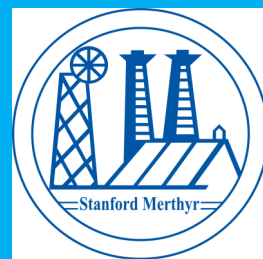


Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Vision Statement:

Working together, making a difference with every child.



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Week 7 Term 4

21st November 2017

BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

24th Nov **KP** No
KHM Baker
1/2P Baker
1/2W Due
1st Dec **KP** to our
KHM School
1/2P Swimming
1/2W Scheme



CANTEEN ROSTER

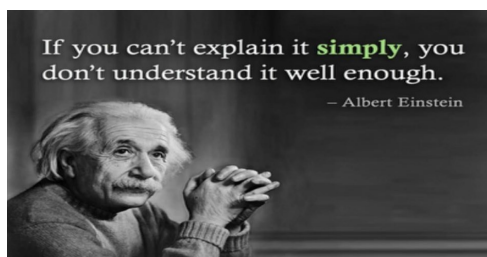
Canteen open Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Wed 22nd Nov Chantell & Rachel
Fri 24th Nov Barbara & Teigan
Mon 27th Nov Shanelle & Mel
Wed 29th Nov Chantell & Rachel
Fri 1 Dec Leigh & Nardia
Mon 4th Dec Barbara

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thurs 23rd November Hannah Pike
Thurs 30th November Teigan Wells

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



Term 4 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm

**Thurs 23rd Nov and
Thurs 30th Nov**

**No assemblies due to
swimming**

Thurs 7th Dec

**KHM and KP class item.
Final assembly for the year.**

SWIMMING PROGRAM BEGAN YESTERDAY

Swimming is for ten days until the 1st December. Thank you for your patience as I mark off each child at the end of the lesson. I want to ensure all children are safely handed to their parents. Unfortunately all children need to get out of the pool at 2:45pm, even if you are staying to let them swim longer. Rules at the pool mean you need to pay again if you want them to swim longer.

MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT TOMORROW

Children are asked to be here at school at 5pm dressed in their pyjamas. They are able to bring their teddy or soft toy if they would like to. We will serve pizza and a drink first, before going to the hall to watch the movie. We would appreciate all children being picked up by 7.00pm please. The permission note and pizza order form is available at the office.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

SERVICE 10.11.2017

Mr Ping conducted a moving ceremony here at school, to acknowledge the end of the First World War and the sacrifice of Australian soldiers.



PARENT CORNER.

Ideas to help you support your child's learning.

Parents play a big role in helping their children to be confident and enthusiastic learners by encouraging them to believe they can do well at school, and that trying hard and doing their best is important.

Aim high - believe in your child's potential

When a parent holds high aspirations for their child, they do better at school. Showing your child that you believe in them and their ability to do their best at school is really powerful - it builds children's confidence and helps them see themselves as someone who can do well. Research shows that what parents believe about their child's ability to do well at school is linked to their actual achievements.

- Praise your child for trying hard (not just for doing well) and celebrate little successes.
- Aim high - let your child know you think that learning and school are important and that trying hard matters.
- Discuss children's dreams for the future with them- this is important at any age! Talk to your child often about their hopes or ideas for the future.

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
Wednesday 22nd Nov	Kindergarten Transition-12:00 noon-1:20pm for 2018 students
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.

CLASSES FOR 2018

With the funding I have received from the Government for 2018, I am pleased to announce that we will have 4 classes here next year. Mrs Macgregor will continue to work here two days a week next year. There will be a Kindergarten class, a K/1 class and two 1/2 classes. All children have been transitioning to their new classes each Wednesday from 12-1:30pm whilst our new kindergarten students have been here. These classes are not yet definitely finalised as we could gain or lose students between now and the beginning of the 2018 school year.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC FOR NEW KINDER'S

Our community of schools are hosting a free teddy bears picnic at Rotary Park on Friday 1st December from 9:00-11.00am to celebrate the end of pre-school.

LIBRARY BORROWING FINISHED FOR 2017.

Mrs Ceccato, our librarian has requested that all children's library books be returned now please so we can undertake the required annual stocktake. Overdue notices will be sent home this week to help you remember what books your children have borrowed.

HOME READERS RETURNED PLEASE

The before school reading program will conclude next week please. I would appreciate children returning any PM readers they have at home along with their reading folders, so a stocktake can take place. Please could you hand these folders to either myself or take them to the office so I can mark off your name. All of our PM home readers are valued at \$10 or more per book. Your assistance will be much appreciated.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT KURRI KURRI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Our boys dance group has been invited to open proceedings at the carols at 6pm on Sunday 10th December. Then all our students will sing the two Christmas songs we have been learning, at 6:15pm. Please fill in the note at the office to let us know your child can participate. It is always a very enjoyable night. I hope you can all come.

We would need all the boys to be at Kurri Kurri Public School by 5:30pm please to have time to get them dressed for their item. We will meet at the gate in Lang Street opposite Coles Supermarket. Girls need to be there by 5:45pm please. Girls can wear party clothes.

Permission notes are at the office.

DONATIONS FOR A XMAS HAMPER TO RAFFLE

The staff are wanting to do a Christmas Raffle. The prizes will be Christmas Hampers. We are requesting parents to please donate goods suitable for hampers, such as tinned goods, cakes, mince tarts, lollies, drink. Please ensure items have not gone past their use by date. Please send items into the school office as soon as you are able to do so.

The raffles will be drawn on Presentation Day

\$100 VOUCHER TO SUPPORT CHILDREN TO BE ACTIVE CHILDREN.

Something to Do!

Feature article

Active Kids Rebate

The NSW Government is introducing a new rebate that can be used for the registration and participation costs of sport and fitness activities. This is a \$100 voucher system for parents or guardians to use for children enrolled in school.

The initiative will reduce the barriers to participation and help change the physical activity behaviours of children and young people in NSW.

Who is eligible to claim the voucher?

Every family in NSW with a child enrolled in school from Kindergarten to Year 12 will be eligible for the Active Kids Voucher.

It will not be means tested and one voucher will be available for every child in the family annually over the next four years. There will be no limits on the number of applications per family, as long as every child is enrolled in school.

What can the voucher be used for?

The voucher can be used for registration or membership fees for after-school, weekend sport and structured physical activity programs, including swimming lessons, from a wide range of providers. The vouchers will be redeemable through approved sport, fitness and physical activity providers upon registration.

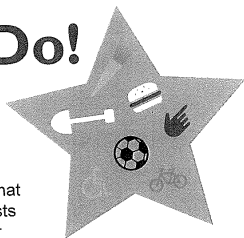
When will the program be introduced?

From January 2018 families will be able to claim their voucher/s online from the NSW Government.

Where can I find more information?

Applications will be facilitated by the Office of Sport. More information will be available on the website as the program details are further developed www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids

Information sourced from Active Kids Data Sheet



FINAL P&C MEETING MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER

I look forward to seeing interested people at 6pm.



END OF YEAR PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Please the time for this special assembly is 5:30pm so our working parents can attend.

CANTEEN FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

Canteen will remain open for the next three weeks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please note the final week of term:

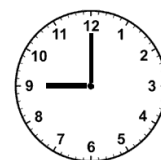
Monday 11th December—normal school lunches

Wed 13th December—ice blocks and slushies only

Friday 15th December—Closed for cleaning.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING EXPECTATION

Next week we are focusing on **Right Place, Right Time.**



The children have been going into classrooms before school and playing when a teacher is not present. To ensure the safety of all students we are asking

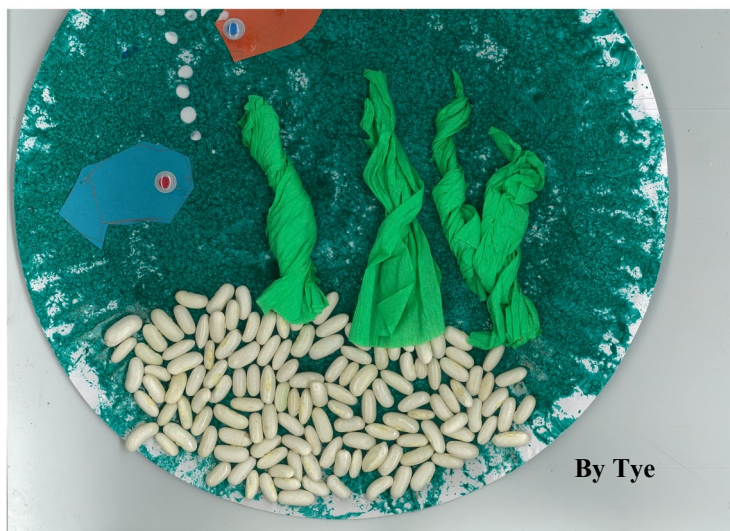
please if students hang their bags on the hooks outside their classrooms and come outside until the bell rings.

Thank you for supporting this.

THANK YOU TO SPORTS POWER IN CESSNOCK

I convey my thanks to Sports Power who have generously donated four \$25 vouchers for us to award to students, one per class, who have displayed sportsmanship this year. These will be presented at the Presentation Night Assembly on the 11th December. Thank you to Tracy Patton who brought this to my attention.

ENJOY THE INFORMATION REPORTS ABOUT DUGONGS AND THE ART WORK BY STUDENTS IN KP.



By Tye

By Maeve



Friday 1st December is the last date for Ordering Scholastic book club books please.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Please return tickets to school office in a sealed envelope with correct payment

(cash only)

and child's name and class clearly marked on the front.

Please return by Friday 8th December, 2017.

Drawn at Presentation Night 5.30pm on Monday 11th December 2017.

\$5.00—10 tickets

It would greatly assist us if you could cut the tickets along the lines before sending in.

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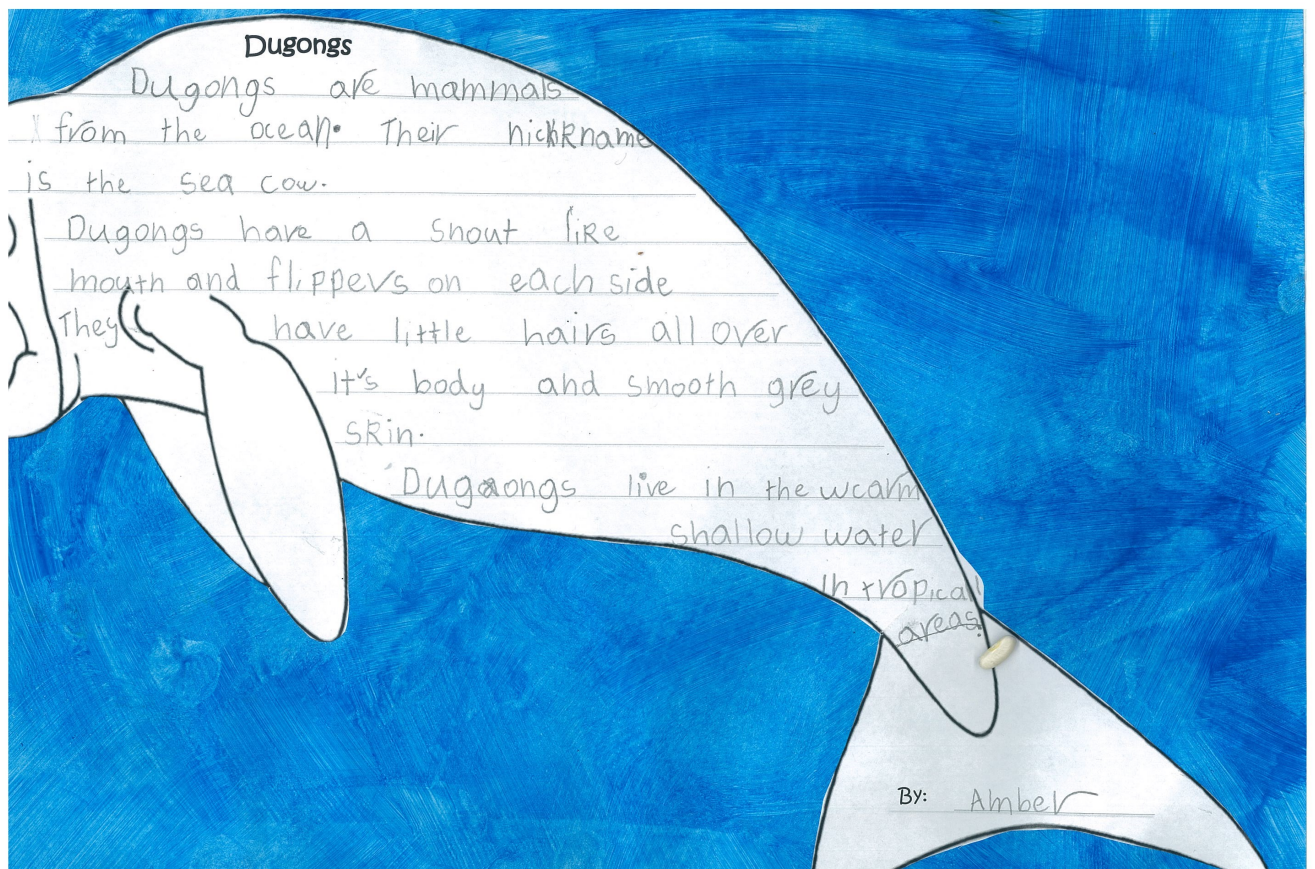
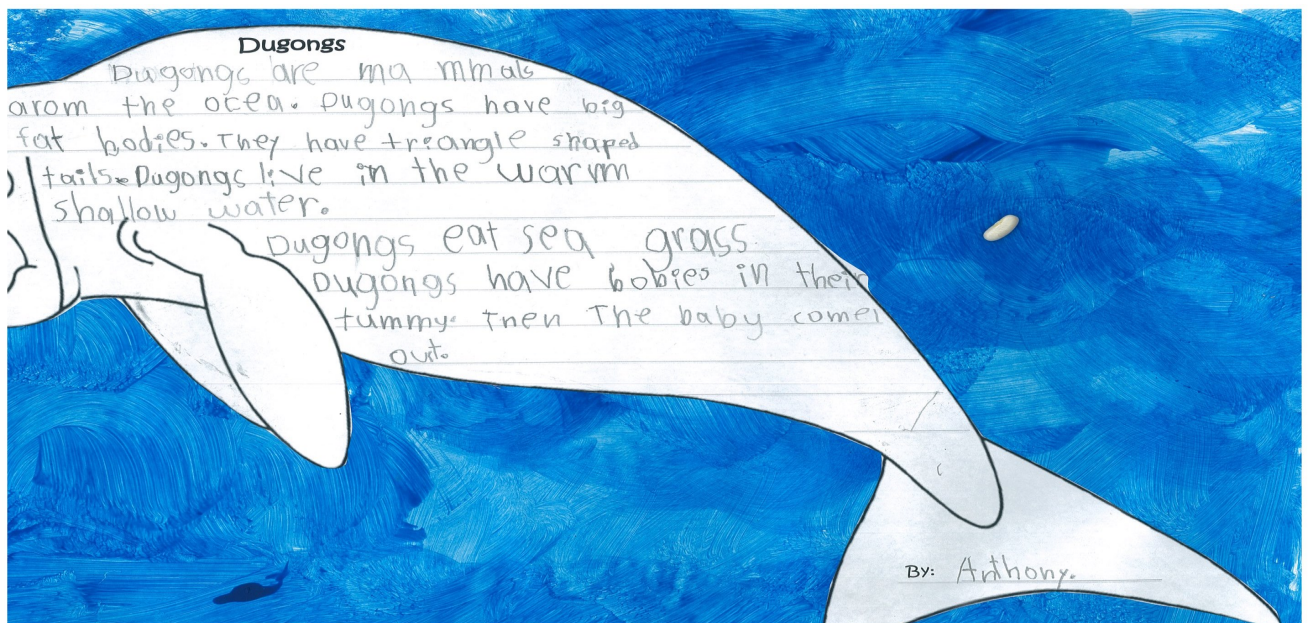
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By Jessie



By Tahj



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED !

Zoey G - 3rd Nov

Jazmin L - 8th Nov

Charlie S - 12th Nov

Neve H - 16th Nov

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At the assembly on Thursday the 9th & 16th November 2017, these children all received awards.
Congratulations !!

KP	KHM	1/2P	1/2W
Mia W Improving her Confidence In Writing	Kade H Using interesting words to produce Quality 5 Writing Jax M Working hard to improve his Reading	Isabella H Enthusiasm and effort in all Areas of Learning Amahlia N A more responsible approach to Learning	Xavier L Working hard in Literacy Taylah H Wonderful improvement in Writing
Quality 5 Bookwork Tye M Raegan B	Quality 5 Bookwork Cam S Sarah P	Quality 5 Bookwork Kye R Sarah R	Quality 5 Bookwork Jayda S Riley Z

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS

Be Responsible~ Be Organised Raegan B Be Responsible~ Help Others Phoebe B	Be Responsible~ Be Organised Brody P Be Responsible~ Help Others Zoey G	Be Responsible~ Be Organised Lincoln W Be Responsible~ Help Others Chelsea C	Be Responsible~ Be Organised Malachi C Be Responsible~ Help Others Naomi Mc
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Home Reading Awards 2017

Bronze (25 nights reading)

Silver (50 nights reading)

Gold (75 nights reading)

Nolan P, Lincoln B

Double Bronze (100 nights reading)

Payton Z, Hudson C

Double Silver (125 nights reading)

Jax M, Neve H

Double Gold (150 nights reading)

Kade H

Royal (200 nights reading)

Double Royal (250 nights reading)

Jazmin L, Abbigale L, Tahj D

Excellence (300 nights reading)

PRINCIPALS AWARD

(Collecting 5 Awards)

Tahj D, Tye M,
Hudson C, Kade H,
Charlie S, Juliet M,
Xavier L, Malachi C,
Beau M, Jayda S,
Taylah H, Neve H

