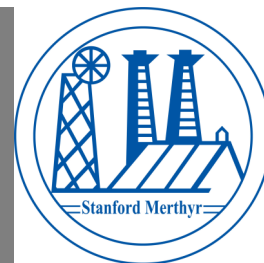


# Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence



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Week 1 Term 2

27th April 2016

## BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

**29th April** KP Erin Haddock  
K/1H Kye Robertson  
1/2W Taylor Wells  
2M Jayla Cameron  
**6th May** KP Neve Hoffman  
K/1H Taylah Harris  
1/2W Denika Hallett  
2M Curtis Conolly

**NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED**



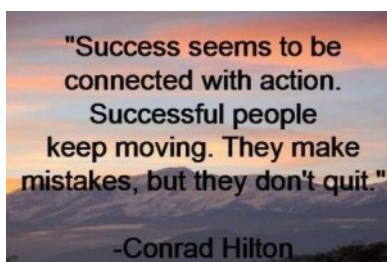
## CANTEEN ROSTER

**Wed 27th Apr** CLOSED  
**Fri 29th Apr** Tanya  
**Mon 2nd May** Nicole and Barb  
**Wed 4th May** Di and Kat  
**Fri 6th May** Kristy

## THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

**28th April** Amy Hallett  
**5th May** Barbara Wells  
**12th May** Leigh James

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



## ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSES.

The P&C has proposed the possibility of having one page of paid advertising in our schools fortnightly newsletters. Initially the P&C want to canvass interest from the local businesses. The size available would be one sixth of an A4 page in portrait layout, (9cm by 10cm) for the cost of \$5 per newsletter. Depending on demand would determine the number of times the advertisement could be printed. Please note this is an advertising opportunity and would not be seen as a promotion of any business by the school. If you are interested please phone the school office.

## WELCOME TO MISS POLLOCK

We have received funds from the NSW Government under the Early Action for Success Program which has enabled me to employ Miss Pollock each Wednesday until the end of this year. She will support class teachers by taking small groups of students to assist with numeracy and literacy.

## Term 2 Fridays Assembly Roster

29th April	No assembly
6th May	KP present work item
13th May	Year 2 present work
20th May	1/2 W present work
27th May	k/1H present work
3rd June	KP item
10th June	No assembly- Kinders to Oakvale Farm
17th June	Year 2 item
24th June	Year 1 and 2 Speeches presented
1st July	1/2W item

## PRESCHOOL TRANSITION EXPO

All schools in the Kurri Kurri Area were invited to take part in an Expo to provide information about all the schools, to parents in our area who have four year old children beginning school next year. I wish to thank Maria Ackerman, Kim Morrow and Karen Cameron for coming to help promote our school. We received one new enrolment from our involvement. Our activity was making pet rocks.





## EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Children made their Easter hats in class with the valuable assistance of several parents and careers. All the children looked wonderful and enjoyed singing the Easter songs to the parents, before enjoying an Easter Egg hunt. Thank you also for the Easter egg donations which enabled many of our children to receive a prize.



## BACK TO STANFORD AFTERNOON FOR 2015'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.



## ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOPS FUNDED BY CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL



## 3 WAY CONFERENCES WITH TEACHERS

If you were unavailable on the day your class teacher conducted their interviews, please make another time before or after school at your earliest convenience. Our aim is to have 100% attendance at these interviews as it is important to get your input to set new learning goals for your child.

## CANTEEN HELPERS REQUIRED WEDNESDAY'S

The new roster for term 2 is displayed in the cabinet under the walkway. It would be very much appreciated if you could consider doing one shift this term.

## NEWSLETTER DATES FOR TERM 2

Newsletter will come home with the oldest child Wednesday 27th April, then Tuesdays 10th May, 24th May, 7th June and 21st June.

We were fortunate in having Mark from "Keep Australia Beautiful" come to lead the students through a series of activities aimed at promoting recycling of materials and worm farming. We thank Cessnock Council for funding this workshop.

## WRAPPING MOTHERS DAY GIFTS MONDAY

Any parents or grandparents who would like to assist in wrapping gifts for our Mothers Day stall, please come to school Monday 2nd May at 12:00-3:00pm. Tea and coffee will be supplied.

### Calendar of Events for Term Two 2016

Thursdays all year	P&C provide fruit & vegetable platters for the children
Every Tuesday from 3rd May	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
Monday 2nd May	Wrapping mothers day gifts at 12:00pm in the library. All welcome
Wednesdays 4th, 18th and 25th May	Second rotation of Special Interest Groups at 2pm Parents invited to help
Friday 6th May	High Tea morning tea for Mothers at 9:45am and Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 10th May	P&C meeting 6pm
Friday 13th May	Free parent Fruit and Veg workshop at school
Friday 20th May	Walk to School Day
Monday 23rd May	Children's author visit talking to K-2 —Ursula Dubosarsky
Tuesday 24th May	Small School's Carnival at Turner Park
Wednesday 25th May	Dominoes Pizza Fund Raiser 4-8pm
Monday 30th May	Asthma information talks for students
Tuesday 31st May	Back up date for Small Schools Carnival in case of rain
Wednesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd June	Special Interest Groups -third rotation. 2pm . Parents invited to help.
Friday 3rd June	School Disco 5-7pm and McDonalds 7-8pm
Tuesday 7th June	P&C meeting 6pm
Friday 10th June	Kindergarten excursion to Oakvale Farm
Monday 13th June	Queens birthday holiday
Friday 17th June	Back up date for Kindergarten excursion to Oakvale Farm in case of rain
Monday 14th June	Maths-a-thon school sponsorship notes handed out
Friday 17th June	2 students from each class present speeches in assembly
Tuesday 21st June	Transition hour for Kindergarten children beginning in 2017 12:30pm
Friday 24th June	2 students from 1/2 W, 2M and 1 student from K/1H present speeches in assembly
Wednesday 29th June	School reports handed out
Wednesday 29th June	2 students from 1/2 W, 2M and 1 student from K/1H present speeches to Nillo Public School using the video conferencing equipment
Thursday 30th June	Class of the term party
Friday 1st July	Last day of term Fun Day
Friday 1st July	Maths-a-thon notes and money due back to school



## EXCURSION TO HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION EDGEWORTH MONDAY 2ND MAY

Life Education visit for all students is being held next **MONDAY 2ND MAY**. The Life Education bus will transport each class to and from the centre. The **cost is \$10 per student**. There is also Life Education merchandise that can be purchased (an order form is attached.) If you wish to purchase send in your order with exact money in an envelope to the office and we will send in a bulk order. Orders cannot be accepted on the morning of the excursion. Permission notes are at the office to sign.

## MOTHERS DAY STALL 6TH MAY

The mothers day stall will be held in the library following assembly next Friday 6th May. The fund raising committee have requested that **all order forms please be returned to the office with money by Thursday 5th May**. Order forms are available from the office. Children can order up to 3 gifts each at \$5 per gift.

## 2016 BOOK PACK AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP PAYMENTS

If you have not already paid this fee, please could I ask if payment for book packs and Special Interest Groups, which is \$55 per year be paid by the end of this term please. This covers all books, glue and stationery for the year plus 6 special activities including painting, music, drama, obstacle courses, cooking and computers.

## SMALL SCHOOLS CARNIVAL TUESDAY 24TH MAY (back up date if wet is the next Tuesday 31ST MAY )

A permission note is available at the office for all children to participate in the Small Schools Carnival which will be Tuesday 24th May. We join in with all other small schools in the Cessnock area. Our whole school will be going to this. A back up date will be the 31st May if it should be wet. There is no cost for this excursion. Parents are responsible for transporting their children to Turner Park at Cessnock. Please return this note to the office by Friday 20th May.



to improve the health of your family and save money

### Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

**Date:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
**Time:** 9:00am until 10:30am  
**Venue:** Stanford Merthyr Infant School



Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending

**Don't miss out** – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than **06/05/2016** by:

registering at the school office  
emailing [eatittobeatit@nswcc.org.au](mailto:eatittobeatit@nswcc.org.au)  
visiting [www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register](http://www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register)  
or phoning (02) 4923 0704



## FREE FRUIT AND VEG WORKSHOP HERE

To those of you who have attended our transition to school parent sessions, you will remember the woman who came and presented information about the importance of healthy eating. Several of you requested more information. I have invited her back on the 13th May to speak again and this time to have more time to answer your questions. If we together as a team can help educate students on the importance of eating healthy food, we will be helping ensure they have the best opportunity to remain healthy through out their lifetime. I cannot stress the importance of this more strongly. A child's physical health is as vital as their mental and emotional well being. At Stanford Merthyr Infants School the staff are committed to helping your child develop in all areas of their lives. I strongly recommend this work shop to you and any friends you would like to bring. Please save the date on your calendars.



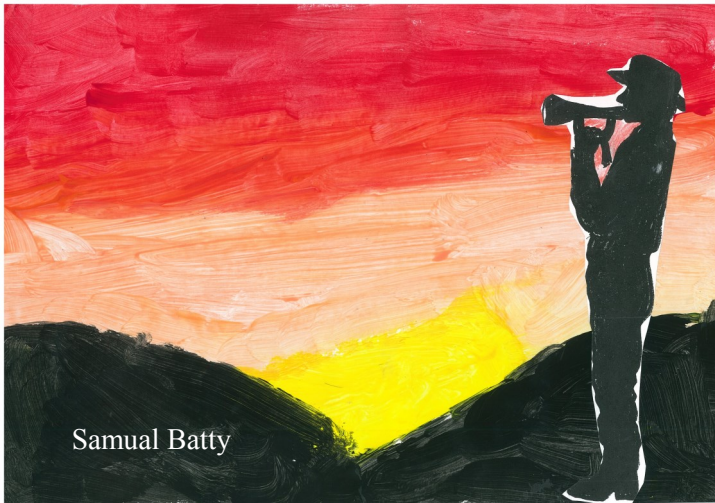
## ENJOY 2M'S ANZAC DAY ART WORK



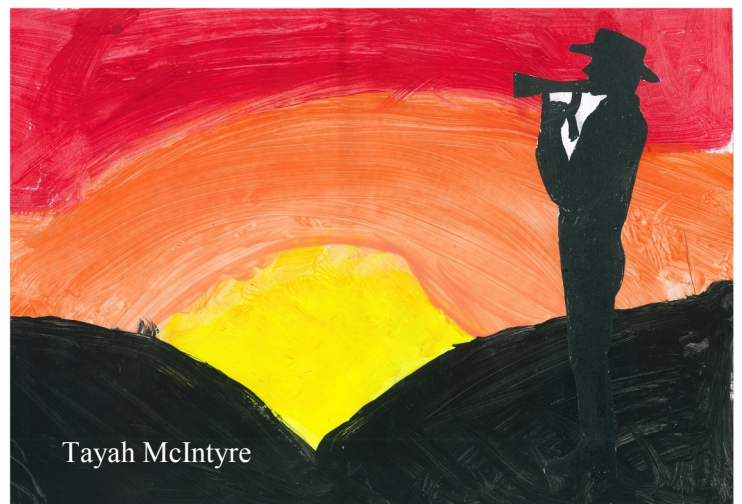
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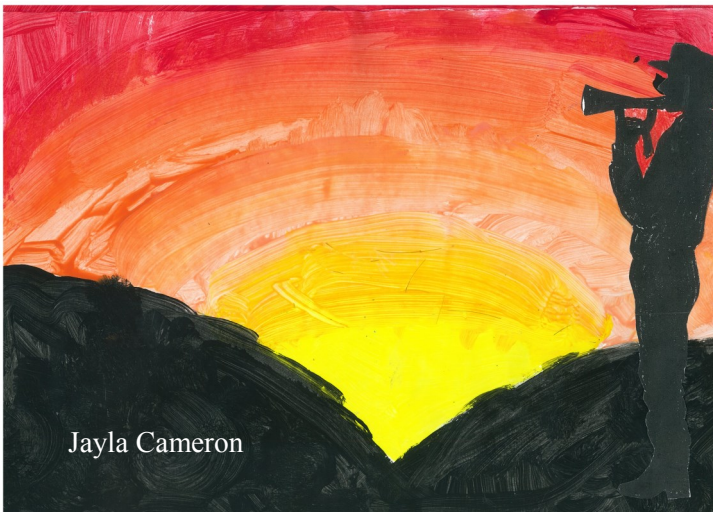
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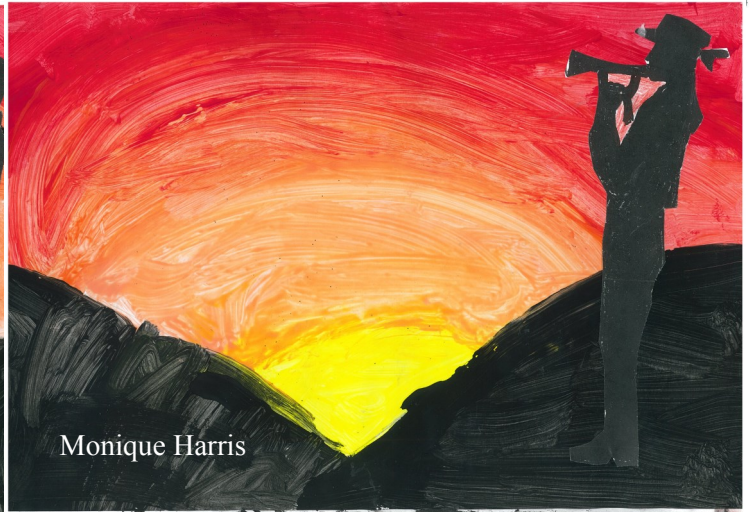
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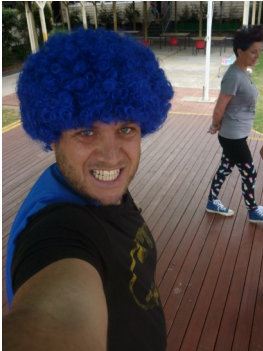


Monique Harris



## TERM ONE FUN DAY- OUT OF UNIFORM DAY AND CRAZY HAIR DAY

As part of our school student welfare program we have a fun day activity on the final day each term. All students who have followed school rules and expectations look forward to participating in these days. Last term 100% of our student enrolment participated. Congratulations to everyone. The children and staff all looked amazing, as the following photos indicate. All the sporting equipment was made available for the students.



## 2016 ANZAC SERVICE

Mr Ping led a poignant school Anzac Service just before we went on holidays. This year is very significant as it is the 100th year anniversary of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landing on the shores of Gallipoli in Turkey. Thank you to the parents who came and joined us for this special service. All classes contributed by making poppies or a class wreath. Andrew, Hannah and Jayla did an excellent job reading the ode.



Anne Carr  
Principal



# Mother's Day High Tea!



The staff would like to honour all of our mothers by inviting you to a special High Tea on Friday 6th May.

We will serve the High Tea in the hall after assembly (approx 9:45).

We ask please if you could let the office know if you can attend, by Monday 2nd May, so we know how many to cater for.

We do hope you will be able to attend!



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED !



Riley Zammit 19th March  
Erin Haddock 21st March  
Kye Robertson 23rd March  
Samuel Batty 24th March  
Naomi McDonald 25th March

Hannah Bianchi 28th March  
Lincoln Webster 3rd April  
Monique harris 5th April  
Alison Eveleigh 7th April

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

*At the assembly on Friday the 1st April and 8th April 2016, these children all received awards.  
Congratulations !!*

KP	K/1H	1/2W	2M
<b>Aydin Yildirim</b> Following class routines	<b>Eli Gerke</b> Giant leap in reading	<b>Blake Haddock</b> Excellence in maths	<b>Tayah McIntyre.</b> Excellence in Spelling
<b>Lilliarna Moore</b> Increased Confidence	<b>Cru Borkowski</b> Demonstrating great maths skills	<b>Jason Dobing</b> Fantastic Effort in Writing	<b>Curtis Conolly</b> Great research
<b>Getting Along</b>  Sarah Roberts	<b>Getting Along</b>  Alison Eveleigh Lincoln Webster	<b>Getting Along</b>  Denika Hallett Chayse Cook	<b>Getting Along</b>  Monique Harris Alannah Winchester
<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b>  Danial Harris Xavier Lambert-Cambourne	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b>  William Aspinall Emilia Bianchi	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b>  Beau Morrow Malachi Conry	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b>  Jayla Cameron Andrew Anderson

## Home Reading Awards 2016

**Bronze** (25 nights reading)

Alannah Winchester, Riley Zammit, Savannah Hutchings, Hannah Bianchi, Eli Gerke, Kadence Carr, Charlotte Lloyd, Charlotte Papworth, Beau Gray-Goulden, Lilliarna Moore, Annalyse Beagley, Emilia Bianchi

**Silver** (50 nights reading)

Lacey Smith, Cooper James, Tayah McIntyre Abbigale Lucas, Taylor Wells, Beau Morrow, Jayla Cameron, Lhotse Cameron, Naomi McDonald, Kye Robertson, Chayse Cook

**Gold** (75 nights reading)

**Double Bronze** (100 nights reading)

**Double Silver** (125 nights reading)

**Double Gold** (150 nights reading)

**Royal** (200 nights reading)

**Double Royal** (250 nights reading)

**Excellence** (300 nights reading)

**PRINCIPALS AWARD** (Collecting 5 Awards)

Denika Hallett, Blake Haddock,, Beau Morrow, Tayah McIntyre

**STAR STUDENT AWARD** (Collecting 5 Principal's Awards)

Hunter Bodo, Zalii Bodo

