

# Newsletter to Parents

## STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence



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Week 1 Term 4

10th October 2017

### BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

13th Oct KP Tiana J  
KHM Amelia F  
1/2P Lincoln W  
1/2W Grace M  
20th Oct KP Cohen J  
KHM Zeppelin G  
1/2P Lhotse C  
1/2W Taylor W

**NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED**



### CANTEEN ROSTER

*The canteen is open Mondays and Fridays.*

Fri 13th Oct Barbara & Teigan  
Mon 16th Oct Shanelle & Mel  
Fri 20th Oct Leigh & Nardia  
Mon 23rd Oct Barbara

### THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thurs 12th October Teigan Wells  
Thurs 19th October Kim Morrow

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



### WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

I trust you all enjoyed the school holidays and have returned to school happy and healthy and ready for an exciting terms work.

### DATES FOR TERM 4 NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be handed out Tuesday fortnightly on 10th Oct, 24th Oct, 7th Nov, 21st Nov and 5th Dec.

### EXCURSION TO GOSFORD REPTILE PARK

Our Term 4 whole school excursion is to the Gosford Reptile Park on **Friday 3rd November**. The cost is \$26 per child, which includes entry fee of \$13 and bus fare of \$13. All children need to come on the bus. Parents are welcome to join us, but must pay entry fee of \$20 at the gate. Parents can come with us on the bus for an extra cost of \$13 for bus fare. Younger siblings park entry is \$19 and \$13 for bus fare. We have 30 seats available on the buses for the first parents to pay their money. Permission notes have been handed out. Copies are available at the office.

### Term 4 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm

<b>Thurs 12th Oct</b>	<b>No assembly</b>
<b>Thurs 19th Oct</b>	<b>1/2P show work</b>
<b>Thurs 26th Oct</b>	<b>1/2W show work</b>
<b>Thurs 2nd Nov</b>	<b>KHM show work</b>
<b>Thurs 9th Nov</b>	<b>KP show work</b>
<b>Thurs 16th Nov</b>	<b>1/2P and 1/2W class item</b>
<b>Thurs 23rd Nov and Thurs 30th Nov</b>	<b>No assemblies due to swimming</b>
<b>Thurs 7th Dec</b>	<b>KHM and KP class item. Final assembly for the year.</b>

### WESTON PRESCHOOL VISIT



25 students came with their teachers for a two hour visit as part of our transition to school program.

### TERM 4 TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

This program begins next Wednesday, the 18th October and will go for six weeks from 12 noon until 2pm each week. I encourage you to have your child here each week as this is the best opportunity for them to make friends, learn about the school and become comfortable with their teachers. I will be running parent information sessions for the first two weeks with guest presenters coming.

Calendar of Events for Term Four 2017	
Mondays all year	Breakfast provided at the canteen served by Kurri Rotary Sunrise Club.
Thursdays all year	P&C provide fruit & vegetable platters for the children
Every Tuesday	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 16th October	Buddy Training Day for Year One students
Wednesdays 18th, 25th Oct, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd Nov	Kindergarten Transition-12:00 noon-2pm for 2018 students
Fri 20th October	Official opening of the Sensory Garden with Bunnings staff, 2pm. All welcome.
Fri 20th October	Final day for skip-a-thon sponsorships to be returned to school
Mon 23rd October	P&C meeting 6pm. All welcome.
Thur 26th October	Responsible Pet Care program
Friday 27th October	Daniel Morcombe day and Bandana Day
Friday 27th October	Skip-a-thon performances for parents and care givers. Prizes awarded to students.
Friday 27th October	Demonstration by the Rescue Squad here at 12:30pm
Wednesday 1st Nov	Dominoes Pizza fundraising
Wednesdays 1st Nov, 8th Nov, 15th Nov.	Whole school Creative and Practical Arts Groups 2pm. All welcome.
Friday 3rd November	Whole school excursion to Gosford Reptile Park
Monday 20th Nov- 1st Dec	10 days of Swimming 2.00-3.00 pm at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre
Wednesday 22nd November	Movie/Pizza Night 5.00-7.00 pm
Monday 4th December	P&C meeting 6pm
Wednesday 6th December	Parent Helper Lunch 11.15 am- 12.15 pm
Thursday 7th December	Class of the term party
Monday 11th December	Presentation Day 5.30 pm in the School Hall
Monday 11th December	Reports and Student Portfolios handed out
Wednesday 13th December	Year 2 Assembly -2.00 pm in the hall
Thursday 14th December	Whole school Party Day
Friday 15th December	Water Fun Day. Final day of School for 2017.



### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SENSORY GARDEN FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER AT 2PM

We invite all parents and caregivers to a special Assembly on Friday 20th October at 2pm where staff from the Maitland Bunnings Store will be here to officially open our new sensory garden.

### WELCOME TO BABY MAX.

Kye Robertson was very eager to share the exciting news of the birth of his new little brother Max who was born last week. We send our congratulations to Jamie-Lee and family.





## YEAR ONE BUDDY TRAINING DAY NEXT MONDAY

Next Monday Mr Ping and Miss Humbles will spend the day with all the Year One students helping prepare them to be excellent buddies for our new kindergarten students for 2018.

## YEAR TWO SLEEP OVER



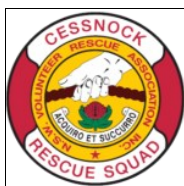
Year Two enjoyed a wonderful night of activities including a camp fire, spotlighting, roasting marshmallows, doing aerobics and enjoying dinner and breakfast together.

## SKIP-A-THON PERFORMANCES 27th OCTOBER



To celebrate what skills our students have learnt with skipping we invite all families to our 'Skip-a-thon' celebrations on Friday 27th November. The children are excited to be able to show off their skipping skills.

We are also privileged to have the **Cessnock Rescue Squad** come to demonstrate what they do when people get trapped inside vehicles. Please come and be entertained.



12:30-1:30pm Cessnock Rescue Squad demonstration.

1:30-2pm Class Skipping demonstrations

2pm-2:20pm Recess

2:20pm Hand out skipping prizes.

**Please ensure children's sponsorship money is returned to school by Friday 20th October in an envelope with their name and what prize they would like clearly indicated. Thank you.**

## NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be Monday 23rd October at 6pm. We always welcome new members.

## FOOTY FUN DAY LAST DAY OF TERM

Our fun day of activities was a tabloid of football skills and games that children rotated around.

## PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

I appreciate all of you who are taking the time to fill in this parent survey for us. I have it on the school laptop and can bring it out to you if you would like to stay either ten minutes in the morning or ten minutes after school. It is completely anonymous.

Thank you.

If you would prefer to complete this survey at home to provide us with valuable feedback to help us with planning for 2018, please Google the link below.

Thank you.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/smis>

## DAY FOR DANIEL FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER



Students are encouraged to wear a red T Shirt on Friday 27th October to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. We are asking for a gold coin donation that we will post to the Foundation. During the day we will show a video instructing the students about Stranger Danger, helping enforce that they never get into a car with someone they don't know.



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to keep all the nutrients and minerals.

Here are some useful tips to help keep the nutrients and minerals in your fruit and veg during preparation and cooking.

- Follow storage tips. Not only will your fruit and veg last longer, it will retain more nutrients and taste better too.
- Try not to peel your fruit and vegetables if you can avoid it. The skin is packed with fibre and other nutrients such as vitamins lie close to the skin surface.
- When cooking fruit and veg try not to chop it up too much.
- Heating fruit and boiling vegies loses many of the wonderful vitamins and minerals inside. Fruit and vegies are great fresh and raw. If you prefer them cooked, steaming, blanching, grilling, roasting, stir frying or microwaving retain more nutrients.
- Fresh is great but the nutrient value of food is also retained when snap frozen.
- Use the outer leaves of vegetables unless they are wilted or unpalatable.
- Keep it simple and do what works for you. We agree that eating fruit and veg any way you can is still a win!



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# KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION FOR 2018

Kindergarten parents and children invited to these dates

For all sessions children are asked to bring some food for recess at 1:30pm, a drink and a sunhat.

- Session 1 - Wednesday 18th October 12:00-2:00pm for parents and children  
Parents information session in the hall and children doing activities in the Kinder classroom.
- Session 2 - Wednesday 25th October 12:00 -2:00pm for parents and children  
Parents information session in the hall and children doing activities in the Kinder classroom.
- Session 3 - Wednesday 1st November 12:00-2:00pm for parents and children  
Parents come into the kinder classroom and work with their child and the teacher doing activities
- Session 4 - Wednesday 8th November 12:00-2:00pm For parents and children  
Parents come into the kinder classroom and work with their child and the teacher doing activities
- Session 5- Wednesday 15th November 12:00-2:00pm Just for the children  
Parents drop their child off at 12:00 and return to pick them up just before 2pm.
- Session 6- Wednesday 22nd November 12:00-2:00pm Just for the children  
Parents drop their child off at 12:00 and return to pick them up just before 2pm.

You will get to meet your new buddy

- Meet some new friends
- Meet some new teachers
- Do some great activities, maths games, listen to stories, and join in some singing and dancing
- Find out all about your new school
- Join with friends and buddies for recess and play from 1:30-2pm



While you are working with Mr Ping, or Miss Humbles, your parents and family will go to the hall to learn about all the exciting, new adventures you will be having in Kindergarten for the first 2 sessions. Then parents will be with you doing activities in the classroom for sessions 3 and 4. The last 2 sessions you get to stay here all by yourself and enjoy playing with your new friends. We hope you can come to all these sessions.

We are really looking forward to meeting you. Please phone and ask us any questions you may have before these dates.

If you have not already indicated your interest to participate in this program, please phone the school office on 4937 1192 and leave your contact details with us. Thank you.

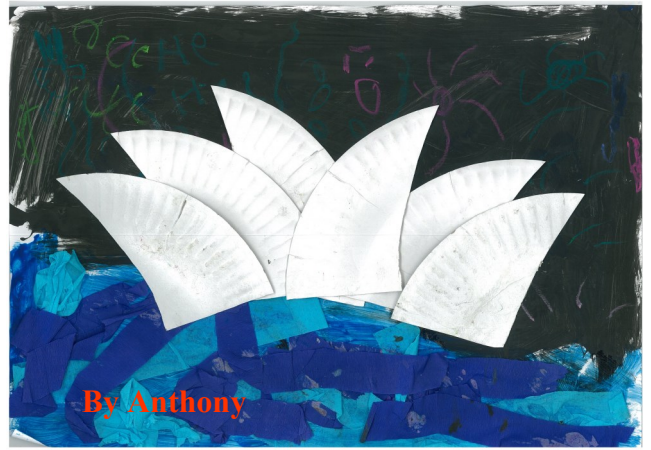




ENJOY ART WORK ON AUSTRALIA BY OUR KP STUDENTS.



Sydney  
Opera  
House

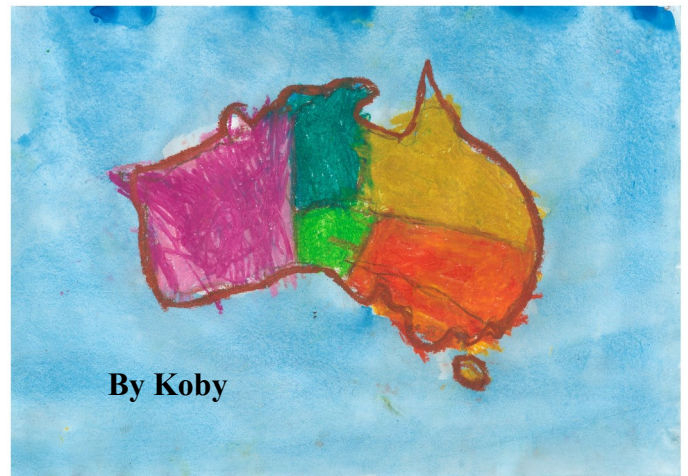


By Anthony



Map of  
Australia

By Kaitlyn



By Koby



Cohen

KP let us know in their item that koalas are NOT bears. So please don't call them koala bears! If you missed them singing in assembly, you missed a treat.



Tiana



Phaebe S



Tye



Maeve

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED !

Jason D 10th Sept

Payton Z 14th Sept

Drew M 18th Sept

Danial H 20th Sept

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At the assembly on Thursday the 14th and 21st September 2017, these children all received awards.  
Congratulations !!

KP	KHM	1/2P	1/2W
<b>Cohen J</b> Outstanding improvement in sounds and sight words <b>Aydin Y</b> Adapting to new routines and requests	<b>Amelia F</b> Increased confidence in Writing <b>Zoey G</b> Being and enthusiastic learner	<b>Charlotte P</b> Improved focus in Writing <b>Emilia B</b> Improved confidence in Speaking	<b>Taylah H</b> Fantastic improvement in all Areas <b>Neve H</b> Outstanding improvement in Numeracy
<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Jessie C Mia W	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Sarah P Bella R	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Amahlia N Isabella H	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Taylor W Naomi M <sup>c</sup>



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS



<b>Be Respectful~</b> Use the 6 L's <b>Mia W</b> Use nice talk <b>Anthony C</b>	<b>Be Respectful~</b> Use the 6 L's <b>Nolan P</b> Use nice talk <b>Hudson C</b>	<b>Be Respectful~</b> Use the 6 L's <b>Chelsea C</b> Use nice talk <b>Juliet M</b>	<b>Be Respectful~</b> Use the 6 L's <b>Grace M</b> Use nice talk <b>Beau M</b>
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# Home Reading Awards 2017

**Bronze** (25 nights reading)

**Silver** (50 nights reading)

**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)

**Zeppelin G**

**Danial H, Sarah P, Kye R, Tye M**

**Abbigale L, Jazmin L**



### PRINCIPALS AWARD

(Collecting 5 Awards)

**Zeppelin G, Danial H, Amahlia N, Taylah H, Jason D**

### STAR STUDENT AWARD

(Collecting 5 Principal's Awards)

**Riley Z**