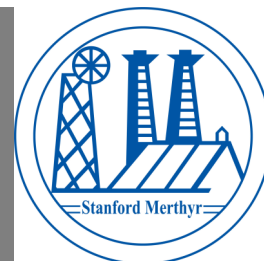


# Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

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Week 5 Term 2

24th May 2016

## BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

**27th May** No Baker Baker  
Due to Small Schools Carnival

**3rd June** KP Grace M  
K/1H Beau G  
1/2W Kailie W  
2M Charlotte L

**NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED**

Stanford Merthyr Infants School



WHOLE SCHOOL 2016

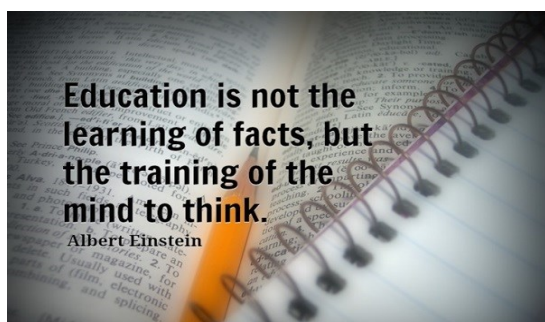
## CANTEEN ROSTER

**Wed 25th May** Di & Kat  
**Fri 27th May** No Canteen  
**Mon 30th May** Nicole & Barb  
**Wed 1st June** Leigh  
**Fri 3rd June** Kristy & Leigh  
**Mon 6th June** Nicole & Barb

## THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

**Thur 26th May** Nicole Sleeman  
**Thur 2nd June** Emma Farrelly

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



## Term 2 Fridays Assembly Roster

|           |                                      |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 27th May  | No assembly-Small Schools Carnival   |
| 3rd June  | K/1H present work                    |
| 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                          |

## KAREN BRUCE VISITS PLAYGROUP

I would like to thank the librarian from Kurri Kurri Public Library, Karen Bruce, who has been very generous both with her time in coming to run the story and craft session for our play group last week, but also in donating used library books for us to have in our school library.

## MEET OUR NEW SCHOOL MASCOTS

I'd like to introduce you to our new mascots, Stan and Merthi. They are on display in our front foyer. I will mention the significance of having them later in the term. **If anyone is able to sew a blue shirt on our mascots. I would be grateful.**



## AUTHOR VISIT-URUSALA DUBOSARSKI

We have certainly been very privileged to have such a well known author visit our region and in particular come to our school to talk to all our students about her junior fiction books. Mrs Ceccato has read three of these to our students and they have watched her interviews on YouTube. Having made a connection now with Ursula in person, the children will be



### WALK TO SCHOOL DAY FRIDAY 20TH MAY

Staff met the students at Stanford Park and they all enjoyed the exercise walking to school. I encourage you to continue walking each day, as children benefit so much from any form of physical activity.



### 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. **Please arrive at 9:15 am. The carnival starts at 9:30am.**

### GIRLS CHOIR

All the girls meet with Miss Wood Tuesdays at lunch time and are learning the songs "Somewhere over the Rainbow" and "Flashlight" by Jessie J. I have sent home the words to these songs for the girls today and I will send a CD home in a fortnight to help the girls sing along to these songs at home. They will be performing one of these songs during our ED FEST celebrations next term.

### ENERGY RATE SUBSIDY FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

It was brought to my attention last week that an energy rebate is available for any families that receive the Family Tax Benefit and is up to a \$150 rebate. An online application can be completed and must be completed before 11pm on the 16th of June 2016. See the link below or the attachment for more information.

<http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/energy-consumers/financial-assistance/rebates/family-energy-rebate>

### MAJOR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER FOR 2016.

**MATHS-A-THON.** Aimed at Improving basic numeracy facts.

I have attached the information about the maths-a-thon at the end of this newsletter. The children are excited about learning how to improve their numeracy facts to choose three students per class to showcase to you what they have learnt in class on Friday 29th July. They are also excited with the prizes they can earn depending on the level of sponsorship they receive. I hope everyone will support the school in this endeavour.

### QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

Monday 13th June is the public holiday to celebrate the Queens birthday. I hope you enjoy the weekend.

### HEAD LICE

Head lice can be a problem with young children sitting in close proximity to each other at school. I would very much appreciate you all being vigilant and checking your child's hair every week. There are a variety of products available to purchase at the chemist to treat hair if you should discover eggs or live lice.

### A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school.

Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

**Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.**

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Thank you

**MORE IDEAS TO USE AT HOME TO HELP ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN CAN READ THE FIRST 30 SIGHT WORDS.** ( I included the first 30 words in the last newsletter. Please see me if you would like another copy of them.)

9. Play **dominoes** using same end letter/ beginning letter.
10. Circle **letters** within words using whiteboard marker on laminated word cards.
11. Play **Chinese Whispers** - say a word - pass it around.
12. Circle **smaller words** within words using whiteboard marker on laminated word cards.
13. Children go outside and practice writing their **words with chalk** on the concrete.
14. **Practice handwriting** by tracing over words using whiteboard marker on laminated word cards.
15. Place word cards in **alphabetical order**.
16. **Flashlight words** - turn off lights - flash a torch on words on display for look and say.
17. **Around the World Words** - flash a word - first player to say word out of that pair moves on to the next person to make a pair and another word is flashed, etc, etc.
18. Play '**tic tac toe**, here I go, where I stop I do not know' - children say the word that you stop on...
19. Play **stepping stones** - place words on the floor and children walk over them saying the word as they go to get to the other side of the stream.
20. Play **musical words** - children pass words around in a circle until music stops - that child says the word - can be played with one or more words.



| 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   |
| Wednesday 25th May                   | Second rotation of Special Interest Groups at 2pm Parents invited to help   |
| 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  |
| 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   |

**FUNDRAISER: DOMINOS PIZZA KURRI KURRI IS PROUD TO SUPPORT STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL THROUGH A FUNDRAISER**

**When: TOMORROW -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).

Offers App on Itunes.



**SCHOOL DISCO PERMISSION NOTES AVAILBLE AT THE OFFICE \$6 PER CHILD**

Cost includes entry, a packet of chips, a packet of lollies and a bottle of water.

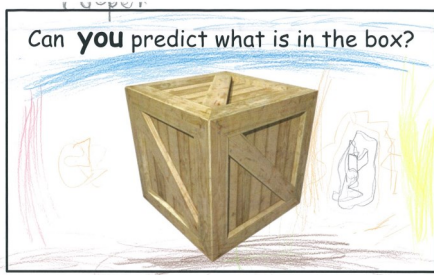
Children can be dropped off at 5:00pm and picked up by 7:00pm.

Parents or grandparents are most welcome to stay and enjoy the fun.



Anne Carr Principal

# CAN YOU GUESS K/1H'S CLUES MYSTERY ANIMALS FROM THEIR CLUES?

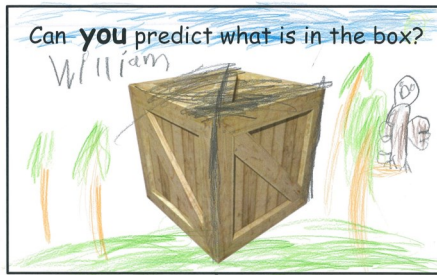


I live in the bush and I like to eat other animals. I like to eat flies. I have eight legs. I spin a web.

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Cooper I loved your clues. Are you a spider? A. Lar 13/5/16.



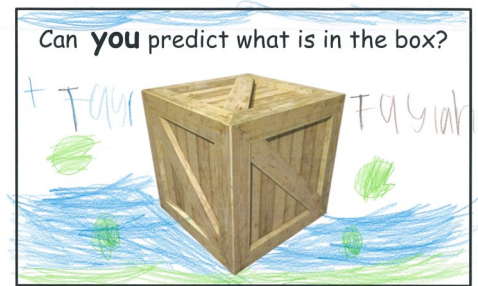
I am a SQUIRREL  
I have no teeth and I have wings to fly high. I eat nuts and I sleep in the trees. I have good eyesight, black and white feathers.



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What excellent clues William. Did your class guess what bird you were? A. Lar



I am very slippery. I am green and live in water. I eat flies with my long sticky tongue.

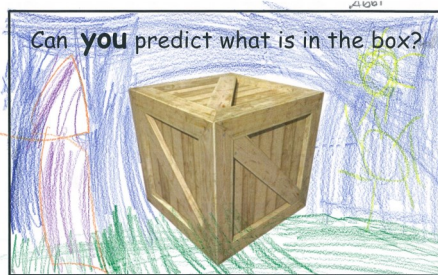


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Frogs are very slippery.

Great clues Tylaah

A. Lar 13/5/16



MIAOW!  
I eat meat and have sharp claws. I chase mice. I like to drink milk.

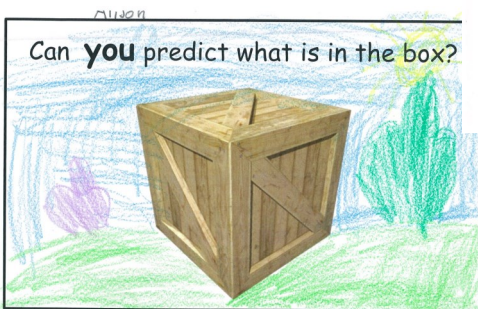
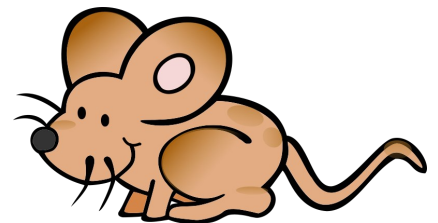
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My cat does have very sharp claws

Abbi. He loves milk too.

Well done. A. Lar 13/5/16.



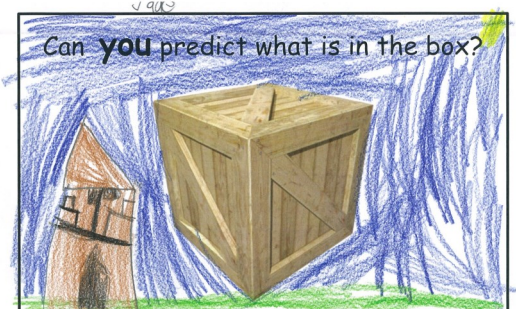
Squeak!

I am very little. I am a mammal. I am white. I chomp on little bits of food. I live in a hole on land. I have a long tail. I have 4 legs. I have grey whiskers. I hide from people.

published 10/5



Great clues Alison. You gave me so much information. I think you are a cute little mouse. Am I right? A. Lar 13/5/16.



Squeak!

I run like the wind. I live in a cage and eat vegies. I am little and have soft fur.

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What a great description "I run like the wind."

You animal must be very fast.

A. Lar 13/5/16,



## 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 drop the children off there at 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** please.

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

We hope you can join us for a fun night at McDonald 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: \$**\_\_\_\_\_





## **2016 Fundraiser . Maths: Learning number facts.**

**Aim: Improving basic numeracy facts.**

**At Stanford Merthyr this year we are raising money to purchase maths resources for each classroom as well as books for the library based on a maths theme. We would appreciate your support of this fundraiser.**

Learning basic number facts is vital to being able to quickly work out answers to simple maths problems.

For the next 5 weeks as well as over the school holidays, we are encouraging your child to learn their number facts and to collect donations for this.

**Kindergarten: To recognise the numerals 1-30 and to know the number that comes before and after any number from 1-20.**

**Year One: To recognise the numerals 1-100 and to know the number that comes before and after any number from 1-50. And to know their "Friends of Ten."**

**Year 2 : To recognise the numerals 1-1000 and to know the number that comes before and after any number from 1-100. Also to be able to count by 2's and 5's up to 100. Also to know their "Friends of 10 and Friends of 20."**

**Note: Teachers will send home a copy of number facts need to be learnt.**

This will culminate in a maths based whole school day of activities occurring on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July. **All money raised will be used to purchase maths resources for each classroom as well as books for the library based on a maths theme.**

We are aiming to improve our numeracy results and learning these number facts is a major part of achieving this.

We ask that all students be involved by seeking donations from family and friends to enable the purchase of i-pads, maths resources and classroom resources.

Your child will be eligible for a prize as a thank you for his/her fundraising efforts, which will be handed out **on Friday 29th July on the Maths fun day.**

**Money raised and sponsor forms need to be returned to class teachers in a sealed envelope by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, the last day of term 2, so prizes can be ordered.**



**Maths. Learning number facts.**

Stanford Merthyr Infant School will be holding a Maths Fun Day on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July** to raise money to enable the purchase of i-pads for classrooms as well as maths resources.

Children will have number facts to learn for a period of five weeks. There will be competitions between children from each grade to see the champion mathematician for each class. Items from each class will be performed on the Fun Day.

Children will be asking for donations and **ALL** monies raised will go towards the school. Prizes will be awarded to students for nominated monies raised. In order to purchase these prizes we ask that this form and **ALL monies donated be returned by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016**. Prizes will be awarded to students, whose form and money has been returned, on the Maths Fun Day on Friday **29<sup>th</sup> July 2016**.

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**Please send back your sponsor form even if you don't collect donations.**

**Prizes you can receive are:** You can choose a girl or boy prize from any of the price categories. Photos of these prizes are in each classroom and outside under the covered area.

| Amount Raised  | Prizes   |
|----------------|--|
| \$5            | A toy car or a bubble wand                               |
| \$6 - \$9      | A egg from Frozen or a Star Wars egg                     |
| \$10 - \$14    | A small My Little Pony or a Monster Truck                |
| \$15 - \$19    | Little barbie dolls or a packet of dinosaurs             |
| \$20 - \$34    | City Construction set or Army Construction set           |
| \$35 - \$49    | Colour posters and textas or a Nerf Gun                  |
| \$50 - \$59    | A larger My Little Pony or a motorbike                   |
| \$60 - \$79    | Individual shopkins or an Iron Man Mask                  |
| \$80 - \$99    | Baby shopkins or a Spiderman                             |
| \$100 - \$119  | A Large My Little Pony or a Turbo Remote Control car     |
| \$120 - \$149  | A Monster High Doll or a set of Hot Wheel Monster Trucks |
| \$150 - \$169  | A large Frozen Doll or Transformers                      |
| \$170 and over | Girls Friends Lego or Star Wars Lego.                    |

**Note: prizes may be changed according to availability of stock. Substitute prizes will be of equivalent value.**

**Gift vouchers:** 20% of money raised can be given back in the form of a gift voucher instead of the above prizes if preferred for amounts of **\$50 and above.**

**For example if you raise \$50 you will receive a \$10 gift card**

**If you raise \$100 you will receive a \$20 gift card**

We hope you will support this worthwhile program.

Yours Sincerely

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Anne Carr



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



**Emilia B 12th May**  
**Juliet M 13th May**

**Abbigale L 14th May**  
**Kailie W 19th May**

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**At the assembly on Friday the 13th AND 20TH May 2016, these children all received awards.  
Congratulations !!**

| KP  | K/1H  | 1/2W  | 2M   |
|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Sarah R</b><br>Enthusiasm in all areas<br><br><b>Patrick L</b><br>Working hard in Numeracy | <b>Riley Z</b><br>Working hard in all areas.<br><br><b>Jackson R</b><br>Improvement in effective maths strategies | <b>Kayde Mac</b><br>Fantastic improvement in Reading<br><b>Kailie W</b><br>Outstanding achievement in all Areas | <b>Alannah W</b><br>Excellence in spelling<br><br><b>Samuel B</b><br>Excellent Reading |
| <b>Confidence</b><br><br>Xavier L<br>Danial H   | <b>Confidence</b><br><br>Lhotse C<br>Naomi Mc   | <b>Confidence</b><br><br>Taylor W<br>Emma Mac   | <b>Confidence</b><br><br>Andrew A<br>Curtis C  |
| <b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b><br><br>Stella F<br>Amahlia N  | <b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b><br><br>Cooper J<br>Lhotse C   | <b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b><br><br>Chayse C<br>Denika H   | <b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b><br><br>Zalii B<br>Curtis C                                   |



## Home Reading Awards 2016

**Bronze** (25 nights reading)

Cru B, Xavier L, Kailie W, Isabella H, Alison E, Zahlia W

**Silver** (50 nights reading)

Patrick L, Denika H, Riley Z, Malachi C, Eli G, Alannah W, Jade C, Samuel B

**Gold** (75 nights reading)

Chayse C, Tayah Mc, Andrew A

**Double Bronze** (100 nights reading)

Taylor W

**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)

Kye R, Beau M

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

