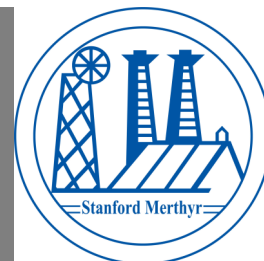


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Week 3 Term 3

2nd August 2016

BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

5th Aug KP Zeppelin G
K/1H William A
1/2W Ella G
2M Meara B

12th Aug KP Chelsea C
K/1H Emilia B
1/2W Chayse C
2M Samuel B

NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED



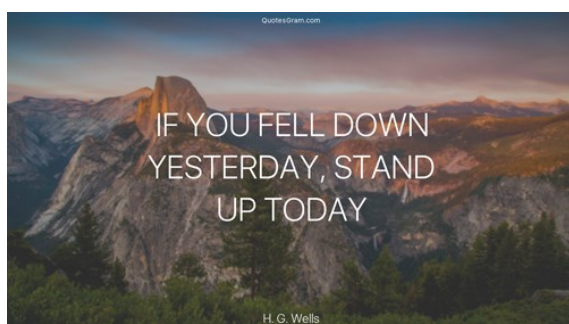
CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 3rd August Mel & Shanelle
Fri 5th August Tanya & Nikki
Mon 8th August **Helpers Needed**
Wed 10th August Leigh & Melissa
Fri 12th August Kristy & Nikki
Mon 15th August **Helpers Needed**

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thur 4th August Nicole Sleeman
Thurs 11th August Nardia Hoffman

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



BOYS DANCE & DRUMBEAT PERFORMANCES

Twenty of our boys performed in front of the students at Mount View High School and again at Millfield Public School the final days of term two. This term they performed at Kurri Kurri High School, Weston Public School, Greta Public School and Pelaw Main Public Schools.



Mr Ping and the boys involved should be very proud of themselves and the positive impact they have promoting Aboriginal Education. Andrew and Hannah were also a part of the combined school's drum beat group and performed competently as the youngest members of the group.

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Term 3 Fridays Assembly Roster

Fri 5th Aug	1/2 W class item
Fri 12th Aug	k/1H class item
Fri 19th Aug	KP class item
Fri 26th Aug	No assembly- Year 2 will go home at 9am
Fri 2nd Sep	9:30am after Father's Day breakfast
Fri 9th Sep	No assembly-Sports Carnival with Nillo Infants
Fri 16th Sep	Public Speaking- Speeches in assembly K-2
Fri 23rd Sep	1/2W show work.

ED FEST TONIGHT AT KURRI HIGH SCHOOL

Our community of schools in Kurri are all performing annual ED FEST celebration tonight in the High School Hall at 5:15pm- 7:00pm. **There is no cost for attending.** Our girls are singing in the choir and the whole school is performing a Zumba dance.

We would appreciate the whole school to attend please. We would love parents to stay and enjoy the concert. Please could you meet our staff outside the gymnasium on the grass area and drop off their child if at **5:00pm and return to pick them up inside the Kurri High School Hall by 7:00pm.**

As part of Ed Fest there is also an art display. 11 of our children have been selected to have their art works displayed. This will commence at 4:30pm.

Calendar of Events for Term Three 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 9:15am-11:00 here at school
Tuesdays all term	Boys Dance and Girls choir practices during lunch times
Tuesday 2nd August	Ed Fest Art show and Education Week Performances at Kurri High School 4:30-7pm
Wednesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th Aug	Special Interest Groups- 4th rotation
Monday 22nd August	Term 3 Speech Topics K-2 handed out
Tuesday 23rd August	Reading in the Streets- Book Week- Dress as favourite character- Book Fair here
Tuesday 23rd August	P&C meeting 6pm
Thursday 25th August	Year 2 Sleep over at School
Friday 2nd September	Father's Day breakfast 8:30-9:30am. Father's Day stall here
Every Friday 2nd Sep- 28th Oct	Raffles at Kurri Kurri Bowling Club 5:30-7:30pm
Friday 9th September	Sports Carnival with Nillo Infants School at Lorn Maitland
Saturday 10th September	Polling booth here for Local Government Elections—Cake stall run by P&C
Sunday 11th September	MG Car Club here for lunch—We are doing the catering
Tuesday 13th September	Transition program for 2017 Kindergarten students 12:30-1:30pm
Wednesday 14th September	3 Way Parent/ Teacher/ Student interviews for 1/2W
Friday 16th September	Back up date for Nillo Sports Carnival if wet.
Monday 19th September	Speeches with Nillo Infants using video broadcasting equipment
Tuesday 20th September	3 Way Parent/ Teacher/ Student interviews for 2M
Tuesday 20th September	P&C meeting 6pm
Wednesday 21st September	3 Way Parent/ Teacher/ Student interviews for K/1H
Thursday 22nd September	Class of the term party
Friday 23rd September	Final day of term- Football Day Tabloid as the fun day event

MATHS-A-THON/GRANDPARENTS DAY. Look at the expression on the children's faces. They had fun!

I would like to thank Kristy And Tanya for ensuring we all were fed well last Friday week as well as Daryl and David for being prepared to cook the sausages. The profit from this fundraising and raffle was \$1,940.00. We are now using this money to go towards furnishing our new school hall. Thank you for supporting this initiative.



EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS 2016.

Each year staff select a Year 2 student who has displayed an excellent attitude to school work and who displays excellent personal qualities as well. We congratulate Zalii Bodo for receiving the 2016 Education Week award.

We also awarded two community awards to two parents who have worked diligently for three years at our school running our school canteen, purchasing fruit for Thursday fruit break and organising a whole range of fund raising activities such as Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls and Chocolate Drives. Congratulations and a big thank you to Kristy McIntyre and Tanya Smith. You will both be missed a lot next year.



NAIDOC 2016 MURAL PAINTING FOR OUR HALL

Today our school makes it's contribution to NAIDOC week by unveiling our NAIDOC school mural. The theme for NAIDOC this year is "Songlines, a living narrative of our nation". Our Mural highlights some important features of our local community and an important message.

As you look at the painting you can see that on one side of the image we have a representation of the 40,000 year old culture that belongs to this land. On the other side we have another representation that has helped shape our local area. Around the picture we have the hand prints from each child. The black prints represent the Aboriginal students, the white prints, the non-Aboriginal students. This image was presented this way, not to separate or exclude certain groups but to highlight the fact that we can work together and bring a balance in culture to our community. The meeting places (circles) represent the different attitudes and perspectives that we all bring to each and everyday.



NAIDOC week is important not only to Aboriginal people but also to the wider community. It is important because in order to move forward we have to acknowledge the past. Not point the finger or lay blame but acknowledge and move forward together. I am proud of my Aboriginal heritage but I am also proud of English heritage. The two cultures have combined to make me the person that I am today. I hope that by the promotion of Aboriginal culture and combining it with all other cultures we can make a difference for our children's future. Thank you. Shannon Ping.

I would like to thank Cathy Leary for donating three large canvas frames to our school. Mr Ping led all students who assisted in painting one canvas which was unveiled by Mrs Sonia Sharpe our Aboriginal Education Consultative Group President last Friday. As you can tell from Shannon's description of the meaning and significance of the mural, it is obvious the amount of thought he has put into this project. We are very fortunate having his expertise here at our school and I thank him for all the time outside of school hours that he has put in to finish this mural.

INVITATION TO AUSTISM SEMINAR

I can recommend this workshop to any parents who may want extra information about autism. One of our parents and one of our School Learning Support Offices can verify that they learnt a lot.



SEMINAR
Autism - Developing the Individual

featuring

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Author & an Ambassador for a number of Autism organisations

Rachael Harris
Psychotherapist
Specialising in Asperger's Syndrome & High Functioning Autism

Dr Lee Sturgeon
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When: Tuesday 13th September 2016
Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Venue: Cessnock Performing Arts Centre
198 Vincent Street, Cessnock
Cost: \$20.00
Tickets By: 198 Vincent Street, Cessnock 02 4990 7134
Box office www.cessnockperformingartscentre.com.au
Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools Choir
Contact Maxine Baird - President on 0419 913 033

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READING IN THE STREETS EXCURSION

Week 6, 22nd August—26th August is Book Week

To celebrate, on **Tuesday 23rd August**, the children will be able to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. We will be visiting local businesses in the morning for Reading in the Streets' and also visiting Kurri Library. Following this the children will participate in a parade back at school to show their costumes (approx. 12.30pm). We ask if **\$4.00 could be paid per student to the office to cover the cost of the bus**. If this could be paid by Monday 22nd of August, that would be greatly appreciated. Permission notes at the office. Students can also have a picnic lunch with parent/grandparents. There will be Book Week displays in the library (which the children have been working hard on) and a book fair to purchase books (also in the library).

9.00	Students arrive at school dressed up as a book character.
9.15	Travel by bus to Kurri Library
9.30-10.30	Reading at Kurri Library
10.30-12.00	Reading in the streets
12.00-1:00	Arrive back at school. Lunch first followed by the book week parade.

LETTER TO PARENTS FROM MRS WARREN DAVEY- INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER

Update: Early Action for Success Program.

We have reached the half way mark of our school year and we are all so pleased with our young learners' literacy and numeracy progress. We thank you for your ongoing home support as we work together to ensure your child has a successful year.

As part of the *Early Action for Success* program, each five weeks we collate our class observations and work samples along with more formal assessments and monitor each child's progress. This literacy and numeracy data is recorded by teachers on 'PLAN' and this is collected by the State Education Office to show that each child is making the expected progress at school. There are individualised learning plans for children who require more than the usual classroom adjustments. These plans are written with parents/carers and with relevant health professional's input.

At our staff development day this term we examined our students' progress and planned our priorities for the next term. Speaking and listening skills provide the foundation for success in literacy and numeracy as well as social skills. We have had a concerted effort to explicitly model and guide our young learner's communication skills as well as their ability to actively listen to their teacher and their peers. We are aiming for children to speak clearly in full sentences with correct grammar. We examined the progress in this area and although we are making progress there is still further work to do so communication skills will remain a high priority. The ability to speak well affects writing and reading. We will continue to offer explicit grammar lessons as well as modelling how to compose interesting writing that entertains, persuades and informs.

As well as two days per week with team teaching from the Instructional Leader, we have three further days with teachers providing targeted intervention in class, in small groups and one to one. The *Early Action for Success* program provides our school with four 'extra' teaching staff ensuring specialised intervention and team teaching to compliment the quality learning environment provided by our four wonderful class teachers.

In numeracy, 90% of our students are working at or above where they need to be for early arithmetic strategies. They are able to use known number facts as well as counting objects, to solve simple word problems. We are teaching many of our children how to hold a number in their head and count on or back without actually seeing the number. This is called the ability to visualise. Most of our students are able to identify numbers they are expected to at this stage of the year and count forwards according to their year level. We still have work to do as we model and guide children to learn to count backwards as well as give the number word just before or after a given number. For example, in kindergarten, 'What is the number before 9?' or 'What is the number after 8?'. Our teachers are implementing targeting Early Numeracy, or the TEN program, in every class. Each learner is working at their level of ability in small groups with the class teacher who provides explicit instruction according to their need and the other children work in small mixed ability groups. The teacher rotates the groups around so all children receive personalised numeracy instruction. This in turn, supports their growth in mathematics.

In literacy, we have over half of kindergarten children working at or above where they need to be to start Term 3 in speaking and listening, reading, writing, and comprehension. In years one and two, we have almost half our students working at or above where they need to be in all literacy areas. Reading and comprehension is our strength with most children on track or above expected skill levels. Speaking, listening and writing are our main areas we need to strengthen.

We will continue to work hard to support all students reach their potential. Teachers regularly meet and collaborate with each other as well as the Instructional Leader in Conference times to plan and deliver the best teaching and learning program possible for each child at Stanford Merthyr Infants School. We continue to ask that you listen to your child read each day, have quality conversations with them and reinforce that literacy and numeracy is part of our everyday life. We thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement of your young child at home and at our school.

Please come and ask see me if you have any questions about the support I am providing.



Christine Warren-Davey, Instructional Leader

Careers Day Thursday 25th August KKPS
Please come dressed in the clothes of a job you would like to do.

Permission notes are at the office,

The school is paying the bus for this excursion



The children need to be here by 8.45am.



FATHERS DAY HELPERS FOR WRAPPING GIFTS

We would appreciate any helpers on Monday 29th August at 9:00am to help wrap Fathers Day presents . Please let Kristy McIntyre or Tanya Smith know if you can help.

CHOCOLATE MONEY

A big thank you to all the families who sold chocolates and raised money for our school. If you still have not returned your money it is now urgently required please.

PELAW MAIN

To conclude our NAIDOC week celebrations our whole school visited Pelaw Main public school last Thursday. Our students participated in a range of Aboriginal games, and the boys danced. The highlight was definitely watching our boys dance and especially showcase a new dance. We then stayed on for lunch and had a play with the Pelaw Main and Mulbring students. Once again our students' behaviour was outstanding



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

When: Wednesday 10th August 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

Vouchers can be used during 4-8pm or you can join Dominos E club @ www.dominos.com.au or join Dominos Offers App on iTunes.

TERM 2 LIBRARY BORROWERS.

Thank you Mrs Cecatto for purchasing book prizes to award to the students who have had the highest rates of library borrowing during Term 2. Congratulations to Stella and Amahlia in KP, Jade and Lhlotse in K/1H, Denika and Beau in 1/2 W and Zalii, Hunter, Harrison and Andrew in 2M.



ENJOY WORK FROM KINDERGARTEN (KP)

Chelsea

Addition Number Lines

13 + 4 = 17

10 + 5 = 15

11 + 2 = 13

14 + 5 = 19

17 + 2 = 19


14 + 3 = 17

18 + 1 = 19

10 + 10 = 20

12 + 7 = 19

Good work!
Miss Hayter ☺



name: Chelsea

Lilij

Addition Number Lines

1 + 2 = 3

3 + 4 = 7

2 + 5 = 7

4 + 2 = 6

6 + 1 = 7


3 + 3 = 6

4 + 5 = 9

5 + 5 = 10

3 + 5 = 8

Great work Lilij
Miss Hayter.



name: Lilij

Jayda

Addition Number Lines

1 + 2 = 3

3 + 4 = 7

2 + 5 = 7

4 + 2 = 6

6 + 1 = 7


3 + 3 = 6

4 + 5 = 9

5 + 5 = 10

3 + 5 = 8

Awsome Jayda ☺
Miss Hayter





name: Jayda

Umbrella sight word activity

Colour your sight words in the matching colour!

SAID = blue THE = red CAN = green YOU = yellow

Write said in blue pencil said

Write the in red pencil the

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Write you in yellow pencil you



Great!
Miss Hayter ☺

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Reading response to Farmer Fred's Cow

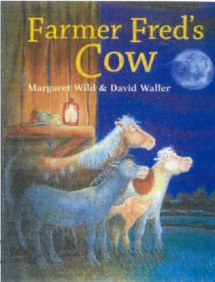

Today I read Farmer Fred's Cow by Margaret Wild and David Waller.

My favourite part of the story is when the cow grew wings.

My favourite character in the story is the cow.

They are my favourite character because it grew wings.

Great work!
Miss Hayter ☺

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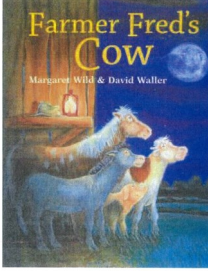

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Don't forget spaces!
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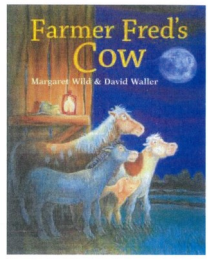
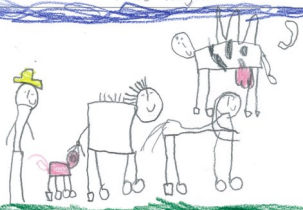
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My favourite part of the story is when the cow grew wings and when the cow was a ghost.

My favourite character in the story is the cow.

They are my favourite character because it grew wings.

Great try! Awsome work!
Miss Hayter

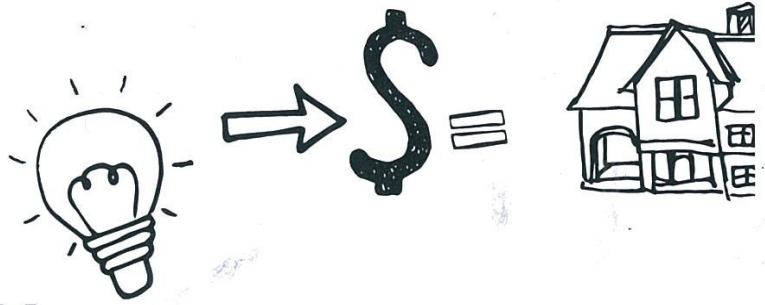



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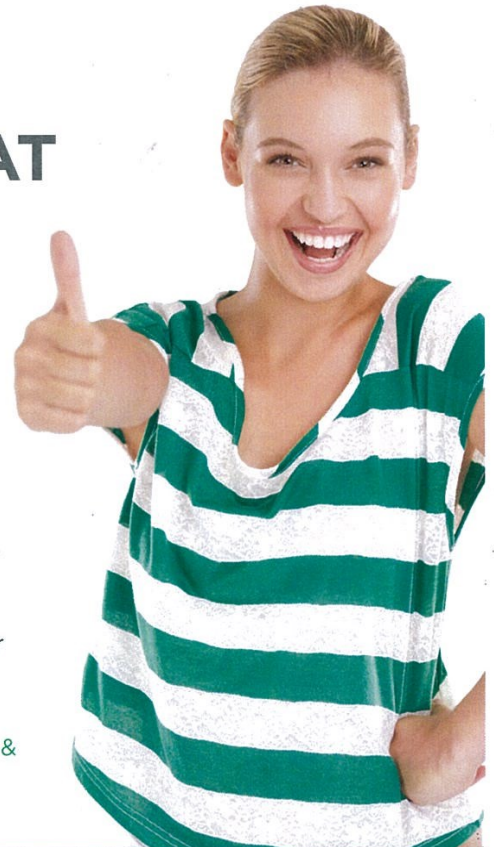
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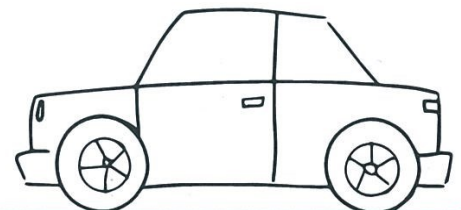
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The P&C have arranged with the company below to provide labels with your child's name. If you are interested in ordering, the instructions to do so are printed below. The school receives 20% of all purchases and any money raised will go towards our school hall.

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WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR

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HOW TO ORDER:

- 1 Go to **www.stuckonyou.com.au**
- 2 Create a customer account and place your order
- 3 Enter fundraising code at the checkout for the points to be sent to the fundraiser

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Anne Carr
Principal

Canteen helper required please for the next four Mondays. Please see me if you can help. It will be much appreciated.

UP COMING EXCURSION FOR YEAR ONE AND TWO STUDENTS

An excursion is planned for Year One and Two to go to Tocal Homestead as part of their history study. Permission notes are at the office. We have had a kind donation made to the school to cover the cost of the bus fare so the children only have to pay entry fee to the homestead. **Cost is \$10 per child. Please could this be paid by Monday 29th August.**

YEAR TWO SLEEP OVER THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST

Year Two students are very excited about this activity. It commences at 5pm on the 25th August and children are invited to have dinner here, play games and have a campfire, before sleeping here with all the teachers. They are provided with breakfast on the Friday, but need to be picked up to go home by 9am on Friday 26th August. **Permission notes are available at the office and need to be signed please by Tuesday 23rd August. The cost for the food is \$12 per student.**

KURRI KURRI PRESCHOOL OPEN DAY 2016

Kurri Kurri Pre-school would like to invite you to our Open Day on Thursday 1st September 2016, 10.30am to 1.00pm. We would love to see you there!

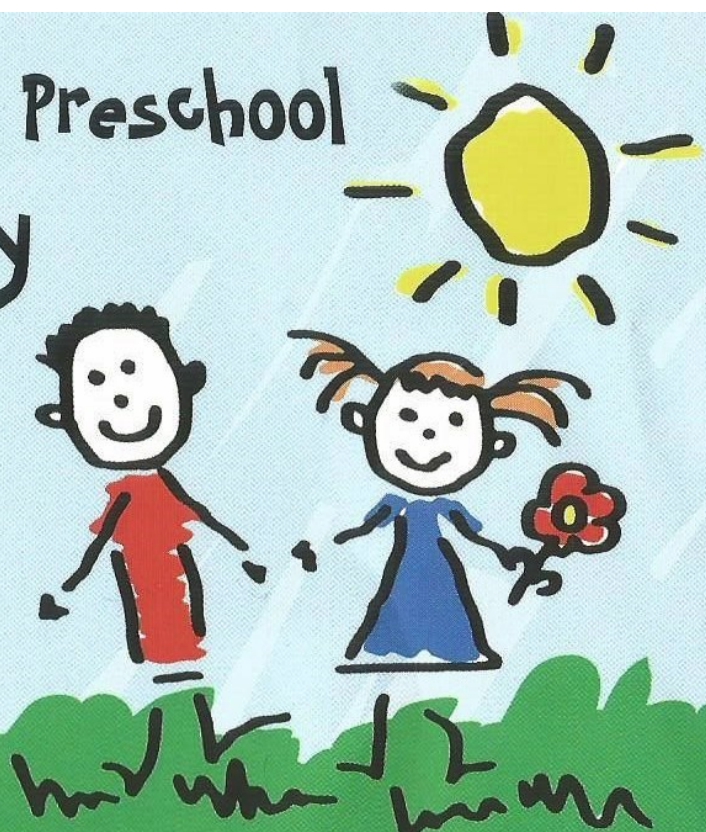
We are also currently taking names for our waiting list for 2017 for children aged 3-5 years.

We are also preparing a waiting list for children requiring pre-school education for children eligible to attend pre-school up to 2019. I.e. Born before 31/7/2015.

For any enquiries, please contact the pre-school on 49372110 or admin@kurripreschool.com.au

Weston Community Preschool Family Fun Day

Weston Civic Centre
Saturday 20th August
11am till 2pm
Gold Coin Entry



Face Painting, Balloon Artist, Disco, Sausage Sizzle and
lots of fun and games to be had

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



Vincent Mc 10th June
Thomas S 25th June

Kadence C 14th July
Grace M 2nd July
Stella F 20th July

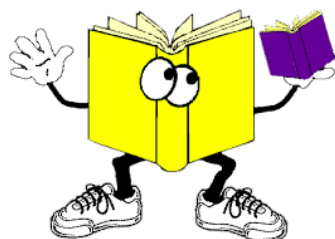


STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

*At the assembly on Friday the 22nd & the 29th July 2016, these children all received awards.
Congratulations !!*

KP	K/1H	1/2W	2M
Grace M Wonderful achievement in all areas	Cooper J Outstanding effort in reading Alison E Great comprehension when reading	Kailie W A fantastic holiday recount Denika H Wonderful public speaking	Vincent Mc Being a responsible class member Connor L Great reading group work
Organisation Sarah R	Organisation Jade C Riley Z	Organisation Malachi C Taylor W	Organisation Hannah B Andrew A
Quality 5 Bookwork Jayda S	Quality 5 Bookwork Jackson R	Quality 5 Bookwork Lacey S	Quality 5 Bookwork Meara B

Home Reading Awards 2016



Bronze (25 nights reading)

Silver (50 nights reading)

Chelsea C, Alison E, Kailie W, Isabella H Emilia B

Gold (75 nights reading)

Jayla C, Naomi Mc, Alannah W, Jade C, Charlotte P, Aydin Y

Double Bronze (100 nights reading)

Tayah Mc, Erin H, Blake H, Neve H, Eli G, Hunter B, Zalii B, Jayda S, Amahlia N, Juliet M

Double Silver (125 nights reading)

Cooper J, Kye R, Beau M

Double Gold (150 nights reading)

Abbigale L, Cooper J, Taylor W

Royal (200 nights reading)

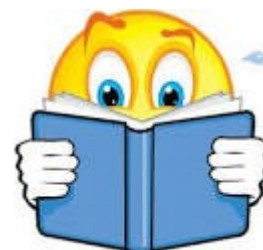
Double Royal (250 nights reading)

Excellence (300 nights reading)

PRINCIPALS AWARD

(Collecting 5 Awards)

Chelsea C, Juliet M, Grace M, Xavier L, Jayda S,
Cooper J, Lhotse C, Denika H, Savannah H, Alannah W,
Samuel B x 2, Connor L x 4



STAR STUDENT AWARD

(Collecting 5 Principal's Awards)

