drive and meet us there. The first 7 to see Wendy and sign the sheet will be able to come with us. In case of rain on the day, we have Wednesday 10th April as our back up date.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Please contact me if you need financial assistance for any program our school is running. I have an amount set aside each year to ensure all our children are able to participate in all our programs.

UPDATE YOUR MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS.

I have purchased a mobile phone for our school so that I can send you reminder SMS messages about important things that will be happening. Could you please ensure you let the office know if you change your mobile number, to make sure you receive my text messages. Thank you.

GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

The school has arranged for 2 gymnastics teachers to come here for 4 Thursdays. Each class will have a 40 minute gym lesson. The teachers bring all the necessary equipment with them. The P&C have kindly agreed to pay for half of the cost for each child. You will only need to pay a total of \$12 per child. Please fill in the attached permission note and return the money and note to the school office.

BIKE DAY AT PEACE PARK, WESTON

The permission note for our whole school bike education day has been sent home. There is no cost for this excursion. I am really looking forward to experiencing this day, as the activities planned for the children sound amazing. It is important that parents who work and normally get their children by bus to and from school, make arrangements just for that day to get their child taken to the park and picked up from the park. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Please sign the permission note and return it to the office. Thankyou.

ASSEMBLY PRACTISE FOR YEAR 2

I have sent home a sheet explaining what the Year 2 students need to say when they are running our weekly assemblies. It would be wonderful if you could help them to practice out aloud, so when their turn comes on Fridays, they are more confident in what they need to say. The children do a wonderful job and it is daunting getting up in front of such a large audience.

3 WAY PARENT INTERVIEWS

At the end of term 1 and term 3, staff hold

interviews with parents and their child to inform you of their progress and to help the children set goals for their future progress.

The dates are on the next page. I had to change the date for the year 2 interviews, so we could have a back up date for our school excursion to Newcastle, in case of rain.

RAFFLE FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Our Home School Liaison Officer has kindly donated 2 prizes per term for children who have perfect school attendance each term. For term one this will begin from this week. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 12th April at assembly. Children who are sick and have returned a note explaining their sickness are still eligible for perfect attendance. If you have questions about this, please come and see me.

Anne Carr
Principal.

P & C NEWS

NOSTALGIA FESTIVAL

At Stanford we need just a little bit of help from you. We have a stall and we are hoping it can be filled with everyone's individual special little ***Baked Baking Blasts***, Yum Yum! If you are planning on bringing a baked goodie for SMIS to sell in STANFORDS SPECTACULAR STALL... please send us the ingredients and the name of your baked goodness and we will make you up a label to pop on the container it's as easy as that!

The stall will have drinks to quench the thirst, for sale. We will have cute squidge and mooch designs hair clips head bands and SPECTACULAR SHOWBAGS.

We are after helpers to SELL SELL SELL through out the day and the timeslots are ready to be filled so please let us know if you are helping out that would be FANTASTIC, WE ALWAYS NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET and the more the merrier.

We would like to say a special thanks to all the canteen helpers out there that have taken time from there busy days to get lunch to all the students, without the helpers we could not have canteen at SMI.S We welcome any new helpers aboard to help out. Wendy has a sheet to fill in at the office. Even 1hr will be fantastic.

CANTEEN

The canteen will be closed on Wednesday 13th March due to the whole school doing the Bike Day at Peace Park, Weston. In the event of rain and the day is cancelled the canteen will be operating as normal.

Milky Mates now come in the flavours of;

CHEEKY CHOCOLATE

VELVET VANILLA

AND

BOOMING BANANA

There will no longer be any jelly cups, custard cups or pikelets in the canteen. They will be replaced with much more delicious CHOICES in the new canteen list. SO KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED.....

Niki-May Pearson

P & C Secretary

Ingredients:

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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
Every Thursday from 7th February	Delta dog reading program
7th Mar, 14th Mar, 21st Mar, 4 April	Special Interest Groups Please note change of dates. Not on 28th Mar
Wednesday 13th March	Whole school Bike Safety Day at Peace Park, Weston from 9:30am.
Thursdays 21st March, 28th March, 4th April, 11th April	Confirmed 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
Thursday 4th April	3 way conferences with teacher, child and parents for Year Two. Date changed.
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	Back up date for our excursion to Newcastle in case of rain.
Friday 12 April	Water fun day. Final day of term. Raffle for perfect attendance for weeks 6-11, drawn at assembly today.



There were no birthdays to celebrate this week, but to any family members we wish them many happy returns.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;
At the assembly on Friday 1st March 2013
these children all received awards.

2BV	1H	KP
Elliya Shields Improving her counting on and back strategies	Caleb Jenkins Knowing his friends of 10	Angelo Plumbe Wonderful, quick number recognition
Halle Saunders Always trying hard in every aspect of school	Verity Ellicott Using fantastic adjectives in descriptions	Lily Dobing Effort & concentration in reading groups
Mia Brady Excellent narrative writing	Abby Stauffer Always staying on task and doing her job	Blayde Hoy Trying hard to use the 5 L's
Persistence Izabel Wynne	Organisation Harrison Fitzgerald	Resilience Georgia Gamble



1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers

at Kurri Kurri Public School

Lang St, Kurri Kurri

on Tuesday 5th, 12th and 19th March from 1.30-3.00pm.

Learn:

- ✓ To engage your children's cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
- ✓ To set clear expectations and help them develop frustration tolerance
- ✓ To help children's brains to develop filters for behaving well
- ✓ To resolve family conflict quietly
- ✓ Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

The course is free.

Register for this course by contacting the office at Kurri Kurri Public School on 49371235

What people are saying...

What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realised quickly that 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

Who is running it?

The presenter for this course is [presenters name] who completed Parentsnap's 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training on [date trained].
[Describe your relevant experience]

For more information contact Kim McIntyre on 49371235

o An end to the arguing and yelling! o It saved our lives o Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parentsnap® licensed practitioner. www.parentsnap.com.au



the children's hospital

During week 7 (11th-15th of March) the Kids Councillors will be selling Bandaged Bear Merchandise to raise money for Westmead Children's Hospital. The funds raised will go to caring for the 60,000 children and families that the hospital cares for each year. Below is a price list.

Thankyou for your support, Samantha Berry

Price List



2BV Class Work

Super boy meets a monster

Super Boy lived in a super house. He saved people's lives. Super Girl lived with super boy and a Doctor to. A Monster lived in a deep dark cave.

One day Super Boy, Super Girl and the Doctor went for a walk just then the Monster took Super Girl and tied her up in his cave. The monster then started to make a black hole. Super Boy thought of something he flew away. He punched the wall so hard that he broke the cave. The Doctor took Super Girl to the super house while Super Boy fought the Monster. He killed the Monster and they went home.

By Riley Chapple



Once upon a time there lived a princess, a prince and the princess' mother and father. The princess's name was Mia and she loved to dance and sing. The queen's name was Kristy and the princess had some sisters named Halle, Lilly, Hunter, Sarah and Stephanie. Princess Mia also had three brothers, Nato, Cruze and Tristan. The King's name was Adam.

One day a witch came to the castle while the princess was in her bedroom decorating it. The witch came into Mia's room and grabbed Mia and took her to the her cave.

The next morning Prince Cooper saved Princess Mia and when they got back to the castle they got married and they all lived happily ever after.

By Mia Brady

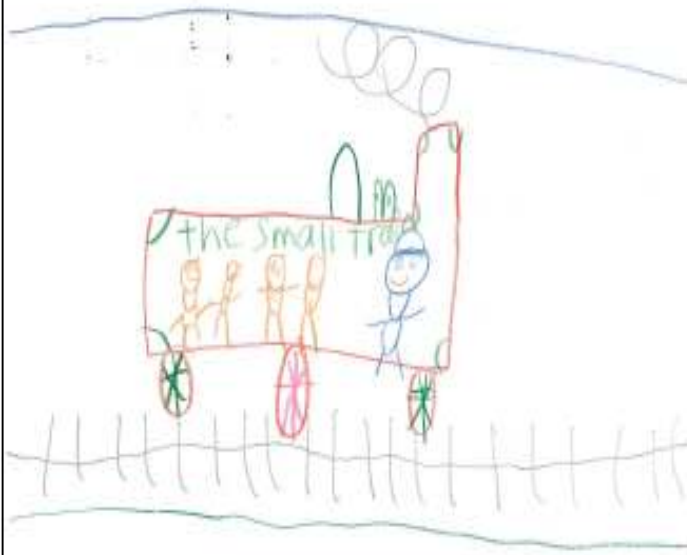


The 7 boys birthday.

Once upon a time 2000 months ago 7 big boys went on a train with their Mums and Dads at midday for their birthdays.

Suddenly the blue conductor said "The red small train is going to blow up in an hour". Then the Mums and Dads said "We have got the small tools to fix the red train". The train was fixed and the boys had cake for their birthday.

By Reagan Summerville.



60 years ago Reddy got lost for the first time.

Once upon a time there lived three friends called Mr Smart Masher and Reddy. They lived near a forest.

One day Mr Smart, Masher and Reddy were playing hide and go seek. Suddenly Reddy recognised he was walking in a deep dark spooky forest. Mr Smart found masher but couldn't find Reddy. They found Reddy and helped Reddy get up and go back home.

They had a party because they found Reddy.

By Kolby Carmody.



To the householder



Transport
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4 March 2013

Dear resident

Changed traffic conditions - Intersection of Maitland Street and Mulbring/Tarro Street, Stanford Merthyr

Construction work for the new permanent roundabout is currently underway at the intersection of Maitland Street and Mulbring/Tarro Street, Stanford Merthyr.

In January we informed residents and stakeholders that work at this location would be carried out in stages and there would be a number of traffic switches associated with the construction activities.

From **Monday 11 March 2013** traffic using Mulbring/Tarro Street will be switched to the temporary diversion road on the southern side of Mulbring/Tarro Street. This work includes sealing of the temporary alignment and line marking. Wet weather may affect the schedule.

If wet weather delays the work the traffic switch will be rescheduled to the week starting 18 March 2013.

During the construction work the following arrangements will be in place:

- The alignment of Maitland Street will be temporarily switched at various times.
- The intersection will continue to operate as T-intersection until the permanent roundabout is completed.
- The right turn lane from Mulbring/Tarro Street into Maitland Street will continue. Motorists should use the roundabout at Railway Street.
- The 40km/h speed limit will remain in place during construction.

Traffic controllers will continue to help direct motorists through the work site when the construction activity affects the road corridor and at times during peak periods.

Road signage, including electronic message signs, will be in place to direct motorists at the site at all other times. This includes when work is taking place behind the concrete barriers and when no work is happening at all.

SLOW

SPEEDING KILLS ROADWORKERS TOO.

Slow down at worksites.

To the householder



Transport
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The project team appreciates the needs of local residents, businesses and road users. We will endeavour to ensure that any disruption is kept to a minimum while this essential construction work takes place.

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

Yours faithfully

Angela Hozel
Community Relations Manager
Aligngroup Contractors Pty Ltd



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Stanford Merthyr Binless Day on Wednesday the 6th of March 2013 (Tomorrow!!!!)

Why have a binless day?

By implementing 'low waste' or '*binless* lunches' we can create a chain of awareness about the harmful impacts packaging and waste have on our marine systems.

Litter that starts its journey in the playground **will** travel to local creeks, then to major rivers/lakes and will eventually make it to the oceans and become Marine Debris. Estimates suggest **over a million seabirds may die each year** and up to **100,000 marine mammals and turtles** as a direct result of Marine Debris.

The **Pacific Garbage Patch** is one of many garbage patches in the oceans of the world. It is the largest and has an **area twice the size of France**.

Right:

The beginning of the journey for these plastic containers. Litter from catchments travels to waterways through stormwater drains and then out into our oceans to become Marine Debris.



Left:

Kamilo Beach in Hawaii collecting more and more plastic from the ocean every day!

What do we need to do?

All staff and students (and community members) are encouraged to carry their food for the day in reusable containers to ensure they have nothing to throw away. The no rubbish challenge on the day includes not creating rubbish at home in the preparation of lunches.

Participants are encouraged to wrap all food in recyclable material (brown paper bags) if necessary and **not use or take any snap lock single use plastic bags, aluminium foil or glad wrap, straws, juice boxes etc...**

As we have canteen on this day, the staff have decided that students with lunch orders will put their rubbish in their lunch boxes and it will go home in the students bags.

We hope you will support our school in trying to make our environment a better place for our future.

For a Low Waste Lunch, think:

REUSABLE: Lunchbox, containers, drink bottles and cutlery.



AVOIDING: Cling wrap, pre-packaged items, disposable bags and poppers.



PERMISSION NOTE

K-2 Excursion to Newcastle April 3rd 2013

Date: Friday 16.11.12

Accompanying teachers: Mrs Carr, Mrs Vickers, Miss Humbles, Mr Ping, Mrs Berry

Accompanying School Learning Support Officers:

Mrs Lisa Williams, Mrs Annette Brandt, Mr Terrence Hong

Time of Departure from school: Arrive at school at 8:45am for a **9am** departure.

Time of Arrival back at school: Arrive back at school aprox **2:45pm**

Transport: Rover Coaches to Stockton

Ferry from Stockton to Newcastle

Walk from Newcastle to the Regional Museum

Train from Civic Station to Maitland'

Bus from Maitland Train Station to School.

Cost per student: \$9:30 for bus fare, \$ 1:20 for the ferry, \$2 for the museum tour, \$2.50 for the train

Total cost: \$15:00 per child

Last date for payment : Monday 1st April 2013

Because of the cost of the excursion it will not be possible to give refunds, because we have to pre-pay the Museum and Rover Coaches.

Medication Required Yes/No

Please inform Mrs Cant of medication needing to be taken on the excursion.

Students need to bring: packed Morning Tea which includes fruit break and Lunch, water bottle, hat.

Please be aware we will not be visiting the Museum Gift shop so your child will not need money on the excursion.

Excursion organised by Mrs Carr

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Excursion to Newcastle April 3rd 2013 Permission Note

I give my permission for my child _____ of class _____

to take part in the excursion to Newcastle. I have enclosed the required money **\$15:00 per child.**

Signed _____
(Parent/Caregiver)

Date _____



PARENT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Excursion to Newcastle.

Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 will be going to the **Newcastle Museum, on Wednesday 3rd April 2013. (Back up date if it rains will be Wednesday 10th April 2013.)** This is an excursion that all teachers and students look forward to. If you are interested in attending this excursion as a parent helper, please fill out this form below. Due to the nature of this excursion, **parents would need to drive to the Museum and meet us there at 11:00am as we are only hiring one bus. You would be responsible for a group of 4 children, so unfortunately you would not be able to bring younger siblings to attend this excursion.**

No Cost for parents

Times: Meet us at the Newcastle Museum at 11:00am. Leave the Museum at 1:30pm.

The first 7 parents who sign the permission note for the excursion at the front office will be the ones able to come.

If you are a parent helper, you will be given a copy of the 'Parent Helper Duty Of Care' sheet which you will need to read and sign, then return it before the excursion.

If you have any further questions, please see your child's teacher.

Thank you.

Anne Carr (Principal)

Parent Helper for Excursion to Newcastle Museum 3rd April 2013

I wish to come as a parent helper and will take a group of 4 students from 11:00am-1:30pm at the Newcastle Regional Museum.

Name: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

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Tick the box to confirm you are aware that no younger siblings are permitted on the excursion due to safety reasons.

Signed: _____ Date: _____