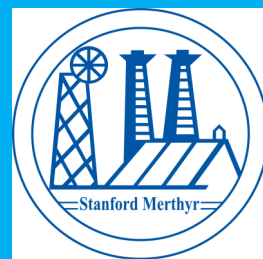


Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Vision Statement:

Working together, making a difference with every child.



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Week 5 Term 4

7th November 2017

BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

10th Nov KP Tye M
KHM Danial H
1/2P Summer G
1/2W Riley Z
17th Nov KP Maeve P
KHM Sarah P
1/2P Sarah R
1/2W Stella F



Meet our School Mascots,
Stan and Merthi.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen open Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Wed 8th Nov Chantell & Rachael
Fri 10th Nov Nikki & Nardia
Mon 13th Nov Shanelle & Mel
Wed 15th Nov Chantell & Rachael
Fri 17th Nov Leigh
Mon 20th Nov Barbara

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thurs 9th November Nicole Sleeman
Thurs 16th November Kim Morrow

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

Every home is a
university and the
parents are the
teachers.

Mahatma Gandhi

meetville.com

Term 4 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm

Thurs 9th Nov	KP show work
Thurs 16th Nov	1/2P and 1/2W class item
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.

"THE TELL THEM FROM ME" SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all of the parents who completed our survey. I am delighted to share some of the results with you. If you would like a full copy of the report please come and see me. Your feedback is invaluable as it helps me plan activities for next year.

Your responses were as follows:

94% of parents feel welcome when they visit the school. 92% feel well informed about school activities. 92% feel they can speak easily with teachers. On average 87% of you feel you are well informed about your child's progress either by written reports or concerns about behaviour or their social and emotional development. On average 86% of parents feel teachers have high expectations for their child to succeed and 88% of parents think our school supports positive behaviour. 88% of parents think we promote a safe environment and that their child likes coming to school. 87% of you feel we are an inclusive school where teachers understand students learn at different rates.

However only 72% of parents feel confident to support their child with their learning at home. Therefore to support you I am beginning a new section in the newsletter, called PARENT CORNER. I hope to provide you with an idea to try at home each fortnight.

PARENT CORNER.

*How to encourage your child to tell you
what they have done at school each day.*



It can be difficult at times to get information from your child as to what they have learnt at school on any given day. The secret comes in how you ask the questions. Instead of asking: "What did you do today?" and receiving the answer, "Nothing!" Try framing questions this way:

1. What did you write about today during literacy time?
2. What activity did you like doing most during literacy rotations? Why did you enjoy doing it?
3. What maths game did you play today? Can you explain how to play it to me?
4. Are there any special things happening at school this week that I need to know about?

I hope these ideas help promote more talking about school.

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
Wednesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd Nov	Kindergarten Transition-12:00 noon-2pm for 2018 students
Wednesdays 8th Nov, 15th Nov.	Whole school Creative and Practical Arts Groups 2pm. All welcome.
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.

EXCURSION TO GOSFORD REPTILE PARK

This was a fantastic day! The children were so exuberant and talking non stop about the information they had learnt about a variety of birds, animals and reptiles they interacted with. The education talks from the staff at the park were interactive and at the level the children could understand.



SKIP-A-THON PERFORMANCES

I congratulate all the children for improving so much in their ability to skip. The class performances were spectacular and a credit to our teachers for their choreography. We raised \$1,490 which will go towards stage 2 of the sensory garden next year.



CESSNOCK RESCUE SQUAD DEMONSTRATIONS.



We are also privileged to have the Cessnock Rescue Squad explain their equipment and procedures when they are called to assist in emergencies. Thank you Matthew Clarke for making this happen.

FINAL P&C MEETING MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER

I look forward to seeing interested people at 6pm.

MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT WED 22ND NOV

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 Mr Ping's room to watch the movie. We would appreciate all children being picked up by 7.00pm please. The permission note and pizza order form is attached to this newsletter. Please indicate whether your child will be participating and please have your order in by Monday 20th November. Cost \$7:00. Thank you.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

The whole school is going to swimming lessons at **Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre for 10 days**, beginning **Monday 20th November - Friday 1st December**. The cost for

ten days pool entry is **\$36 per student**. (Students with Season passes will need to show their pass each day and the cost will be **NIL**). We are very grateful to our **P&C as they have agreed to pay for the bus hire for 10 days** which is \$850. If any parent needs assistance with this cost, please come and see me.

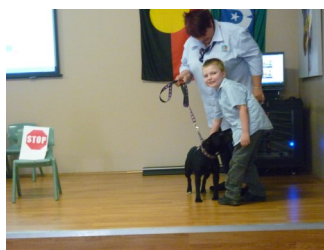
Children will leave school at 1:30pm, ready for their lesson at 2pm – 2:45pm. We are asking parents to please come to the pool to collect students at 2.55pm. There will be no bus returning to school. Students who go to OOHS or catch the bus at 3:30pm from school, will be able to travel back with a teacher, as long as permission notes are signed. Parents are invited to come and watch the lessons for **\$2.80**. If you want to swim with your child when lessons are finished at 2:45pm, you will need to pay **\$5.30 per day**, plus another **\$4.60 for your child**. Pre-schoolers over two years old have to pay **\$4.60**. **Pre-schoolers under three have to wear a swim nappy please.**

If you want your child to stay in the water after we finish, I will ask you to sign that I have handed over your child at 3pm. If you are not inside the pool by that time, your child will get changed back into school uniform.

Children will be divided into small groups of students. All our teaching and non teaching staff and Mrs Leigh James, who is Aus. Swim trained, get into the water and teach the students, as well as two swimming instructors who guide us in what to teach.

Children need to bring swimmers, a swimming shirt and towel each day to school. Please ensure all your child's clothing has their name clearly marked on them.

RESPONSIBLE CARE OF PETS PROGRAM



All students met Buddy and were taught the safe way to approach unknown dogs. They also were taught about how to care for their pets so that they are properly looked after.

HUNDRED CLUB RAFFLE. Thank you to all parents and staff who bought tickets in the 100 club raffle. We only sold 50 tickets. It was won by Wendy Cant and she won \$50.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BAKER FAMILY

We are thrilled to hear of the safe arrival of baby Blossom. Wyatt is an excited big brother and is keen to introduce us to his little sister.

Anne Carr Principal

DAY FOR DANIEL MORCOMBE 27TH NOV

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause. We raised \$82 that will be sent to the Morcombe Foundation. All the teaching staff had a whole school discussion with the students, instructing them about Stranger Danger, helping enforce that they never get into a car with someone they don't know.



BANDANA DAY TO SUPPORT THE CANCER COUNCIL

Our kid's councillors sold all the bandanas and we raised \$308 which will be sent to the Cancer Council to support research into cancers that affect young people. Thank you for your support.

DOMINOES PIZZA FUNDRAISER

We appreciate everyone who purchased pizzas last Wednesday evening between 4pm-8pm. We also thank Dominoes at Kurri Kurri for allowing us to participate in this fundraiser. This raised \$240 to support medication for a young adult in our community who has a tough life.

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 DON'T FORGET TUESDAY IS BANKING DAY

There are Three ways to open a Youthsaver Account for your child to start Banking at School.

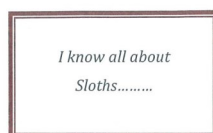
1. Apply online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
2. Log into your CommBank app (if you bank with CommBank (click on Menu. Select products & services, Bank Accounts, Student & Youth Account, Kids then Open Account))
3. Visit any CommBank Branch

The school also earns commission on all deposits and new accounts opened via the School, so it is a great fundraiser for the School.

1/2W HAVE BEEN STUDYING ENDANGERED ANIMALS. ENJOY THEIR ART WORK AND INFORMATION REPORTS ABOUT SLOTHS.



NAME: Alison



Amazing sloths have razor sharp
claws they can go through your skin
in only a couple of seconds. Did
you know some sloths have three toes
and some two? A sloth is as slow as
a tortoise.

Sloths live in tall trees of south
America. Did you know a sloth comes
down from their tree once a week?
They live high up in tall trees
because their food source is
in them and so predators don't
get the sloths.

The sloth eats most of the time
leaves and sometimes fruit. They
eat the leaves from a certain
type of tree called the Cecropia.

By Beau M



ENJOY 1/2W'S ART WORK AND INFORMATION REPORTS ABOUT SLOTHS.

By Naomi



By Naomi: The pygmy sloth is critically endangered.

Jayda



A sloth only comes down from their trees once a week to do their droppings!

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NAME: Kay Taylor

I know all about Sloths.....



A sloth has buds on its back. sloth can camouflage so they can't be seen in the trees. They can camouflage because they have green algae on their fur.

Sloths live in South American in the rainforest in the trees. They are safe because they are up in the trees and so they can't be hunted.

A sloth eats some fruit so they can live. They also eat some buds and leaves.

NAME: Neve

I know all about Sloths.....



Wow look there is a green sloth! The sloth has green fur because of special algae on their fur. Do you know sloths that are cute? My favourite part about sloths is their long arms and legs.

Look its a sloth hanging in the tree. Did you know that sloths have to go to the toilet once a week.

by Malachi



Sloths live high in the trees of tropical rain forests and also in the Amazon forest.

NAME: Grace

I know all about Sloths.....



What's that in the trees? Did you know sloths have green fur with algae on their ruff fur.

Sloths live in tropical rain forests high up in the trees. They spend most of their time in the trees because they sleep for 17 hours, eat leaves and are awake for 7 hours.

Have you ever wondered why sloths are so slow well this is why. The leaves that they eat makes them slow and gives them no energy. They even eat fruit and buds sometimes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED !

Taylor W 30th Oct

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At the assembly on Thursday the 26th October & 2nd November 2017, these children all received awards.
Congratulations !!

KP	KHM	1/2P	1/2W
Maeve P Increased confidence in all Areas Cohen J	Jazmin L Being and active and motivated Reader Nolan P Outstanding improvement in Reading	Chelsea C Being a self motivated writer Beau G Working hard to become a more focused and motivated Learner	Grace M Confidence in Numeracy Beau M Fantastic effort in Literacy
Quality 5 Bookwork Anthony C Kaitlyn M	Quality 5 Bookwork Zeppelin G Hudson C	Quality 5 Bookwork Summer G Lhotse C	Quality 5 Bookwork Malachi C Taylah H



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS



Be Respectful~ Be Honest Jessie C Be Responsible~ Do your job Tahj D	Be Respectful~ Be Honest Jax M Be Responsible~ Do your job Charlie S	Be Respectful~ Be Honest Abbigale L Be Responsible~ Do your job Sarah R	Be Respectful~ Be Honest Riley Z Be Responsible~ Do your job Neve h
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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)

Aydin Y, Jax M, Charlie S, Amahlia N

Cam S, Juliet M

Koby S, Danial H, Sarah P

Anthony C, Cooper J



PRINCIPALS AWARD
(Collecting 5 Awards)

STAR STUDENT AWARD
(Collecting 5 Principal's Awards)

Anthony C, Jazmin L, Malachi C, Jax M, Kailie W, Cam S, Taylor W