

Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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Week 10 Term 1

31st March 2015

BAKER, BAKER

24th Apr KP Eli Gerke
24th Apr K/1H Taylah Harris
24th Apr 1W Chayse Cook
24th Apr 2S Hannah McDonald
1st May KP Alison Eveleigh
1st May K/1H Cru Borkowski
1st May 1/W Charlotte Lloyd
1st May 2S Ronnie Conolly



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 22/4 Leanne & Odette
Fri 24/4
Mon 27/4
Wed 29/4
Fri 1/5
Mon 4/5

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thur 2nd April Barbara Wells

Dear families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants: **THOUGHT FOR THE FORTNIGHT**



YEAR 2 CLASS EXCURSION TO KURRI KURRI PUBLIC HOSPITAL

I have read some of the recounts Year 2 have written as a result of their visit to the hospital. It seems they were shown in every department and even received a show bag each. Thank you to the parents who provided transport for the children.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC TUESDAY 24TH MARCH.

We had 12 pre-school children attend our first transition to school program and they enjoyed



making sandwiches, decorating biscuits, listening to and joining in games about bears.

EASTER HAT PARADE TIMES THIS THURSDAY

11:15-12:15pm Special BBQ lunch with parents
12:30-1:00pm Parade of Easter Hats and Easter Songs
1:00-1:15pm Drawing the Easter Raffles
1:15-1:30pm Easter Egg hunt
1:30-2:00pm Recess
2:00-3:00pm Clean Up classrooms and playground

CAKE STALL AND RAFFLES ON ELECTION DAY

Thank you to parents/carers and staff who cooked for our cake stall and who came on the day to help last Saturday. We raised \$348 which will go to the P&C to cover the insurance policy that we have taken out for all our students. It provides ambulance cover for all students 365 days for the next 12 months.

The raffle winners were Rebecca Ferry, Bruce Shakespeare and Carolyn Allen. Congratulations.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR GREEN FOOD AT CANTEEN

The P&C decided that all children who purchase green food at the canteen (healthy food options) will be given a raffle ticket. The raffle draw will take place each Friday during assembly. The child selected will get a healthy ice block as their prize.

PUBLISHING PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK

School policy is that parents are only allowed to post photos of their own child on Facebook. This to ensure the safety and protection of all our children. Our school only publishes photos of our children in our newsletters after we have sought your permission to do so and we ask you to sign a permission note when you enrol here.

Calendar of Events for Term One 2015

Thursdays all term	Speech in School Program here at school
Thursdays all year	P&C provide fruit & vegetable platters for the children
Every Tuesday from 10th February	Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school
Wednesday 1st April	Kinder Health Screening for Aboriginal Students here at school.
Wednesday 1st April	3 way conferences with teacher, child and parents for K/1H
Thursday 2nd April	Easter Hat Parade Easter fun activities and games. Final day of term.

BIKE DAY EXCURSION AT PEACE PARK



Thank you to Mrs Cecato who organised an excellent bike safety day for us last week. I'm sure your children were exhausted at the end of the day. They all know more about bike maintenance, road safety, and how to actually ride their bike or scooter.

EASTER RAFFLE

As part of our Easter celebrations we would like to have an Easter Raffle. It would be very much appreciated if each family would please be prepared to donate Easter eggs for the hamper. If you are able to do this, please hand your donation into the school office tomorrow.

BACK TO STANFORD AFTERNOON FOR 2014'S YEAR TWO CHILDREN



Each year we invite our previous Year 2's back to have an afternoon of activities, afternoon tea and hear their news of their new school. It was lovely to hear how well they had all adjusted to their new surroundings and had made new friendships. It shows our transition to Year 3 program is working well.

3 WAY CONFERENCE TIMES FOR PARENTS

Miss Humbles is having her 3 way interviews tomorrow. If you have missed having an interview, please

see your class teacher and arrange a time for early next term. It is a valuable way for your child to show you the progress he or she has made as well a time to set academic and social goals for the next term.

DOUBLE DECKER BUS

The Year One students had a delightful surprise last week when Barbara Wells arranged with her friend to bring his double decker bus to school. Thank you Barbara for providing this unique opportunity for our



students. Year One is studying different types of transport for HSIE this term. They are going on an excursion to Newcastle today, experiencing travel on a single story bus and train. They will visit the Newcastle Museum where they will explore the transport exhibition.

DONATIONS FOR RAFFLES RECEIVED

I would personally like to thank Barbara Wells, who has canvassed local businesses for donations for prizes that we will raffle for Mothers and Fathers Day.

We acknowledge the following businesses for their generosity by supporting our school with:

1. Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri: A tool box
2. Stanford Merthyr BP Service Station: \$25
3. Beautiful Blooms of Kurri Kurri: \$25
4. Heddon Greta Hotel: \$50 gift voucher
5. Flaunt It Hair and Beauty: Shampoo, Cut and Blowdry.

BAKER BAKER ON FRIDAYS

Just a gentle reminder please that we do not sell food that contains peanuts. Please consider this request when it is your child's turn to provide food for Baker, Baker. Thank you.

HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION VISITS TUESDAY 21ST APRIL. (FIRST DAY TERM 2)

Our students will be visiting the Life Education Centre at Edgeworth, the first day back next term. Kindergarten will be learning about healthy food choices, the importance of physical activity and safety. K/1H and 1W will be learning about how the body works, the safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety and decision making. Year 2 will study the function of body systems, peer pressure, second hand smoking and safety with medicines.

The children are picked up from school in the Hunter Life Education bus, taken to Edgeworth and returned back to school. The lessons last for 60 minutes. Children also receive a booklet of resources and the teachers are given follow up lessons to consolidate what is taught on the day.

Permission notes are available at the office. We need all payments to be made by tomorrow if possible please. **Cost: \$10 per child. Permission notes are available at the office.**

Mercandise is available. Please fill in the sheet below and return to school by tomorrow if you would like to purchase any items.



HAROLD MERCHANDISE

Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on fundraising within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the **correct money** in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.



Product Description	Price Incl. GST	Quantity	Product Description	Price Incl. GST	Quantity
Tattoo	\$0.50		Harold Hand Ball	\$3.00	
Harold Sticky Note Pad	\$1.50		Harold Stationery Set	\$3.00	
Harold Activity Bag	N/A		Small Harold Soft Toy	\$8.00	
Harold Keyring	\$3.00		Large Harold Soft Toy	\$15.00	
Total Owing			Total Owing		

Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

NB Harold Products are subject to availability
Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.



☐ I would like to donate _____ to Life Education NSW.
Gifts of \$2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: _____ Phone (optional): _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Email (optional) _____ Child's Class: _____

Visit Life Education at www.lifeeducation.org.au or www.healthyharold.org.au



EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS.

It would be appreciated if families would be able to sell the Easter Raffle tickets attached to this newsletter. If you are able to please send in the sheet at the back of this newsletter, to the school office, by tomorrow. Prizes will be awarded at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday.

EASTER HAT PARADE. THURSDAY 2ND APRIL. BBQ LUNCH AT 11:15-12:15 FOR ALL FAMILIES

CANTEEN 3 COURSE MEAL DEAL

for Adults and Children

EASTER HAT PARADE this Thursday

Sausage Sandwich + Drink (Slushy, or Popper) +

A cookie and little Easter Egg
(Adults can order a can of drink)

For \$6:00

Please return this to office by 3:00pm tomorrow.

Please use a separate order form for each person.

CANTEEN MEAL DEAL (one form for each person please)

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2015. **CASH ONLY No eftpos available.**

I would like to order Please tick the drink you would like.

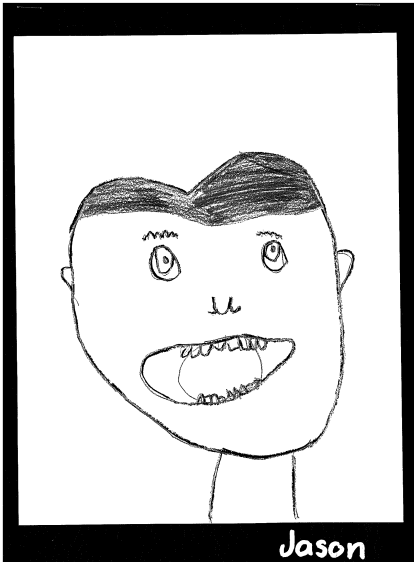
Sausage sandwich	+ Orange Popper	<input type="checkbox"/>	+ Cookie and Easter egg
	Slushy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Paradise Punch Popper	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Apple Popper	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Apple Black current Popper	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Adults only can order ____ Cans of fizzy drink

I have enclosed \$_____

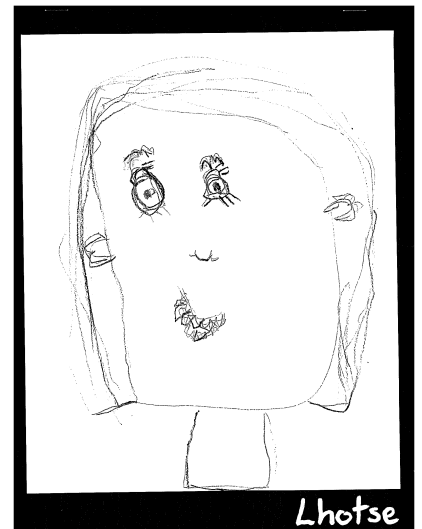
Child's / Adults Name_____ Class_____

ENJOY KP'S WRITING ABOUT THEIR PORTRAITS



Jason

my face has 2 hazel
eyes and 1 nose
By Jason Dobing



Lhotse

my face has 2
green eyes
and 1 nose.
By Lhotse Cameron



Lilly

my face has
2 green eyes
and 1 nose.
By Lilly Kiss

my face has
2 green eyes
and 1 nose.
By Denika Hallet



Denika



I received information about the puppet show "Swamp Juice" being performed at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre during the Easter holidays and have added the flyer for families who may be interested.

FREE DENTAL HEALTH SCHEME

The following flyer provides you with information about the Governments free dental health program for your children. Phone the dentist of your choice to see if they participate in this program.

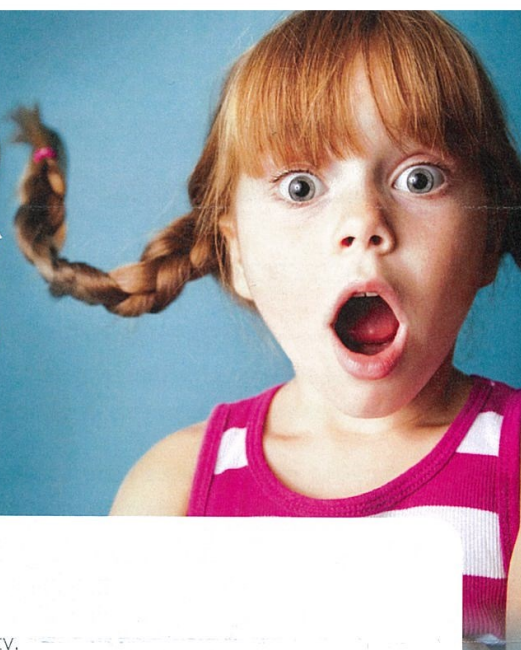
SCHOOL DATES FOR TERM 2

Students return to school Tuesday 21st April. I wish you all a very happy and safe Easter. Enjoy your holidays with your families and friends.

Anne Carr
Principal.

FREE KIDS DENTAL*

A \$1000 benefit for eligible kids to use on selected dental services every 2 calendar years.



Dear Principal,

We've got some great news for the members of your school community.

In 2015 the Commonwealth Government will continue to assist an estimated 3.4 million children in improving their dental health through the continuation of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. The government funded dental scheme commenced in January 2014 and continues throughout 2015 aiming to assist eligible children between the ages of 2 and 17 years.

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule currently provides eligible children with a \$1000 free dental benefit* over a 2 calendar year period and covers selected services including: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions.

In 2014 many families were surprised that they were eligible for the free \$1000 benefit*. To gain access to benefits children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

We know how important it is for children to establish good dental health habits whilst they are young so we encourage you to share information about this government scheme with your school community so more families can take advantage of the scheme in 2015.



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



Riley Zammit	KP	19/03/15
Samuel Batty	K/1H	24/03/15
Noami McDonald	KP	25/03/15

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;

*At the assembly on Friday 20th and 27th of February
these children all received awards.*

2S	1W	K/1H	KP
Madeline Nasr Using efficient word solving skills and excellent comprehension. Lily Dobing For writing an interesting recount.	Jayla Cameron Using various strategies to solve subtraction problems. Jayden Hardy	Emma MacDonald Huge effort in reading sightwords Kailie Walker Effort and persistence in everything she does.	Lilly Kiss Great effort in all areas. Joshua Nasr Wonderful effort in all activities
Getting Along Blayde Hoy Rylan Johnstone	Getting Along Hannah Bianchi Zalii Bodo	Getting Along Kadence Carr Taylah Harris	Getting Along Beau Morrow Shianne Ferry
Quality 5 Bookwork Hannah McDonald Ronnie Conolly	Quality 5 Bookwork Curtis Conolly Harrison Clements	Quality 5 Bookwork Blake Haddock Kayde MacDonald	Quality 5 Bookwork Jason Dobing Riley Zammit

READING AWARDS

BRONZE AWARD

Lhotes Cameron, Jayla Cameron, Denika Hallett, Jason Dobing, Charlie Jones, Lauchlan Reynolds, Zalii Bodo, Hunter Bodo, Rylan Johnstone, Beau Morrow, Troy Thomas, Talon Lovett, Wyatt Lovett, Annalyse Beagley, Georgia Gamble, Amber Offen, Ella Gaul, Rani Oirbans, Cru Borkowski, Zahlia Wetzler, Curtis Conolly, Joshua Nasr, Madaline Nasr, Kadence Carr.

SILVER AWARD

Connor Lambert

GOLD AWARD

DOUBLE BRONZE AWARD

DOUBLE SILVER AWARD

DOUBLE GOLD AWARD

ROYAL

DOUBLE ROYAL

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Jayla Cameron, Charlotte Lloyd, Lauchlan Reynolds

STAR STUDENT AWARD





EASTER RAFFLE

Please return tickets to school office in a sealed envelope with correct payment (cash only)
and child's name and class clearly marked on the front.

Please return by Wednesday 1st April, 2015.

Drawn after Easter Hat parade 2nd April, 2015.

50c—1 ticket

\$5.00—10 tickets

It would greatly assist us if you could cut the tickets along the lines before sending in.

SMIS Easter Raffle	SMIS Easter Raffle	SMIS Easter Raffle	SMIS Easter Raffle	SMIS Easter Raffle
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Class or Phone	Class or Phone	Class or Phone	Class or Phone	Class or Phone
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Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Class or Phone	Class or Phone	Class or Phone	Class or Phone	Class or Phone