

Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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Week 4 Term 2

21st May 2013

BAKER, BAKER

KP Izaak Snow
1H Elaine Smith
2BV Rylee Norris

No peanut products are to be used

FRUIT BREAK ROSTER

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

24/05 John Ross
31/05 Jennifer Bernate
7/6 Nicole Turner

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 22/05 Kylie Wells
Fri 24/05 Shaun & Evie Albrew
Mon 27/05 Lezette Cowan

Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future."

(John Fitzgerald Kennedy)

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 went home in last weeks newsletter with the bus cost of \$9 per student. The final information is included in this newsletter. Parents are very welcome to come and join us with pre-schoolers and bring a picnic lunch.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS TOMORROW

Parents and grandparents are very welcome to join in helping with these groups at 2pm.

MR PING AWAY AT CAMP THIS 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.

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

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

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY THIS FRIDAY

Mrs Berry has organised the Walk to School activities for this Friday 24th May. Note that we are meeting at 8:30 at Stanford Park down from the BP petrol station on Wallsend Street, Stanford Merthyr. Please see the information sheet in this newsletter for more information.

GIRLS INVITED TO SING AT THE ENGAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM AT THE SEBEL AT KIRKTON PARK

Teachers from all over the Hunter Valley are having a day of professional development on Thursday 6th June at the Sebel at Kirkton Park and we have been approached to have our girls perform an item there. This is a wonderful opportunity for our girls. The organisers

are prepared to pay for the bus to transport us there, so there is no cost for this excursion. Parents need only sign the permission slip please. The uniform is the sports uniform please. They will be singing "Count on me" by Bruno Mars.

SONG ROOM CD Amy has prepared CDs with the songs our girls are learning in choir at a cost of \$2 please.

DISCO AND DINNER AT MCDONALDS NEXT FRIDAY 31ST MAY

We would like to invite the whole school to our first disco of the year that will be held at the Girl Guide Hall at Kurri Kurri, just down from the round-about at the top of the hill, opposite the Police Station. Parents drop the children off there at 5pm and return to pick them up at 7pm. You are welcome to stay and join in as well. Children have a form the disco included in this newsletter. Following the disco we are inviting families to join us at Kurri McDonalds to have dinner between 7pm-8pm. McDonalds have told us that they will donate 10% of their total sales for that hour to help our fundraising efforts towards getting i-pads for the classrooms. Please fill in your menu choices for your children and return this with your money by the 30th May please.

LIFE EDUCATION EXCURSION

I heard many children telling me about what Harold, the giraffe had taught them when they went to Edgeworth last week. I was particularly impressed by the kindergarten children telling me what you need to do if you discover a needle on the ground.

Anne Carr Principal.

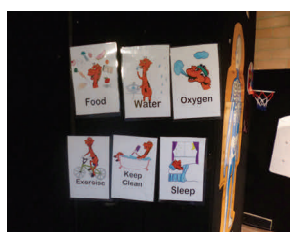


Walk Safely to School Friday 24th of May!

Parents and Caregivers,

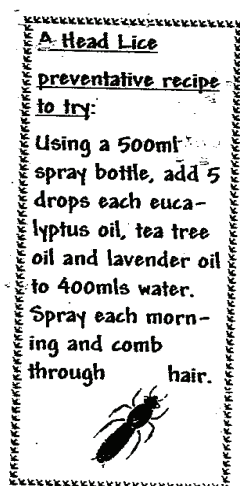
This Friday the 24th of May (week 4), Stanford Merthyr Infants School will be participating in National Walk Safely to School Day. Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children, teachers and parents will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. 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 Stanford Park down from the BP petrol station on the corner of Wallsend Street, Stanford Merthyr 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

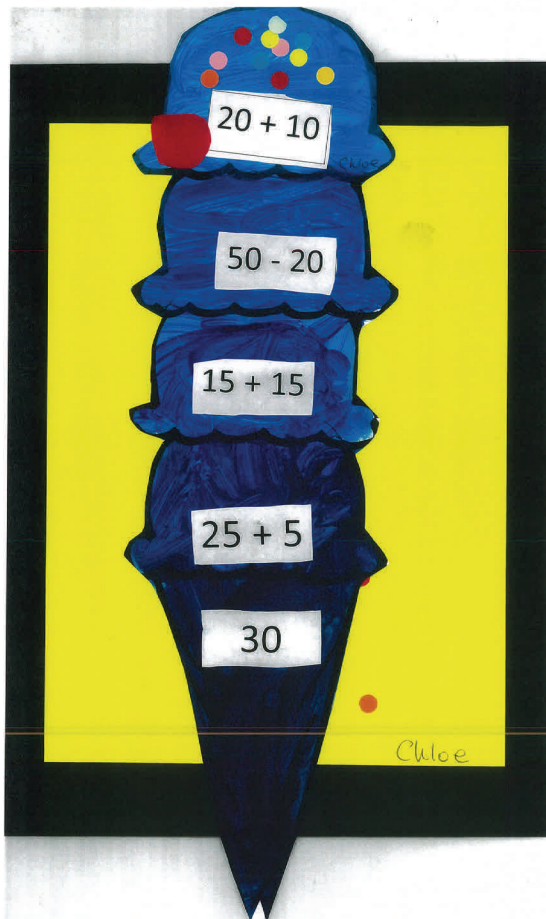
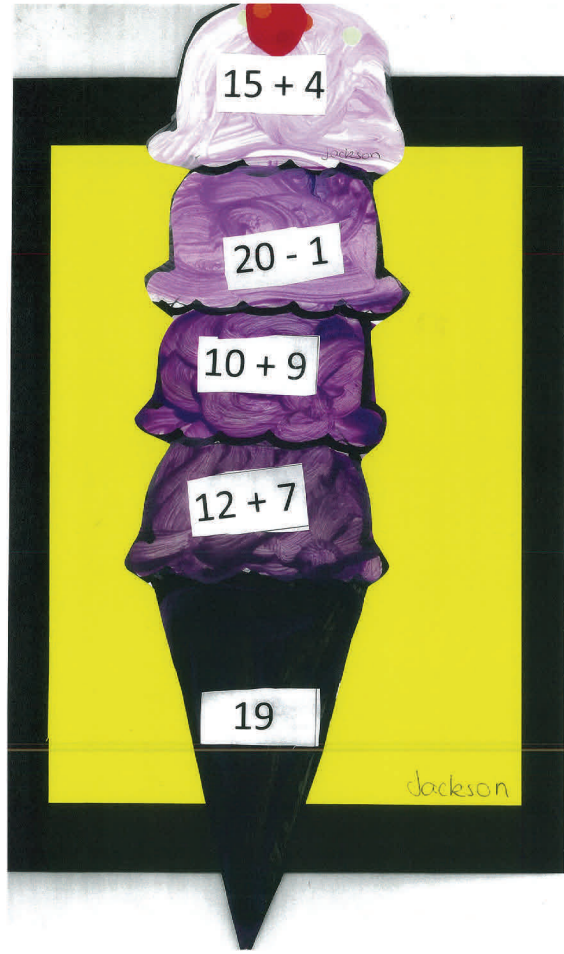
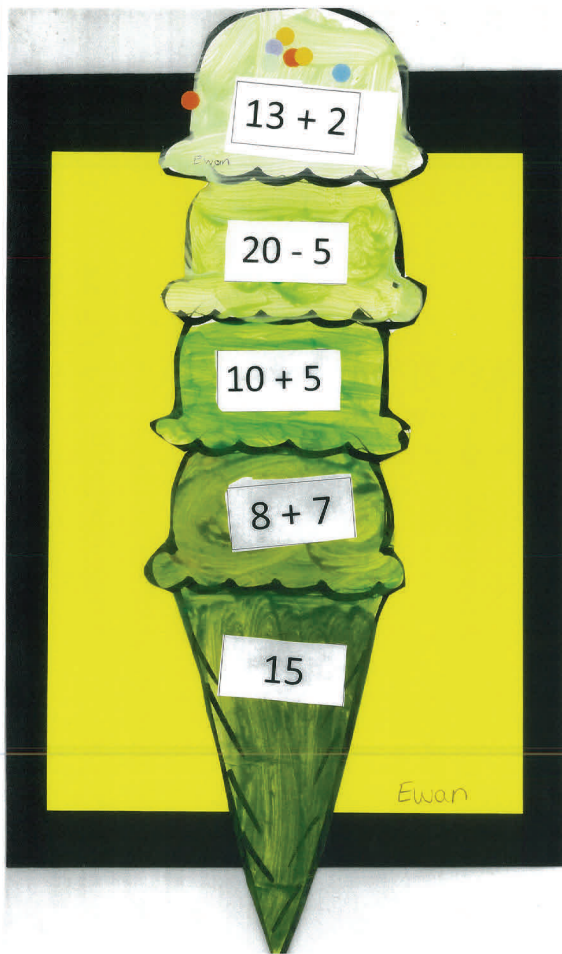


Calendar of Events for Term Two 2013

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
Friday 24th May	Walk to School Day—Gold coin donation
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
Thursday 6th June	Girls perform at the Sebel at Kirkton Park for the Engagement Symposium.
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



1H WORK



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



Troy Thomas	KP	11/05/13
Tammy Thomas	KP	17/05/13

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;
*At the assembly on Friday 17th May 2013
these children all received awards.*

2BV	1H	KP
Hunter Williams Improving her strategies for telling the time	Eliza Summerville Using a range of addition strategies	Lilly Winchester Ordering and writing number to 30
Dylan Smith Excellent comprehension skills	Harrison Fitzgerald Improvement in sight words recognition	Charles Kiss Trying hard to sound out words when reading
Rylee Norris Great effort during handwriting	Indyana Snow Confidence in singing	Grace Quennell For effort and application in art
Organisation Mia Brady	Persistence Patrick Bartlett	Getting Along Lily-Mae Moore
Quality 5 Bookwork Riley Chapple	Quality 5 Bookwork Cooper Harris	Quality 5 Bookwork Tammy Thomas

READING AWARDS

BRONZE AWARD

Georgia Ross, Cooper Fox

SILVER AWARD

Cooper Harris, Blair Walters, Blayde Hoy, Joel Wells,
Eliza Summerville, Reegan Summerville

GOLD AWARD

Quinn Cousins, Patrick Bartlett,

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Lily Dobing, Lilly Winchester, Talon Lovett, Quinn Cousins



CESSNOCK SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

28.05.2013



INFANTS PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Start: 9.30am, Recess: 10.45 am—11.00 am Lunch 12.30 pm—1.00pm Finish 2.30 pm approx

Event No. 1

Year 2 Girls Running Race
Year 2 Boys Running Race
Year 1 Girls Running Race
Year 1 Boys Running Race
Kinder Girls Running Race
Kinder Boys Running Race

Event No. 2

Bean bag on head,
Year 2 Girls Bean Bag Race
Year 2 Boys Bean Bag Race
Year 1 Girls Bean Bag Race
Year 1 Boys Bean Bag Race
Kinder Girls Bean Bag Race
Kinder Boys Bean Bag Race

Event No. 3

Mixed Relays (4 runners per team)
Year 2 Relays
Year 1 Relays
Kinder Relays

Event No. 4

Year 2 Girls Skipping Race with rope
Year 2 Boys Skipping Race with rope
Year 1 Girls Skipping Race with rope
Year 1 Boys Skipping Race with rope
Kinder Girls Skipping Race
Kinder Boys Skipping Race

Parent race and a Pre-Schooler race to slot in when appropriate.

Event No. 5

Year 2 Girls Jelly Bean on a Spoon Race
Year 2 Boys Jelly Bean on a Spoon Race
Year 1 Girls Jelly Bean on a Spoon Race
Year 1 Boys Jelly Bean on a Spoon Race
Kinder Girls Jelly Bean on a Spoon Race
Kinder Boys Jelly Bean on a Spoon Race

Event No. 6

Bean bag on head,
Year 2 Girls Sack Race
Year 2 Boys Sack Race
Year 1 Girls Sack Race
Year 1 Boys Sack Race
Kinder Girls Sack Race
Kinder Boys Sack Race

Event No. 7

Mixed teams of 8, or whatever suits your school.
Year 2 Overhead Ball
Year 1 Overhead Ball
Kinder Overhead Ball

Event No. 8

Year 2 Girls Bean Bag Shuttle Relay
Year 2 Boys Bean Bag Shuttle Relay
Year 1 Girls Bean Bag Shuttle Relay
Year 1 Boys Bean Bag Shuttle Relay
Kinder Girls Bean Bag Shuttle Relay
Kinder Boys Bean Bag Shuttle Relay

Possible extra events if time permits: team tunnel ball, hopping race.

MCDONALDS DINNER FRIDAY 31ST MAY AT KURRI MCDONALDS.

We hope you can join us for a fun night at McDonald after the disco at 7pm. The manager is decorating the store for us and has said that every child from our school who comes will receive a balloon. Our school will receive 10% of the total takings from the store for the hour 7pm-8pm. Drive through sales are included if you don't feel like coming inside. All the teachers are joining in and coming for dinner.

Please fill in your menu choices and return this form with your money to the office by **Thursday 30th May at 9am**. We have to give these orders to McDonalds on the 30th May. Adults can order at the store on the night and don't need to pre-order.

Please fill in and send to the office.

McDonalds Dinner Order from Stanford Merthyr Infant School Friday 31st May 7pm.

All children's meals are Happy Meals and include: small fries or apple pieces, a drink and a small toy.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Please circle which option you want from each of the following three Choices below.

1. small fries or apple pieces
2. Coke or sprite or Fanta or coke zero or diet coke or pop top water or pop top apple juice
3. Girls toy or boys toy

And

Please circle *one* of the following meals.

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| 1. cheese burger happy meal | \$4:75 |
| 2. 3 piece nugget happy meal | \$4:75 |
| 3. 5 chicken McBite happy meal | \$4:75 |
| 4. Plain hamburger (no cheese) happy meal | \$4:75 |
| 5. Chicken snack wrap with crispy or seared chicken happy meal | \$4:85 |
| 6. 10 chicken McBite happy meal | \$6:75 |
| 7. 6 piece nugget happy meal | \$6:95 |

Total Included: \$_____



K-2 Small Schools' Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 28th May 2013
Note if wet our back up date:
Tuesday 4th June

FINAL PREPARATION NOTE

Parent coming to watch

We welcome you to come on Tuesday. We hope this is a wonderful day for you. Drive to the park and meet us there any time after 9am.

You will be given an area to sit. You will be able to have your child come and join you for recess and lunch.

Student Arrival at school

You are expected to be at school by **8:15am** for departure at **8:30am**. Please be here at school on time. We will not wait for students running late after 8:30am, due to traffic reasons. During this time children will need to get their name marked off, pin their badge on, toilet break and sit in class assembly lines.

What children need to bring:

- *Wear sports uniform please.
- *Packed morning tea and lunch in their lunch boxes.
- *School Jumper
- *Hat
- *Drinks
- Tissues
- Suncream

Bags

Students will need their own bag.

Please note: Final payment date of \$9 per child is on Friday 24th May.

Thank you.
Anne Carr

SCHOOL DISCO



FRIDAY 31ST MAY
KURRI KURRI GUIDE HALL
5.00PM—7.00PM

Cost \$5.00 per child
(Prepaid only)
Includes entry
+
Packet of chips
+
Packet of Lollies
+
Bottle of Water



Extra pop tops (juice will be available for \$1.00 each on the night).

Parents are welcome to stay, but,
can drop off and pick up at the end of the night.

SCHOOL DISCO

I give permission for my child/ren

to attend the school disco on Friday 31st May. (Children to be dropped off at 5.00pm and
picked up at 7.00pm)

I enclose \$5.00 per child \$ _____

Parent/Caregiver

Date