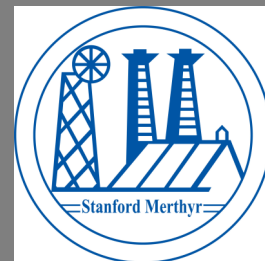


# Newsletter to Parents

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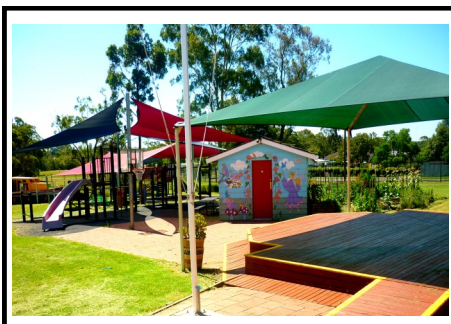
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Week 7 Term 3

25th August 2015

## BAKER, BAKER

28th August KP Alison Eveleigh  
28th August K/1H Isaac Ferry  
28th August 1P Monique Harris  
28th August 2T Jacob Aspinall  
4th Sept KP  
4th Sept K/1H No Baker Baker  
4th Sept 1P Nillo Carnival  
4th Sept 2T



## CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 26th August Tanya  
Fri 28th August Kristy & Liz  
Mon 31st August Barbara & Nicole  
Wed 2nd Sept Tanya & Kristy  
Fri 4th Sept Nillo Carnival  
Mon 7th Sept Tracey & Kate

## THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thur 27th August Shanelle Giles  
Thur 3rd Sep Leanne Pickering  
Thur 10th Sep Barbara Wells

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



## Term 3 Assembly Roster

Friday 28th Aug	Awards only
Friday 4th Sep	No assembly Nillo Sports Carnival
Friday 11th Sep	K-2 speeches presented
Friday 18th Sep	No assembly Fun Day

## CAREERS DAY AT KURRI KURRI PUBLIC

The students all actively participated in our Careers Education Day by dressing up. Kurri Kurri Public School organised so many career work stations that the children enjoyed visiting. Once back at school they continued the Careers theme by doing four related activities. I got to sample the delicious coconut ice the budding chefs cooked.



We were treated to listening to Lorin speak to us about how he has succeeded in his career path despite being born legally blind. He explained how his guide dog had been trained. He inspired us to never give up despite what handicaps you may have to deal with.



## READING IN THE STREET

Our thanks to Mrs Ceccato for organising another successful program to promote Book Week. Kurri Library treated us to performances based on the children's books nominated for awards for 2015. The librarians went to a lot of effort engaging the students with their story telling and puppets. We appreciate NRMA, Newcastle Permanent Building Society, Coles, KFC and Sylvester's Real Estate, for allowing our students to visit and be read to. A reporter from The Advertiser came to Coles to write an article and photograph our children as well as staff from Coles who got into the spirit of the day by also dressing up. We appreciate the effort they made.





### KULLABURRA AWARD CEREMONY

Three of our Aboriginal students received special awards on Wednesday Afternoon at Cessnock High School. Congratulations to Denika Hallet, Jackson McEwan and Lacey Smith.



### DRUM BEAT PERFORMANCE

Tammy and Troy Thomas did a fabulous drumming performance with the other members of our Kurri Kurri Community of Schools Drumming Group, at the Kullaburra Awards last Wednesday after school.

### YEAR TWO SLEEP OVER THIS THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST

Notes went home last week inviting all Year 2 children to come back to school at 5pm dressed in their pyjamas to have dinner, play games and sleep over. The cost is \$10.00 which covers the cost of dinner and breakfast the following morning. Mrs Thomsen, Mrs Petersen, Miss Humbles and Mr Ping will be staying at school over night with the children. I will stay for tea and then go home so I can be back to keep the school open on Friday for our Kinder and Year 1 students.

**It is vital that all Year 2 children get picked up at 9am and stay home Friday 28th August.**

### CLASS SPEECHES FOR TERM 3

All children are asked to participate in Public Speaking this term. They are asked to prepare a 60 second speech about their favourite place. More information has been sent home with your child.

Three children from each class will be selected to present their speech at our final assembly for Term 3 on Friday 11th September. The same children will deliver their speeches to Nillo Infants School using our video conferencing equipment.

### SPORTS CARNIVAL WITH NILLO INFANTS

This year we are hosting the sports carnival here at our school on Friday 4th September. All parents and grandparents are very welcome to join us. We have sent home a pizza lunch order form that we would appreciate being returned by next Monday 31st August please. Dominos will be supplying the pizzas.

### FATHERS DAY STALL THURSDAY 3RD SEP

We have appreciated the helpers that came today to help wrap Fathers Day presents. Today was the final day to send in money and order forms for what Fathers Day gifts you require.

### FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST IN THE LIBRARY THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

The staff are inviting all the fathers to come and join with a breakfast we will provide commencing at 8:30-9:30am in our school library. We would appreciate you please letting the office know if you can attend to help with catering. Thank you. Cost is \$3.00

### WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION TO CIVIC THEATRE AND NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY

We are delighted to provide the students with the opportunity to see a live theatre production of the book "Cranky Bear" performed at the Civic Theatre on **Tuesday 8th September**. Following this performance we are proceeding to the Newcastle Art Gallery to view two exhibitions. One is done by videos. The cost per student is \$25. This is our major excursion for 2015. Permission notes are at the office. Please note this excursion is non refundable if your child is sick on the day.

### WOOD CHIP AVAILABLE FOR GARDENS

I have a load of wood chip mulch that parents are welcome to come and take for \$5 a trailer load. Please come and see the girls in the office and we will open the back gate so you can drive in.

### BOOK CLUB DUE BACK

Please return all book club orders by this Friday 28th August.

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The forth rotation of Special Interest Groups started last Thursday. We welcome any parent assistance with these activities from 2pm for three Thursdays.

### Calendar of Events for Term Three 2015

Thursdays all year	P&C provide fruit & vegetable platters for the children
Every Tuesday from 28th April	Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school
Tuesdays all term	Boys Dance and Girls choir practices during lunch times
Wednesday 26th Aug	Whole school gymnastics programme (no cost to parents)
Friday nights all of Aug, Sept and Oct	Kurri Kurri bowling club raffles to raise money for our school
Thursday 3rd and 10th Sept	Special Interest Groups Rotation 4
Tuesday 25th August	Possible visit to our school from Kurri Kurri Pre-school
Thursday 27th August	Year 2 Sleep Over
Monday 31st August	Speeches due to present to class
Tuesday 1st September	2016 Kindergarten Students transition 12:30—1:30
Tuesday 1st September	P&C meeting 6pm
Thursday 3rd September	Fathers' Day Breakfast and Fathers' Day stall
Friday 4th September	Combined Sports Carnival with Nillo Infants at our school
Tuesday 8th September	Newcastle excursion to Civic Theatre to watch 'Cranky Bear' and visit Newcastle Art Gallery
Wednesday 9th September	2T 3 way conferences
Thursday 10th September	1P 3 way conferences
Sunday 13th September	MG Car Club luncheon
Monday 14th September	Present Speeches using video conferencing with Nillo Infants K-2
Tuesday 15th September	KP 3 way conferences
Wednesday 16th September	K/1 H 3 way conferences
Thursday 17th September	Class of the term party
Friday 18th September	Last Day of term. Fun day.

#### **The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey**

Our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

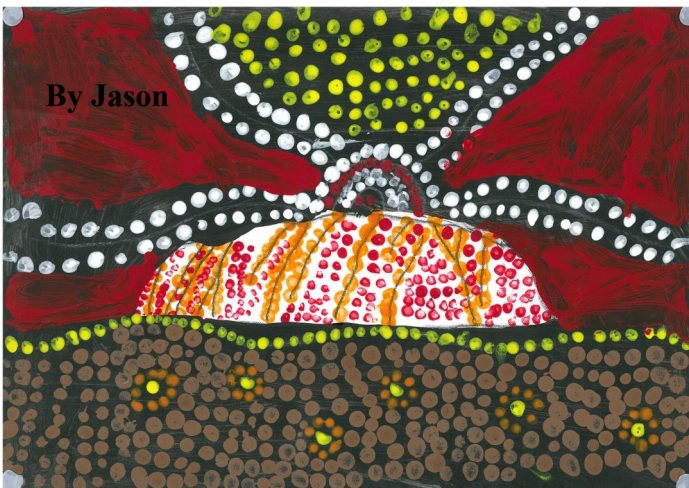
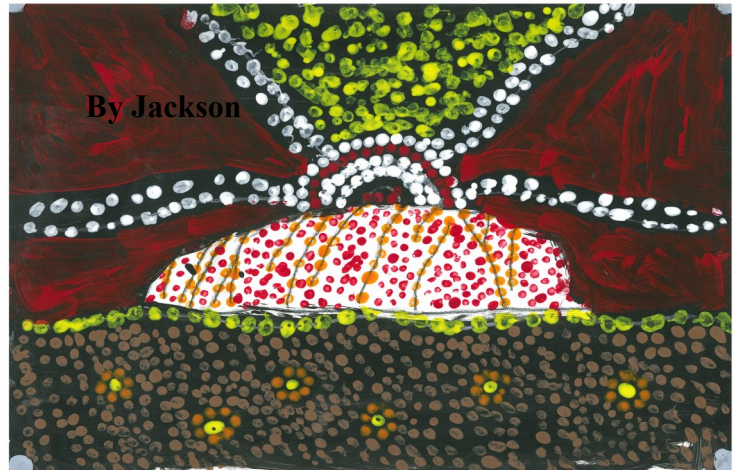
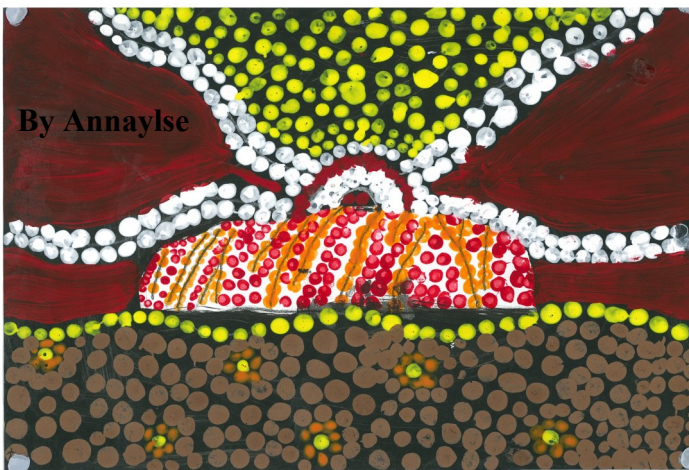
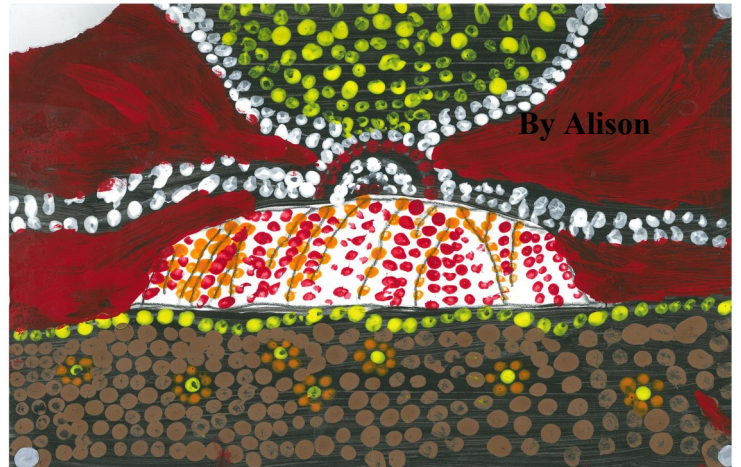
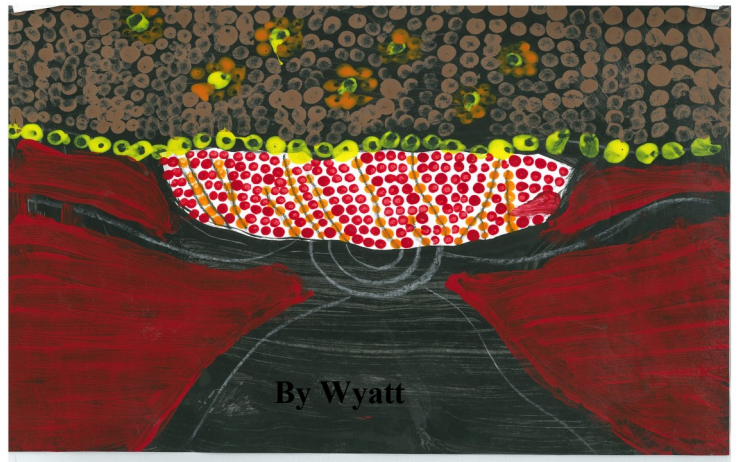
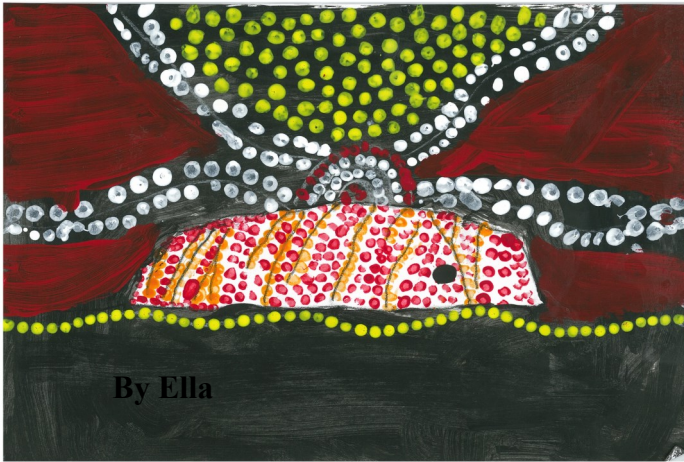
The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. We will have a staff member here to assist you and computers will be available for your use. The survey typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17th Aug and 16th Oct. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

**Anne Carr   Principal.**



ENJOY K/P STUDENTS ABORIGINAL ART WORK







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

**Jackson McEwan 2T 17/08/15**



## Stockland Stars 2015 Update

We have just received an update as to how voting for our Stockland Star is going

**Our School is currently in the Top 5,  
we are sitting at No 4 this is a Great Achievement so far**  
So please make sure you and your family and friends give your Votes to Our school so we can perhaps be awarded with one of the many great Prizes on offer.

**1st Prize: \$3,000 gift card for your School**

**2nd Prize: \$2,000 gift card for your School**

**3rd Prize: \$1,000 gift card for your School**

Also, vote for your favourite Stockland Star and you could WIN a \$3,000 Stockland voucher!

This Competition ends this Sunday the 30th August so hurry up and register your vote.

18 local schools have decorated stars and which are now hanging in-centre for the chance to share in \$6,000 in prizes for their school; and the stars are amazing! Once you've registered to vote at the customer care desk, every time you spend just \$10 at any specialty store in centre, you can place a vote and go into the draw to win the members' prize - a \$3,000 Stockland voucher for yourself! The competition ends Sunday 30 August, see in-centre for T&Cs.

## Please keep Friday the 16th October Free !!!

As we will be having a Spring Fair here at School  
Commencing from 4pm to 7pm

So please if you know of anyone who may be interested in having a stall at Our Spring Fair we are selling Stall spaces for \$15.00 each. Stall holders can please notify the Office and pay the \$15 fee at the Office during school hours.

To attract more interest we would like to try to have only 1 type of product, so first in best dressed.

Lets all try to make this a Great Afternoon for the School and the Community.