

Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

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Week 3 Term 2

14th May 2013

BAKER, BAKER

KP Madeline Nasr
1H Cooper Harris
2BV Halle Saunders

No peanut products are to be used

FRUIT BREAK ROSTER

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

17/05 Nicole Snow

24/05 John Ross

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 15/05 Toni Ling
Cathy Bartlett

Fri 17/05 Helpers Needed

Mon 20/05 Amber Edwards-Parry

Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression." (Dr Haim Ginott)

LIFE EDUCATION TOMORROW

All our students will be attending the Life Education Unit at Edgeworth tomorrow. KP & 1H will be picked up by the Life Education bus at 9.00am to travel to the Edgeworth centre and will return at approximately 11.30am. 2BV will be picked up from school at 10.25am and will return approx. 12.40pm. It is important to please be at school on time tomorrow. If you have not paid for your child, please do so before 9am tomorrow and sign the permission note.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL LAST WEEK

Thank you to every parent who came and wrapped gifts and helped run the stall last Friday. A special thanks goes to Julie Williams who asked her boss from the chemist shop at Glendale, to donate 40 gifts for us to sell. The children were thrilled with the range of choice they had to buy for their mum. I hope everyone enjoyed treating mum last Sunday.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Amber Edwards-Parry who won 2 hours of professional house cleaning

Contribution Fees

\$40 per student per year

Special Interest Groups

\$12 per student per year

Small School's Athletics Carnival

\$9 per student

ASSEMBLY ROSTER FOR TERM TWO

17th May	Kinder present work
24th May	Year 1 present work
31st May	Year 2 item
7th June	Kinder item
14th June	Year 1 item
21st June	Year 2 present work
28th June	Kinder present work

thanks to Evie and Shaun Albrew.

CANTEEN CLOSED ON FRIDAY

Unfortunately the canteen will not be open this Friday as we have no-one able to help out. Please consider if you are able to help on Fridays as we still have a few vacancies. If you have 2 and a half hours you could spare on Friday to do canteen for the children, it be much appreciated.

Thankyou.

SMALL SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

This carnival will be held at Turner Park in

Cessnock on Tuesday 28th May, with a back up date of the following Tuesday, 4th June should it be wet. The permission note is included in this newsletter. Parents are very welcome to come and join us with pre-schoolers and bring a picnic lunch.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

These special awards are given to students after they collect 5 awards of any type. Please bring in your 5 awards to Mrs Cant in the office and she will stamp the back of the award and then the next assembly the child will get the Principal award. Please have them in by the Thursday of that week so we have time to print the Principal Award.

When children collect 5 Principal Awards they receive a special Star Student Award.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Special Interest Groups begin next Wednesday at 2pm. We appreciate the support parents and grandparents provide to the children and teachers during these sessions. Children will be doing a different activity this term. Mr Ping will be teaching Aboriginal Studies, Mrs Berry will be doing cooking, Mrs Vickers will be doing sewing and Miss Humbles will be doing paper mache. The cost for materials is \$12 per child for 2013. We are requesting that this payment be finalised by the end of this term please, 28th June. Unfortunately, your child will not be able to join in next term if they have not paid. If anyone requires assistance with paying for any school activity please come and see me.

MR PING AWAY AT CAMP NEXT WEEK

Mr Ping has been invited to help run a camp for Aboriginal Students for 3 days. He has so much expertise to impart and the children attending will benefit so much from his input. We have a very experienced person teaching kindergarten while he is at camp.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY NEXT FRIDAY

Mrs Berry has organised the Walk to School activities for next **Friday 24th May**. Please see the information sheet in this newsletter for more information.

MATHS TRAINING FOR STAFF

All teachers are receiving professional

development from the Maths Consultant this semester. Cathy is assisting in each classroom as well, by taking groups of children. It is exciting to see the progress the children are making with addition and subtraction in particular.

SONG ROOM CD

Amy, the new Song Room teacher is preparing a new CD for all the girls. It will contain the words and music for the following songs we are learning in choir over the next 2 terms. She is asking girls to pay Mrs Cant in the office \$2 please and then she will hand out the CDs to the girls.

1. Count On Me - Full Version
2. Count On Me - Instrumental version
3. I Still Call Australia Home - Full Version
4. I still Call Australia Home - Instrumental Version
5. Good Time - Full Version
6. Good Time - Instrumental Version

BOOKCLUB

The next Book club orders are due back to school by tomorrow the 15th May.

Anne Carr
Principal




Walk Safely to School Friday 24th of May!

Parents and Caregivers,
Next Friday the 24th of May (week 4), Stanford Merthyr Infants School will be participating in National Walk Safely to School Day. Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children, teachers and parents will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. We will meet on Friday 24th of May (week 4) at Apex Park at 8.30am to begin our walk to school at 8.45am. We are encouraging the students to wear the longest, brightest and silliest socks they can find to emphasise their legs while walking to school. Students who participate in the walk will receive a Walk Safely to School Certificate and sticker when they complete the walk. Even though most of the teachers will participate in the walk with the students and parents, there will also be some staff who will stay at school for the students who do not participate in the walk. Could we ask everyone for a \$1 coin donation to assist in our fundraising efforts to purchase iPads. I look forward to seeing everyone there! Samantha Berry.

Calendar of Events for Term Two 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
Wednesdays 22nd May, 5th June, 12th June, 19th June	Special Interest Groups for Term 2
Wednesday 15th May	Life Education visit \$9
Friday 24th May	Walk to School Day
Tuesday 28th May	Small Schools Sport Day
Friday 31st May	Whole school disco 5pm-7pm Then go to McDonalds for tea 7pm-8pm
Monday 3rd June	P&C Meeting 6:30pm
Friday 7th June	Out of uniform day. Come dressed in your favourite sports teams colours. There will be a special lunch deal for children at the canteen.
Thursday 13th June	Speech Therapy information afternoon for parents, run by Ann-Marie Lawrence. Newcastle University Lecturer
Friday 14th June	Kindergarten excursion to Oakvale Farm
Monday 17th June	Mini-Lit progress report for parents at 2pm in Library
Tuesday 18th June	2014 Kindergarten students come for orientation 12:30-1:30
Friday 21st June	Back up date for Oakvale Farm
Monday 24th June	Maths ideas for parents with the Maths Consultant at 2pm in library
Wednesday 26th June	School reports handed out
Thursday 27th June	Class of the Term party
Friday 28th June	Last day of Term 2. Principal Party for children who attended home reading before school 85% which is 36 times during the term
Friday 28th June	Reward day disco for all children who have followed school rules this term
Friday 28th June	Final day for payment of \$12 for Special Interest Groups for 2013
Tuesday 16th July	Students return to school for Term 3



Would \$500 help you pay for school uniforms, books or a laptop?

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, through Saver Plus.


The Smith Family is looking for new participants in your local area.

You may be eligible if you or your partner have:

- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school or starting next year
- some regular income from work.

Contact Christine or Cynthia, your local Saver Plus Workers:
4927 8385 or christine.buckley@thesmithfamily.com.au /
cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au.

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TERM TWO TO-DO LIST:

- buy textbooks for Jason
- pick up Ella's sports uniform
- find out more about Saver Plus!

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

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- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- some regular income from work (you or your partner).

Contact Cynthia Culhane, your local Saver Plus Worker:
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*HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE
CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY !*



Abby Stauffer

1H

07/05/13

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;
*At the assembly on Friday 10th May 2013
these children all received awards.*

2BV	1H	KP
Elliya Shields Working hard in maths groups	Ewan Oirbans Adding numbers by counting on	Lily Dobing Magic effort with number combinations to 10
Cooper Fox Consistent Quality 5 work	Chloe Smith Working hard in reading groups	Madeline Nasr Excellent participation in class discussion
Izabel Wynne Excellent procedure writing	Rylan Staley Always joining in class discussions	Izaak Snow Awesome effort in handwriting
Confidence Brayden Ling	Getting Along Eliza Summerville	Organisation Lilly Winchester
Quality 5 Bookwork Cooper Fox	Quality 5 Bookwork Quinn Cousins	Quality 5 Bookwork Talon Lovett

READING AWARDS

BRONZE AWARD

SILVER AWARD

Talon Lovett, Aura Atkinson, Hannah McDonald, Angelo Plumbe

GOLD AWARD

Rylan Johnstone

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Hannah Quinn, Halle Saunders, Hunter Williams, Brayden Ling, Reegan Summerville



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PERMISSION NOTE

SMALL SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

28TH MAY 2013

Back up Date—4th June 2013

I hereby consent to of class.....

..... of class.....

participating in an excursion to

Turner Park, Cessnock

on

Tuesday 28th May 2013.

Travel to and from Turner Park will be by Bus

The children will depart from the school at **8.30am**

I will transport my child home from Turner Park Yes ☐ No ☐

Cost of the Excursion is \$9.00 per student

Please return this form and money by **Friday 24th May 2013.**

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Signature of Parent / Guardian

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Date