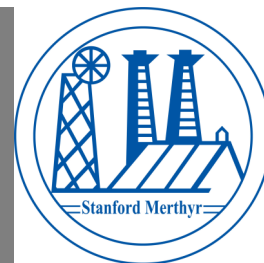


# Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence



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Week 3 Term 2

10th May 2016

## **BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY**

**13th May** KP Aydin Y  
K/1H Eli G  
1/2W Blake H  
2M Monique H

**20th May** KP Juliet M  
K/1H Abbigale L  
1/2W Emma Mac  
2M Connor L

**NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED**



## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Wed 11th May** Di & Kat  
**Fri 13th May** Tanya & Leigh  
**Mon 16th May** Nicole & Barb  
**Wed 18th May** Kristy & Leigh  
**Fri 20th May** Kristy & Leigh  
**Mon 23rd May** Nicole & Barb

## **THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK**

**12th May** Leigh James  
**19th May** Heather Bianchi

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



## **BEST LIBRARY BORROWERS FOR TERM ONE**

Mrs Ceccato is a very generous person. Each term she is donating books to encourage students to borrow and read books from our school library. She records who borrows each week. These children below were the best borrowers from their classes.

Congratulations to the following students:

KP Neve H  
K/1 H Abbigale L and Lhotse C  
1/2W Denika H, Lacey S and Beau M  
2M Andrew A, Hunter B and Alannah W.



## **Term 2 Fridays Assembly Roster**

13th May	Year 2 present work
20th May	1/2 W present work
27th May	No assembly-Small Schools Carnival
3rd June	K/1H present workitem
10th June	No assembly- Kinders to Oakvale Farm
17th June	Year KP item
24th June	Year 1 and 2 Speeches presented
1st July	Year 2 item

## **P&C MEETING TONIGHT AT 6PM**

All interested parents and community members are invited to attend our P&C meeting in the library tonight at 6pm.

## **IMPORTANT NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS) INFORMATION FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY.**

Please see the information sheet on page 6 of this newsletter. If you are a parent or carer who cares for a child or adult under the age of 65, you are entitled to be assessed for participation in this national insurance scheme from July 2016. However, to do this you need to be able to answer truthfully, questions 1-4 on the NDIS website, under the access requirement link. You are then required to **phone 1800 800110 any time after 17th June** to speak to the access team. The website address is:

[www.ndis.gov.au/participants](http://www.ndis.gov.au/participants)

There are information packs you can pick up from our school office. Please ask for our assistance if necessary.

## MOTHERS DAY STALL

I would like to thank Kristy, Leigh, Cathy, Odette, Karen and Kim for being prepared to wrap all the gifts ready for the stall and then coming to ensure the children purchased from the lovely selection of gifts.

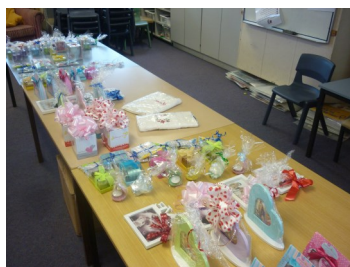


## SPECIAL THANKYOU TO JOAN AND CATHY

Joan was very kind in donating beautiful embroidered towels which she donated to the Mothers Day Stall. Cathy was very generous in supplying the cellophane to wrap the gifts as well as making 70 beautiful bows to decorate the gifts.

## MOTHERS DAY HIGH TEA

Thank you to all the staff who provided a lovely morning tea to honour our mothers. We value you and the close co-operation you all have with us at school to ensure your children achieve the best results they can.



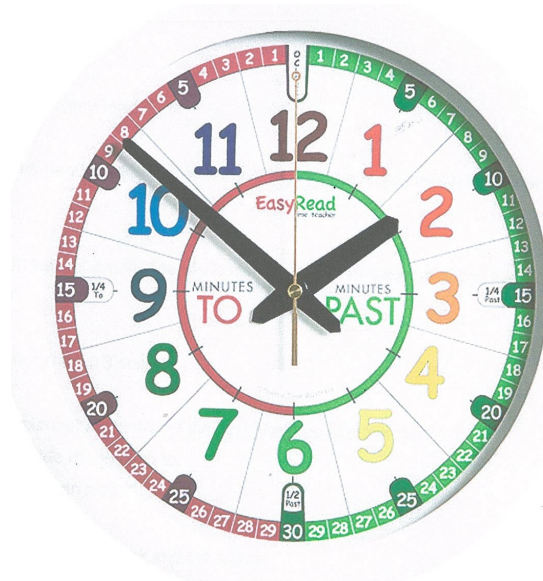
## SMALL SCHOOLS CARNIVAL FRIDAY 27TH MAY

A permission note is available at the office for all children to participate in the Small Schools Carnival which will be Friday 27th May. We join in with all other small schools in the Cessnock area. Our whole school will be going to this. 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 25th May. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.** This is outside of my control and I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## INFORMATION: HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOL

Year 1/ 2 are studying the Unit "Past and Present" and Miss Wood was inquiring as to any family who may have a grandparent who attended this school as a young student, who may be interested in coming to talk to her class about their memories of school. It is always interesting for current students as well as past students to compare the changes that occur over time. Please come and see either myself or Miss Wood if you know of anyone we could approach. Thank you.

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO TEACH TIME EFFECTIVELY TO YOUNG CHILDREN



Thank you to Nikki who brought this website to my attention. This is the best example of a clock that I have seen that will help teach analogue time to children. This company also sell children's watches with the same clock face as indicated in the photo. A watch would make an excellent birthday gift for your child. I have purchased four of these clocks for each of our teachers.

The address is:

[www.thecoffeeapple.com.au/products/easyread-time](http://www.thecoffeeapple.com.au/products/easyread-time)

**FUNDRAISER: DOMINOS PIZZA KURRI KURRI IS PROUD TO SUPPORT STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL THROUGH A FUNDRAISER**  
**When: Wednesday 25TH MAY 2016**

**Time: 4-8pm**

A donation of \$1 from every pizza sold between 4-8pm will be given to the school.

How to order: Call 1300 366 466 or order on line at [www.dominos.com.au](http://www.dominos.com.au) Vouchers can be used during 4-8pm or you can join Dominos E club @ [www.dominos.com.au](http://www.dominos.com.au).





# Author Visit by Ursula Dubosarsky ~ Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

## Ursula Dubosarsky (Author)

### About

Ursula Dubosarsky is widely regarded as one of the most talented and original writers in Australia today. She is the author of over 40 books for children and young adults, which have won a number of national prizes, including the NSW, Victorian, South Australian and Queensland Premier's Literary Awards.

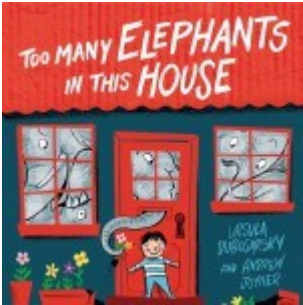
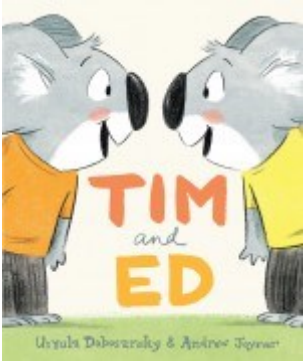
Alongside her fiction for older children, Ursula has a wonderful talent for picture books such as the highly popular *The Terrible Plop* and *Too Many Elephants in This House*, which have both been adapted as successful stage productions. She has also written the non-fiction *Word Spy* books about the English language, both of which also won major national awards.

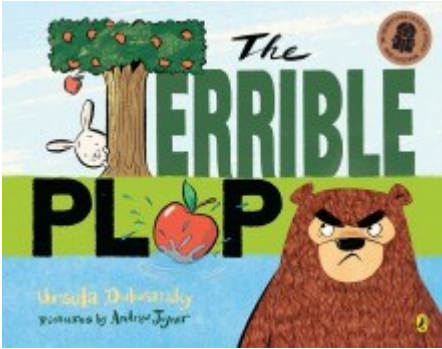
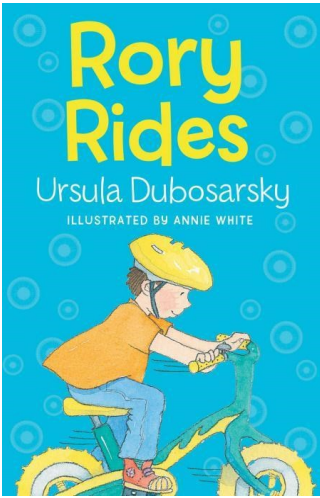
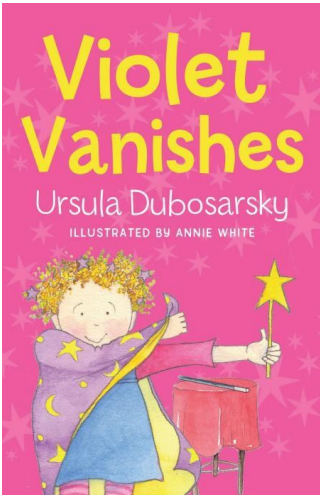
Ursula has a PhD in English literature from Macquarie University and lives in Sydney with her family



Photo credit: Vicki Skarratt 2011

If you would like to order one of Ursula's books that will be signed by Ursula and handed out on her visit to our School. Please complete the order form and return to Office with payment as soon as possible.

Book Title	Price	Quantity	Total
	\$22.50		\$
	\$22.50		\$

Book Title	Price	Quantity	Total
	\$14.99		\$
	\$9.99		\$
	\$9.99		\$
	Total		\$

**EFTPOS/Cash payments accepted**

**Name of Child:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

I	is	and
here	am	look
we	in	dad
up	come	you
mum	go	a
the	big	went
to	on	can
see	for	at
little	my	said
are	down	me

1. Play '**Battleships**' with words on a grid with a partner or as a class.
2. Play **coin toss** - words on floor - children take turns to toss a coin onto a word and say that word.
3. Have a box of small blank **mini cards** or paper you can purchase great sized post it notes these days (approx 10cm x 2 cm) on hand at all times so that children can write down words from word walls, charts etc and then take the card back to their writing. It is also handy to write words on when doing writing conferences.
4. Play **who am I?** Eg. I am yellow, I have 5 letters, and I end in 't'.
5. Make a letter **twister chart** with chalk on a concrete floor, children place their feet and hands on the letters to spell words.
6. Children make their own word wall/**dictionary** using photocopied small words and scrapbooks labelled with a letter of the alphabet on each page... can be added to throughout the year.
7. Play **Hangman** using the word card words.
8. **How quickly can you find** a certain word in individual reading books during small group reading.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CANTEEN PRICE LIST AND FOODS AVAILABLE FOR SALE**

I have attached a copy of the foods for sale at the canteen with their prices. The canteen is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Thank you to all the mothers who have offered to assist in the canteen this term.

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
Wednesdays 18th and 25th May	Second rotation of Special Interest Groups at 2pm Parents invited to help
Friday 20th May	Walk to School Day
Monday 23rd May	Children's author visit talking to K-2 —Ursula Dubosarsky
Wednesday 25th May	Dominoes Pizza Fund Raiser 4-8pm
Friday 27th May	Small School's Carnival at Turner Park
Monday 30th May	Asthma information talks for students
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
Monday 6th June	Maths-a-thon school sponsorship notes handed out
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
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 Infants 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

## ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Just a reminder that no child should be coming to school with electronic equipment please. We have had a few children arrive with mobile phones recently. I appreciate your support so no valuable items get lost or damaged.



## TRAFFIC INFRINGEMENT NOTICES

I phoned Cessnock Council requesting signage to put on our school fences to remind us all about the importance of parking in the correct designated car parking spaces. These signs are now displayed on both boundary fences. I would feel dreadful if any of you received a fine for doing any of the following noted below. Please take the time to read the sign.

**SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES**  
**WHAT ARE YOU RISKING ?**

**No Parking**  
You have 2 minutes to drop-off and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. **PENALTY \$177 +2 DEMERIT POINTS**

**No Stopping**  
Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies. **PENALTY \$319 +2 DEMERIT POINTS**

**Bus Zone**  
You must not stop your vehicle in a bus zone unless you are driving a public bus. **PENALTY \$319 +2 DEMERIT POINTS**

**Mobile Phone use**  
Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving. **PENALTY \$425 +4 DEMERIT POINTS**

**Speeding Offences**  
There has been an increase to the monetary fine and number of demerit points applicable to Speeding Offences in School Zones. **MAX PENALTY \$3740 +7 DEMERIT POINTS**

**If you stop on a footpath or nature strip** **PENALTY \$177 +2 DEMERIT POINTS**

**If you stop across a driveway** **PENALTY \$177 +2 DEMERIT POINTS**

**FACT** Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need YOU to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

\*Fines current as of July 2015. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.

Brought to you by Cessnock City Council  
Ranger Services & Road Safety Officer

## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY FRIDAY 20TH MAY

Friday the 20th May 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 safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. We will meet on Friday 20th of May 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. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

PLEASE SIGN PERMISSION NOTE AT OFFICE

NDIS INFORMATION CLICK ON THE WORDS: ACCESS REQUIREMENTS AND IT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE.



## LIFE EDUCATION EXCURSION

All students enjoyed going by bus to the Hunter Life Education classrooms where Kindergarten students covered the topics of healthy foods, names of parts of the body, and how to keep safe. Year 1 and 2 covered safe storage of medicines, how to ring 000, and what foods provide lasting energy.



## Participants

If you are a person with disability who wishes to participate in the NDIS, you must first be assessed against the [access requirements](#).

On this page, participants in the NDIS can find information about the planning process, making decisions about support, working with providers and managing their plan.

### The planning process

Resources to help you identify your needs, goals and current supports and start the planning process

### What are reasonable and necessary supports?

These include informal supports already available to a participant as well as other formal supports, such as health and education

### Understanding your plan and supports

Choose how to manage the funding for the supports in your plan (including self-managing)

### Safeguards

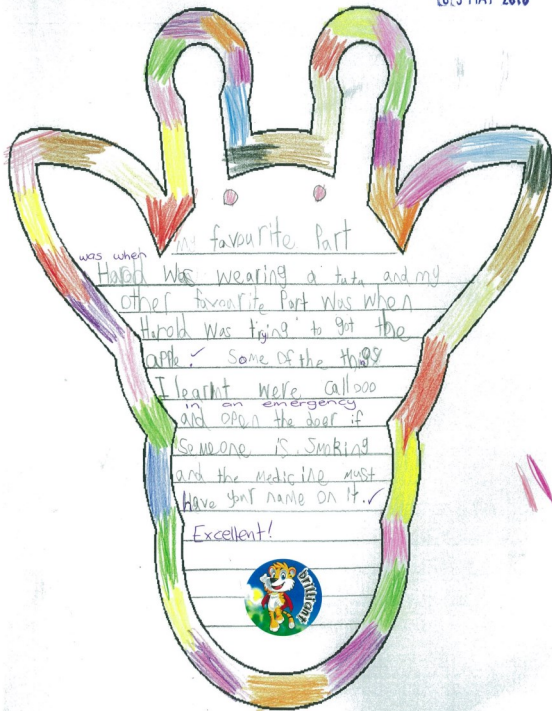
NDIS participants should have choice and control over their lives with no risk of harm, abuse, neglect or exploitation



# 1/2W's RECOUNTS ABOUT THE EXCURSION TO HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION

Name: Emma.

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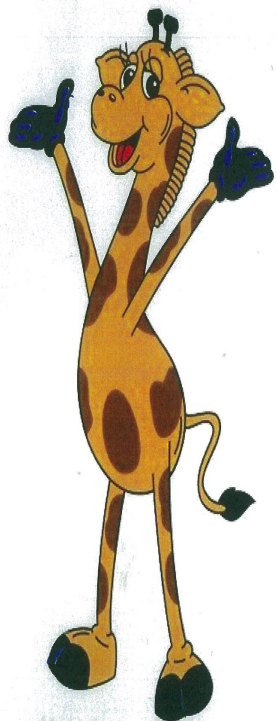


My favourite part  
was when Harold was wearing a tutu and my  
other favourite part was when  
Harold was trying to get the  
apple. Some of the things  
I learnt were call ooo  
in an emergency  
did open the door if  
someone is smoking  
and the medicine must  
have your name on it.  
Excellent!



Emma Mac

Kayde



I had good day. I  
liked when Healthy  
Harold was cheeky  
it was very funny.  
I like when we did the  
word game. Harold  
thought fly but he  
wasn't done the  
stairs. Some of the  
things we learnt  
were fruit gives  
us long last energy.

I also learnt medicine  
has to be safe place with your  
name on it. ✓ Good!



Kayde Mac

Chayse

10.3 MAY 2016



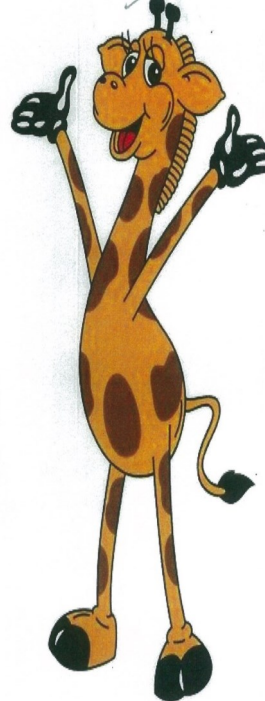
our Life Education  
visit. My favourite  
part of the Life  
Education visit was  
when Harold bumped  
his head in his home.  
We know that  
Giraffes can't fly.  
If a person is smoking  
say stop or walk  
away. ✓ Great  
Chayse!



Chayse C

Thomas

10.3 MAY 2016



Today we went  
to Healthy Harold  
and I had fun. My  
favourite part of  
Healthy Harold was  
when he was trying  
to get the apple.  
Some of the  
things I learnt are  
call ooo for fire  
or police or  
ambulance in  
a emergency. I also learnt  
about if someone is  
smoking say stop smoking  
please or open the window  
turn on a fan or walk  
away. ✓

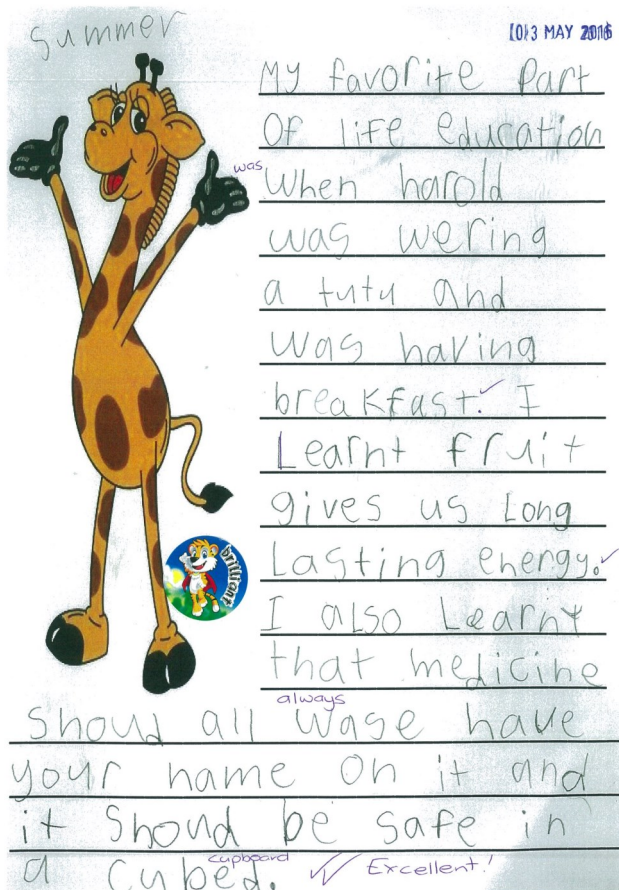


Fantastic  
Thomas !!

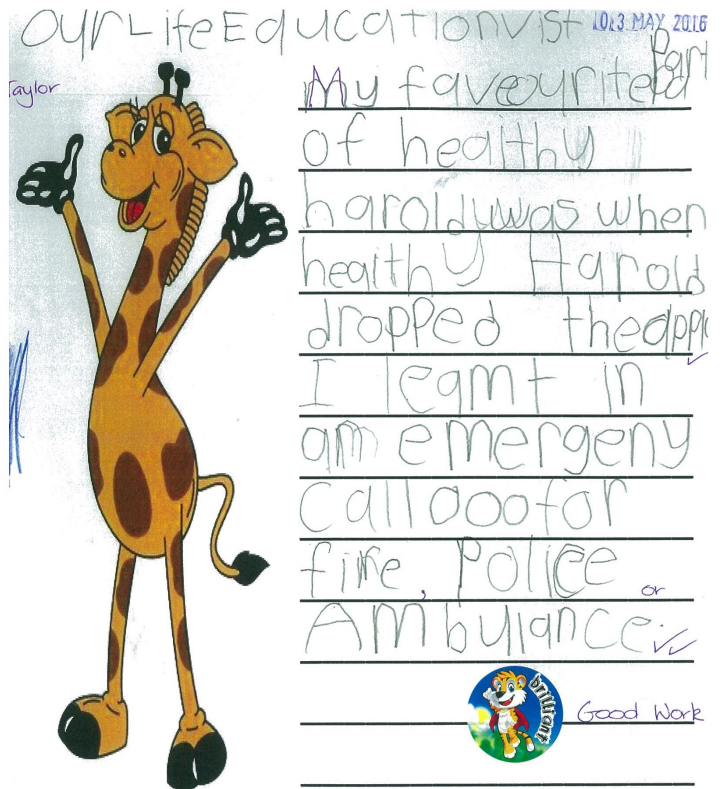
Thomas S



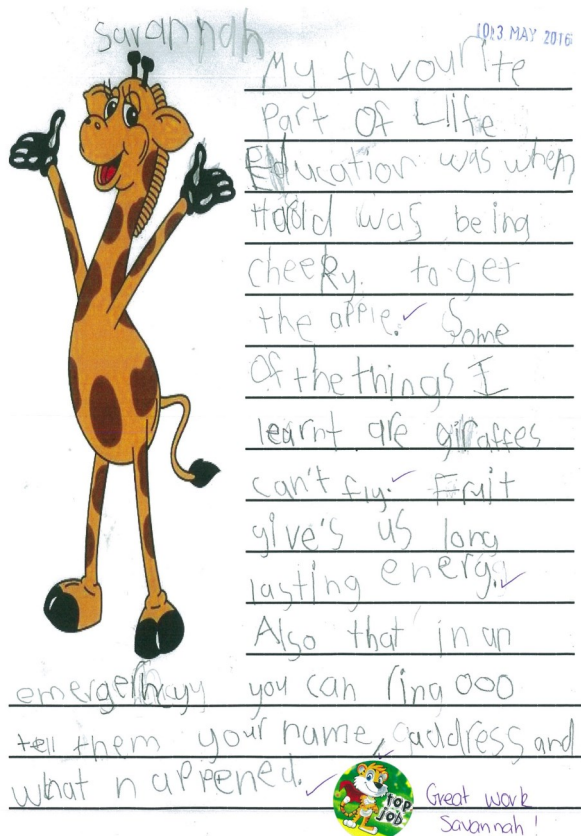
# 1/2W's RECOUNTS ABOUT THE EXCURSION TO HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION



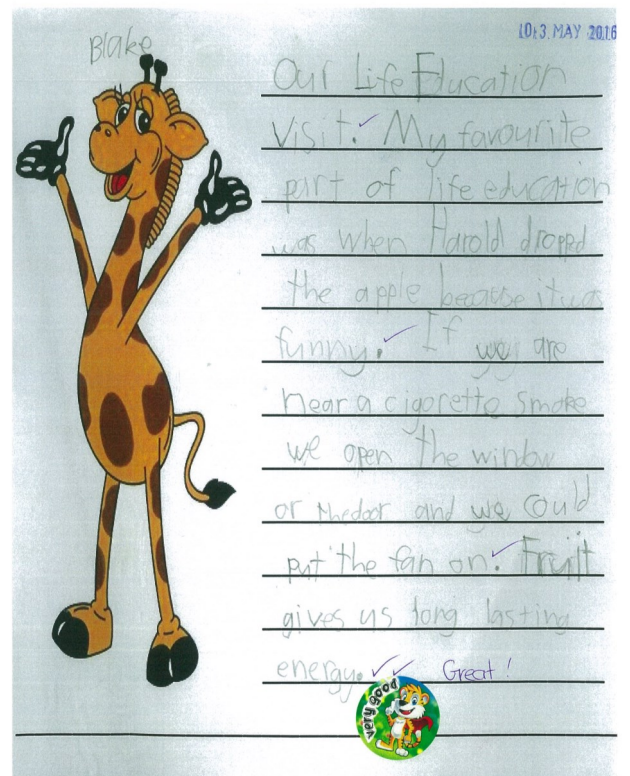
Summer G



Taylor W



Savannah H



Blake H

## DISCO AND DINNER AT MCDONALDS FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

We would like to invite the whole school to our school disco that will be held in our **School Hall**. Parents can drop the children off 5pm and return to pick them up at 7pm. You are welcome to stay and join in as well. There is a form for 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 **3pm Wednesday 1st June**.

## MCDONALDS DINNER FRIDAY 3RD JUNE AT KURRI MCDONALDS.

We hope you can join us for a fun night at McDonalds after the disco at 7pm. 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 **Wednesday 1st June at 3pm**. We have to give these orders to McDonalds on the 2nd June. Adults can order at the store on the night and don't need to pre-order.

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Please fill in and send to the office with your child's money for their happy meal order by Wed 1st June

## McDonalds Dinner Order from Stanford Merthyr Infant School Friday 3rd June at 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 or chocolate flavoured milk
3. Girls toy or boys toy

**And**

**Please circle *one* of the following meals.**

- |  |        |
|--|--------|
| 1. cheese burger happy meal                                    | \$5.10 |
| 2. 3 piece nugget happy meal                                   | \$5.10 |
| 3. Plain hamburger (no cheese) happy meal                      | \$5.10 |
| 4. Chicken snack wrap with crispy or seared chicken happy meal | \$5.10 |
| 5. 10 chicken McBite happy meal                                | \$6.90 |
| 6. 6 piece nugget happy meal                                   | \$7.30 |

**Total Included: \$**\_\_\_\_\_



# Stanford Merthyr Infant School ~ Canteen Menu 2016

## MENU ITEMS

GREEN

AMBER

BEST CHOICE			SELECT CAREFULLY	
SANDWICHES AND WRAPS  • For wraps add \$0.50	LF Cheese	\$1.20	Vegemite	\$1.20
	LF cheese and Tomato	\$1.70	Jam	\$1.20
	Egg	\$1.70	Ham	\$1.70
	Egg and Lettuce	\$2.00	Ham and LF cheese	\$2.10
	Chicken	\$2.30		
	Salad	\$2.50		
	Lf cheese, ham and Tomato	\$2.30		
	Ham and Salad	\$3.50		
	Chicken Salad	\$3.50		
SALAD BOXES	Salad Box	\$4.00	Salad box includes:	
	* Add LF cheese	\$0.50	Carrot, lettuce, tomato,	
	* Add egg	\$0.50	cucumber, pineapple	
	* Add ham or chicken	\$1.50		
HOT FOOD	CM Garlic bread	\$0.80	Hot dog <i>tomato or bbq sauce</i>	\$2.50
	Corn on cob	\$0.80	Noodles <i>chicken or beef</i>	\$2.00
	Toasted sandwiches		LF Party pies	\$2.00
	See sandwich options above.		LF Sausage rolls	\$2.20
	Please specify <b>‘toasted’</b> on order.		Lasagne	\$3.00
			Ham & pineapple pizza	\$2.50
			Cheese & bacon pizza	\$2.50
			Chicken breast fingers x6	\$2.50
			Chicken breast fingers x1	\$0.50
			Chicken burgers	\$3.00
			<i>lettuce, chicken, mayo</i>	
SNACKS	Bag of Popcorn	\$1.00	Potato chips	\$1.50
	Custard cups	\$1.00	<i>Honey soy, sea salt, s&amp;v</i>	
			Custard & jelly cups	\$1.00
			CM Jelly cups	\$1.00
			<i>Red or green</i>	
			Tomato & bbq sauce	\$0.30
DRINKS	Water	\$1.00	Slushy <i>flavours vary</i>	\$2.50
	Chocolate or Strawberry Milk	\$1.50		
	99% Fruit Juice	\$1.50		
	<i>Orange, Apple, Paradise punch, Apple and Black current</i>			
FROZEN TREATS	Quelch fruit sticks	\$0.80	Moosies – <i>choc, strawberry</i>	\$1.00
	<i>Raspberry &amp; watermelon, pineapple &amp; passionfruit, peach &amp; pear, blueberry &amp; strawberry</i>		LF Vanilla cups	\$1.20
			TNT ice blocks <i>Cola red blue</i>	\$0.80
			LF = LOW FAT CM = CANTEEN MADE	
Orders are to be placed in the blue box in the canteen before 9am Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thankyou				



**od for kids**  
good for life



Anne Carr Principal



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



Connor L      11th April  
Isabella H      13th April  
Beau G          23rd April

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

*At the assembly on Friday the 6th May 2016, these children all received awards.  
**Congratulations !!***

KP	K/1H	1/2W	2M
<b>Danial H</b> Starting Term 2 with a positive attitude	<b>Jade C</b> Wonderful effort in independent writing	<b>Ella G</b> Fantastic Effort in Writing	<b>Hannah B</b> Writing an excellent book report
<b>Getting Along</b> Zeppelin G	<b>Getting Along</b> Annalyse B	<b>Getting Along</b> Lacey S	<b>Getting Along</b> Harrison C
<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Patrick L	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Kye R	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Thomas S	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Monique H

## Home Reading Awards 2016

**Bronze** (25 nights reading)

Zeppelin G

**Silver** (50 nights reading)

Jayda S, Jason D, Amahlia N, Juliet M, Neve H, Aydin Y, Blake H, Erin H, Zalii B, Hunter B, Ella G, Stella H, Grace M

**Gold** (75 nights reading)

Abbigale L, Kye R, Taylor W, Cooper J Beau M

**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)

Lhotse C, Naomi Mc, Ella G, Lacey S, Jayla C, Alannah W,

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

