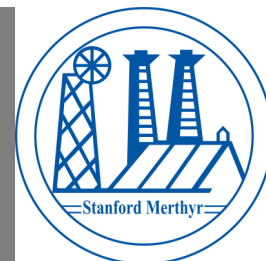


Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence



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Week 7 Term 4

22nd November 2016

BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

25th Nov KP Juliet M
K/1H Beau G
1/2W Emma Mac
2M Charlotte L

2nd Dec KP Lily M
K/1H Abbigale L
1/2W Taylor W
2 M Connor L

NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED



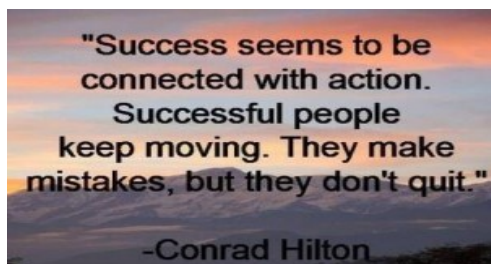
CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 23rd Nov Shanelle
Fri 25th Nov Tanya & Nikki
Mon 28th Nov Emma
Wed 30th Nov Leigh & Melissa
Fri 2nd Dec Kristy & Jamie
Mon 5th Dec Kelly

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thurs 24th November Odette Anderson
Thurs 1st December Heather Bianchi

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



OFFICIAL OPENING OF OUR HALL

I wish to thank all the parents who came to help us celebrate the official opening of our school hall. The items the children performed were appreciated.



RESPONSIBLE PET PROGRAM

We were very fortunate to have had Nicole come last week with her dog, Thunder, to discuss how



to look after a pet responsibly. She also spoke on the need to be careful before patting dogs that the children don't know.

Term 4 Fridays Assembly Roster

Fri 25th Nov

KP class item

Fri 2nd Dec

Awards only

Fri 9th Dec

Awards only.



AFL COACHING K-2

As part of the Premiers Sporting Challenge, our school received \$700. We have spent that money by hiring AFL



coaches who are coming for 4 weeks to teach football skills to all grades K-2 and all children will receive an AFL on the final session.

SWIMMING PROGRAM BEGAN YESTERDAY

Swimming is for ten days until 2nd December. Thank you for your patience as I mark off each child at the end of the lesson. I want to ensure all children are safely handed to their parents. Unfortunately all children need to get out of the pool at 2:45pm, even if you are staying to let them swim longer. Rules at the pool mean you need to pay again if you want them to swim longer.

MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT TOMORROW

Children are asked to be here at school at 5pm dressed in their pyjamas. They are able to bring their teddy or soft toy if they would like to. We will serve pizza and a drink first, before going to the hall to watch the movie. We would appreciate all children being picked up by 7.00pm please. The permission note and pizza order form is available at the office.

Calendar of Events for Term Four 2016	
Thursdays all year	P&C provide fruit & vegetable platters for the children
Every Tuesday from 11th Oct	Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:15am-11:00 here at school
Tuesdays all term	Boys Dance and Girls choir practices during lunch times
Wednesday 23rd Nov	Kindergarten Transition-12:00 noon-1.15pm
Monday 7th Nov-Fri 2nd Dec	3rd Year University Student on placement with KP
Fridays 25th Nov and 2nd Dec	AFL coaching here for K-2 -4 sessions for each grade each week.
Monday 21st Nov- 2nd Dec	10 days of Swimming 2.00-3.00 pm at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre
Wednesday 23rd November	Movie/Pizza Night 5.00-7.00 pm. Dominoes pizza fundraising 4-8pm.
Wednesday 7th December	Parent Helper Lunch 11.15 am- 12.15 pm
Wednesday 7th December	Teddy Bear Picnic- 2017 Kinder Students 9.30-11.00 am
Thursday 8th December	Class of the term party
Monday 12th December	Presentation Day assembly- Note the time change. 5:30-7pm in School Hall.
Tuesday 13th December	Reports handed out
Wednesday 14th December	Year 2 Assembly -2.00 pm in the hall
Thursday 15th December	Party Day
Friday 16th December	Fun Day

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE 11.11.2016

Mr Ping conducted a moving ceremony here at school, to acknowledge the end of the First World War and the sacrifice of Australian soldiers.



CLASSES FOR 2017

With the funding I have received from the Government for 2017, I am pleased to announce that we will have 4 classes here next year. Mrs Macgregor will work here two days a week next year. I am thrilled that Miss Chantelle Pollock, who currently works here on Wednesdays has agreed to be one of our teachers on 1/2. There will be two Kindergarten classes and two 1/2 classes. All children have been transitioning to their new classes each Wednesday from 12-1:30pm whilst our new kindergarten students have been here. I will wait until the end of the year before finally deciding on which students will be in each class as we are still receiving enrolments.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC FOR NEW 2017 KINDER'S

Our community of schools are hosting a free teddy bears picnic at Rotary Park on Friday 2nd December from 9:30-11.30am to celebrate the end of pre-

LIBRARY BORROWING FINISHED FOR 2016.

Mrs Ceccato, our librarian has requested that all children's library books be returned now please so we can undertake the required annual stocktake. Overdue notices will be sent home this week to help you remember what books your children have borrowed.

THANK YOU TO KURRI KURRI BOWLING CLUB

The staff would like to express our thanks to Mr Victor Dobing and the Board of Directors from Kurri Kurri Bowling Club for allowing us to sell raffle tickets each Friday night for the months of September and October. We raised a total of **\$1621 profit** during this time, which is amazing. I wish to thank every staff member and P&C member who gave up time to come and sell tickets. This money went towards finishing our school hall.

HOME READERS RETURNED PLEASE

The before school reading program will conclude next week please. I would appreciate children returning any PM readers they have at home along with their reading folders, so a stocktake can take place. Please could you hand these folders to either myself or take them to the office so I can mark off your name. All of our PM home readers are valued at \$9 or more per book. Your assistance will be much appreciated.



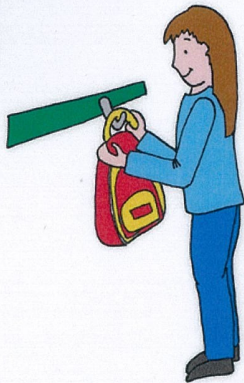
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING FOCUS FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT.
TERM 4

WEEK 7 Term 4. Children will be reminded that being organised is crucial if they are going to be active learners. We will explain how they need to look after their personal property and have it in the right place as well as have all the equipment for lessons ready on their desk..

This week the focus is to:

Be Responsible

Be organised




Week 8. Term 4: Children will discuss in what ways they can help others, both their peers and teachers as well as their parents and why helping others is such an important life skill to learn. Children will be rewarded with Stan and Merthi tickets for following this PBL expectation.

This week the focus is to:

Be Responsible

Help others



Please discuss these expectations with your children at home. It will be interesting to hear them explain to you what they have learnt. We have now covered the **four** expectations for **Safety** and the **four** expectations to teach **Being Respectful**. We are now working on the **four** expectations for **Being Responsible**.

ENJOY KP'S PAINTINGS ABOUT REMEMBRANCE DAY

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By Neve

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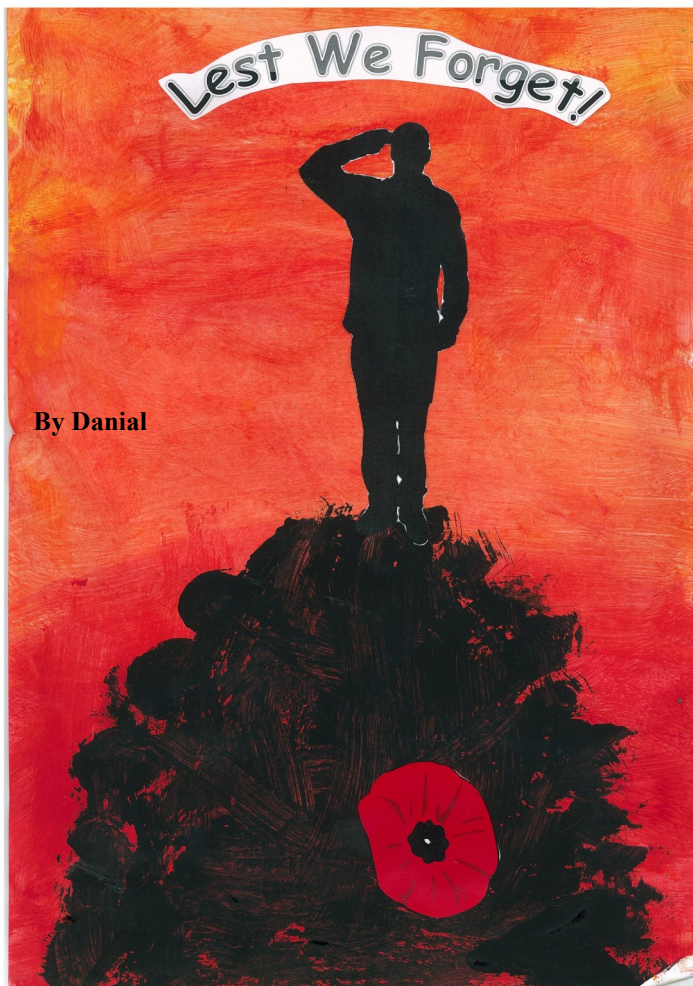
By Amahlia

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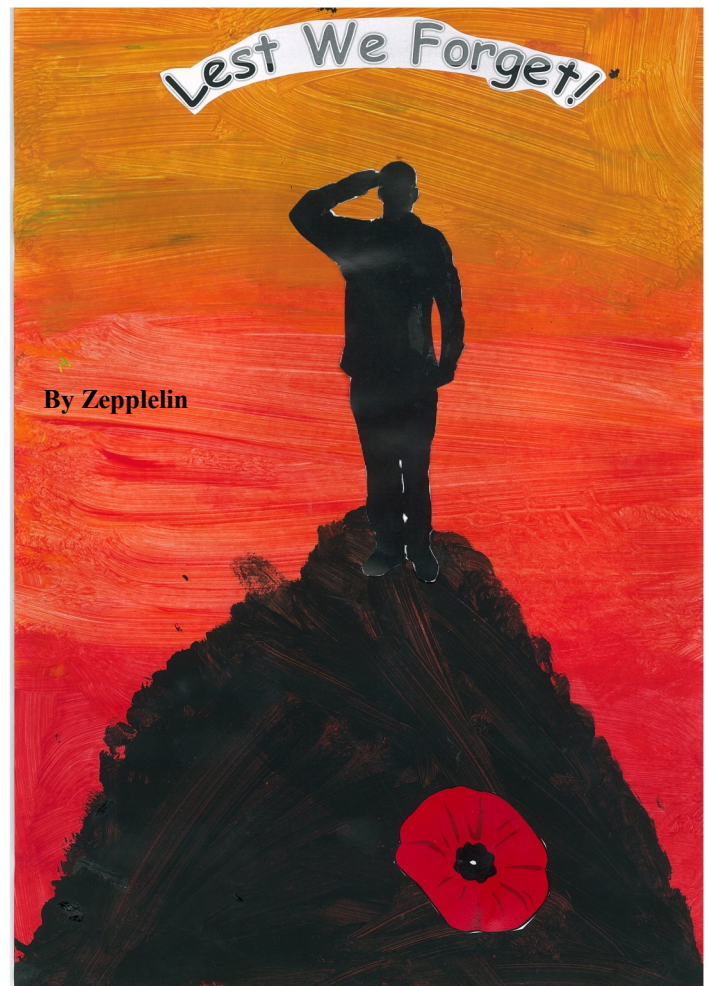
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By Jayda

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By Danial



By Zepplein

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER AT KURRI KURRI PUBLIC SCHOOL 6PM

Our boys dance group has been invited to open proceedings at the carols at 6pm on Sunday 11th December. Then all our students will sing the two Christmas songs we have been learning, at 6:15pm. Please fill in the note at the office to let us know your child can participate. It is always a very enjoyable night. I hope you can all come.

We would need all the boys to be at Kurri Kurri Public School by 5:40pm please to have time to get them dressed for their item. We will meet at the gate in Lang Street opposite Coles Supermarket. Girls need to be there by 5:45pm please. Girls can wear party clothes.

Permission notes are at the office.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER IN OUR NEW SCHOOL HALL

Please note we have changed the time for this special assembly to 5:30pm so our working parents can attend.



Official School Hall Opening



Kristine Murray: DoE Assets management unit unveils the plaque

DONATIONS FOR A XMAS HAMPER TO RAFFLE

The staff are wanting to do a Christmas Raffle. The prizes will be Christmas Hampers. We are requesting parents to please donate goods suitable for hampers, such as tinned goods, cakes, mince tarts, lollies, drink.

Please ensure items have not gone past their use by date.

Please send items into the school office as soon as you are able to do so.

The raffles will be drawn on Presentation Day.

Community Notices



Want to win prizes just by reading books? Join this year's Summer Reading Club at Cessnock City Library, kicking off on Thursday 1st December.

All you need to do is come into Cessnock or Kurri Kurri Library anytime on or after Tuesday 1st December, register at the front counter, pick up your Summer Reading Kit and you're on your way! As you read each book, fill in your Reading Log – for every two hours that you read, you can collect a ticket to put into the Summer Reading Box – the more tickets in the box, the better your chance to win a prize at the Great Summer Reading Prize Draw in February of next year!

For more information, please contact Sandy at Cessnock Library on 49934384 Sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au or Karen at Kurri Kurri Library on 49371638 Karen.bruce@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Book Club Orders
Due back to Office
By
29th November !!

SUPPORT
the PIT HORSE
PROJECT



RAFFLE
\$2 PER TICKET

- 1ST PRIZE – 4 STROKE PETROL LAWN MOWER**
- 2ND PRIZE – CHARCOAL SPIT ROASTER**
- 3RD PRIZE – SET OF 2 HAND MADE BUNNIES**

All proceeds go towards the design, construction and installation of a pit pony memorial in Kurri Kurri. Project managed by Towns With Heart Inc. Raffle drawn 19 February 2017.





CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Please return tickets to school office in a sealed envelope with correct
payment (cash only)



With your child's name and class clearly marked on the front.

Please return by Monday 5th December, 2016.

Drawn at Presentation Night on Monday 12th December 2016.

\$5.00—10 tickets

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

SMIS Xmas Raffle	SMIS Xmas Raffle	SMIS Xmas Raffle	SMIS Xmas Raffle	SMIS Xmas Raffle
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED !



Taylor W 30th Oct
Neve H 16th Nov



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At the assembly on Friday the 11th & 18th November 2016, these children all received awards.
Congratulations !!

KP	K/1H	1/2W	2M
Aydin Y Patrick L Improvement in Writing	Jackson R Outstanding effort in Writing Beau G Being a kind and responsible buddy	Emma & Kayde Mac Fantastic improvement in Maths Taylor W Fantastic improvement through persistence in Maths	Andrew A Excellent General Knowledge Hunter B Working well and persisting in Maths
Quality 5 Bookwork Erin H Neve H	Quality 5 Bookwork Abbigale L Kye R	Quality 5 Bookwork Ella G Beau M	Quality 5 Bookwork Alannah W Monique H



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS



Be Respectful ~ Be Honest Danial H	Be Respectful ~ Be Honest Emilia B	Be Respectful ~ Be Honest Kayden B	Be Respectful ~ Be Honest Vincent Mc
Be Responsible ~ Do your Job Jayda S	Be Responsible ~ Do your Job Alison E	Be Responsible ~ Do your Job Savannah H	Be Responsible ~ Do your Job Zalii B

Home Reading Awards 2016



Bronze (25 nights reading)

Silver (50 nights reading)

Gold (75 nights reading)

Emilia B

Double Bronze (100 nights reading)

Harrison C, Isabella H

Double Silver (125 nights reading)

Malachi C, Stella F, Jade C

Double Gold (150 nights reading)

Juliet M, Jayda S, Amahlia N, Neve H, Lacey S

Royal (200 nights reading)

Amahlia N

Double Royal (250 nights reading)

Excellence (300 nights reading)



PRINCIPALS AWARD
(Collecting 5 Awards)

Erin H, Andrew A, Jade C, Harrison C,
Juliet M, Amahlia N



STAR STUDENT AWARD
(Collecting 5 Principal's Awards)
Connor L, Lhotse C, Samuel B