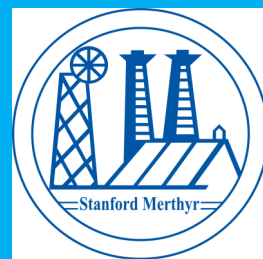


Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Vision Statement:

Working together, making a difference with every child.



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Week 9 Term 4

5th December 2017

BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

8th Dec KP Koby S
KHM Sarah P
1/2P Kailie W
1/2W Cooper J

NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED



CANTEEN ROSTER

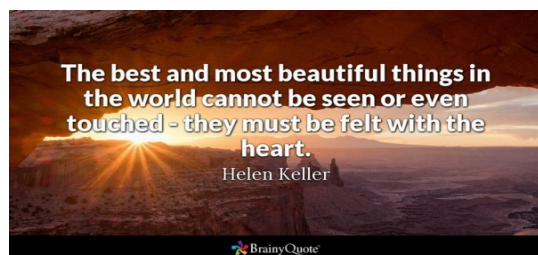
Canteen open Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Wed 6th Dec Chantell & Rachel
Fri 8th Dec Barbara & Teigan
Mon 11th Dec Shanelle & Mel
Wed 13th Dec Chantell & Rachel
Fri 15th Dec CLOSED

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thurs 7th December Liz McDonald
Please note this is the final fruit break for 2017

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



Term 4 Assembly Roster Thursday 2:15pm

Thurs 7th Dec

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

SWIMMING PROGRAM

The children are making progress with their swimming ability. Thanks to Leigh James for coming each day to teach a group. Your assistance has helped us immensely.



PARENT CORNER.

Ideas to help you support your child's learning.

Over the Christmas holidays it would be fantastic if you were able to keep playing simple card games or board games with your child. Continue to read stories to them and ask them to read to you. Each child has brought home their portfolio of special work they have done at school this year. Encourage them to talk to you about each page and get them to read their stories they have written aloud to you.

I would love to read any stories your children write for me over the holidays. I will personally read and make comments on any written work your child does. The more children have opportunities to write, the more they will develop confidence.

Ideas for stories:

1. Recount a special day eg what happened on Christmas Day.
2. Recount about somewhere they have visited.
3. Write an information report about an animal
4. Write a narrative—a made up story about a favourite character.
5. A topic of interest to your child.

YEAR 2 PARENTS ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL YEAR TWO ASSEMBLY WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER AT 2PM IN THE HALL.

Families of our Year 2 students that are leaving us at the end of Year 2 are invited to school to join with us in sharing experiences that have happened to the children while they have been at our school.

THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS WHO WERE ON THE P&C THIS YEAR. I have appreciated your efforts and support with all fundraising. We have achieved a lot.
Please consider being apart of the P&C next year.

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 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.

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. Notices have been sent home to help you remember what books your children have borrowed.

MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT

Our students enjoyed the fun of coming to school in their pyjamas, eating pizza and garlic bread, before watching **"Batman Lego Movie"** We appreciated having the luxury of being able to spread out in our School Hall, where the floor was covered with mattresses, blankets, soft toys and even bean bags. Children were very well behaved.



HOME READERS RETURNED PLEASE

The before school reading program has now finished for the year. I would appreciate all

children bringing 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 this 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. Don't forget to bring your chairs, picnic rug and food if you are planning on staying for the carols.

THANK YOU TO STEWART LATTER FROM THE KURRI KURRI BREAD BASKET

Stewart has been very generous to our school again this year by donating four loaves of bread each fortnight to our breakfast program. This has helped enormously in keeping the cost manageable for us. Between 20-30 students take advantage of the toast and juice on offer each Monday morning.

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

PARENT HELPERS LUNCH TOMORROW

Invitations have been handed out to parents, grandparents and community members who have done at least three or more things this year to support the school. Staff and students are looking forward to serving you lunch at 11:15pm tomorrow in the School Hall, if you received an invitation.

BOOK PACKS FOR STUDENTS FOR 2018

All book packs for next year will cost **\$50 per child**. Teachers appreciate you paying for these packs as every child can then be given the same books and the same equipment. This fee covers pencils, coloured pencils, glue and rubbers as well.

You are welcome to come to make this payment now at the office for next year if you would like to do so, otherwise we ask for payment the first week back next year. The school outlays a lot of money purchasing these requirements for your students. We ran at a loss last year as some parents did not purchase these. Therefore I am having to only provide children with one book to do all their work in until the book packs have been paid for.

Please note: We will not be having Creative and Practical Arts Groups K-2 next year. Teachers will teach these strands with their own class. For those who have already paid for CAPA it will be recredited and held in fees in advance for future excursions etc.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FEES FOR 2018

Our school voluntary contribution fees next year is once again **\$30 per child**. This covers us providing such items as art resources, tissues, toilet paper and hand wash. We would appreciate payment of this fee also being paid to the office.

FINAL THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK NEXT WEEK.

I would like to thank Erin Burnside who has purchased the fruit and vegetables for our fruit break each week this last semester. Thank you to every parent who has willingly assisted in preparing the platters for the four classes.



END OF YEAR PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER IN THE SCHOOL HALL

The time for this special assembly is 5:30pm so our working parents can also 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.

HANDING OUT CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

Children have a lot of fun handing out their Christmas cards and any gifts they want to give. Please bring on the party day, Thursday 14th Dec.

SCHOOL PARTY DAY HERE AT SCHOOL THIS YEAR ON THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER.

Teachers have put a list of food suggestions to bring for party day, Lists are on a clip board outside their classrooms for parents to fill in. We will play party games and the children can wear party clothes as long as their shoulders are covered and they wear closed in shoes. They also need to wear their school sunhat please. Doing this means there is no cost for parents, and the children still participate in enjoyable activities.

WATER FUN DAY FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Children will be able to participate in water fun activities for about 2 hours FRIDAY 15th December. Please send in their swimmers, sun shirt and towel and thongs in a separate bag for them to get changed into. Children can bring **small** water pistols, but no water bombs please.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC FOR NEW KINDER'S

Our community of schools hosted a free teddy bears picnic at Rotary Park last Friday. Each school provided activities for the children related to bears. It was great to see so many of our new students and their families attending.



THANK YOU TO OUR KURRI KURRI ROTARY SUNRISE CLUB VOLUNTEERS.

Each Monday morning four members of the Kurri Rotary Sunrise Club have come and provided breakfast for our students. This has provided a great start to the week for our students. Many thanks to Les, Susan, Bob and Diane. This year we need to say goodbye to Bob Apthorpe who is unable to come next year. Bob has volunteered for four years here each Monday morning to serve breakfast and is now well known in the community by our students. You will be missed by children and staff alike Bob. Thank you!

FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2017

I would like to express my thanks to all staff, students, parents and community members for helping make 2017 such a wonderful year for Stanford Merthyr Infants School.

STARTING DATES FOR STUDENTS IN 2018

Year 1 and Year 2 students return to school on TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2018. Kindergarten students come for individual Best Start Interviews on TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY AND WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY. Their first full day as a class is THURSDAY 1st February.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas, and a safe, relaxing holiday. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Anne Carr
Principal.

Are you ready to dance?



Year 2 are hosting a lunchtime disco and you're invited!

There will be a lucky door prize, games and lots of fun!

When: Lunchtime Thursday the 14th of September

Cost: Gold coin donation with all funds going towards the year 2 gift



Kurri Kurri Vacation Care December 2017 Phone: 4936 2030 Fax: 4936 2304 Email: oosh@kkcc.com.au				
Week One - Please note the program may be subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances				
Monday 18-12-17	Tuesday 19-12-17	Wednesday 20-12-17	Thursday 21-12-17	Friday 22-12-17
Xmas Ornaments	Xmas Snow Globes	Xmas Cooking	Library Craft	Xmas Cards & Wrap
Kurri Kurri Library Depart: 10:45am Return: 12:15pm * COMPULSORY *				

CENTRE CLOSES

Friday 22nd December 2017

CENTRE REOPENS

Monday 8th January 2018



Kurri Kurri OOSH and Vacation Care is a community based non for profit approved provider for Before & After School Care and Vacation Care, offering quality care for children aged 5-12years.

Opening Hours for Vacation Care 6.30am - 6.30pm

Where: Kurri Kurri Ambulance Practice Hall
Phone: 4936 2030 or 0419 825 886

112 Lang Street Kurri Kurri
Email: oosh@kkcc.com.au

Anglican Parish of Mount Vincent & Weston



Carols on the Grass

Christ Church

Mount Vincent Road

Mount Vincent

Saturday 16 December

From 5:00 pm

Sausage Sizzle - \$2.50; Soft Drinks - \$1.50

Carols Concert performed by Children from Barney's Club and Local Schools and The Parish Singers starting at 6:30 pm

Bring your own picnic, rugs and chairs



Rector - Mother Theresa Angert-Quiter
Mobile - 0408 762 651

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



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

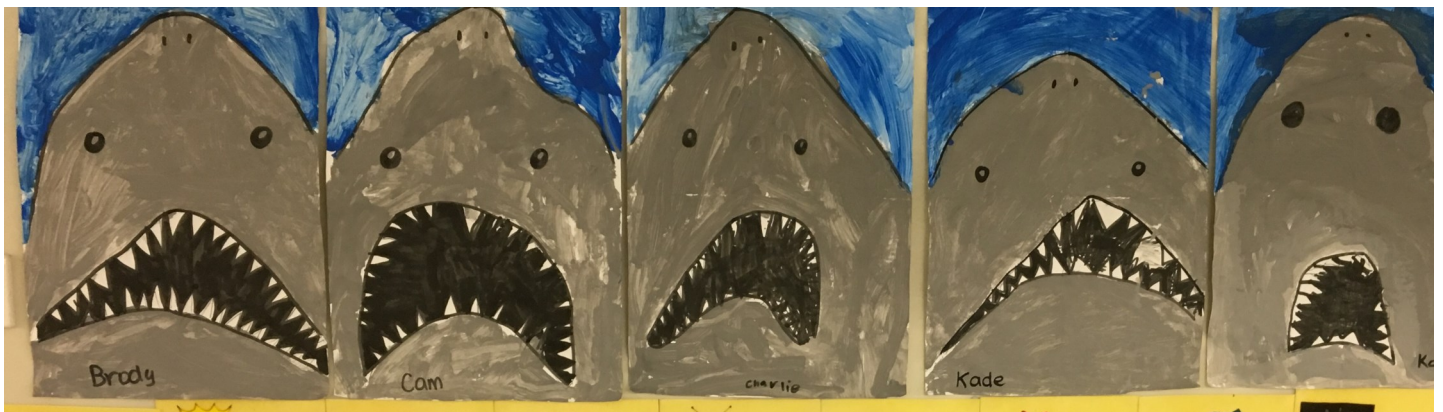
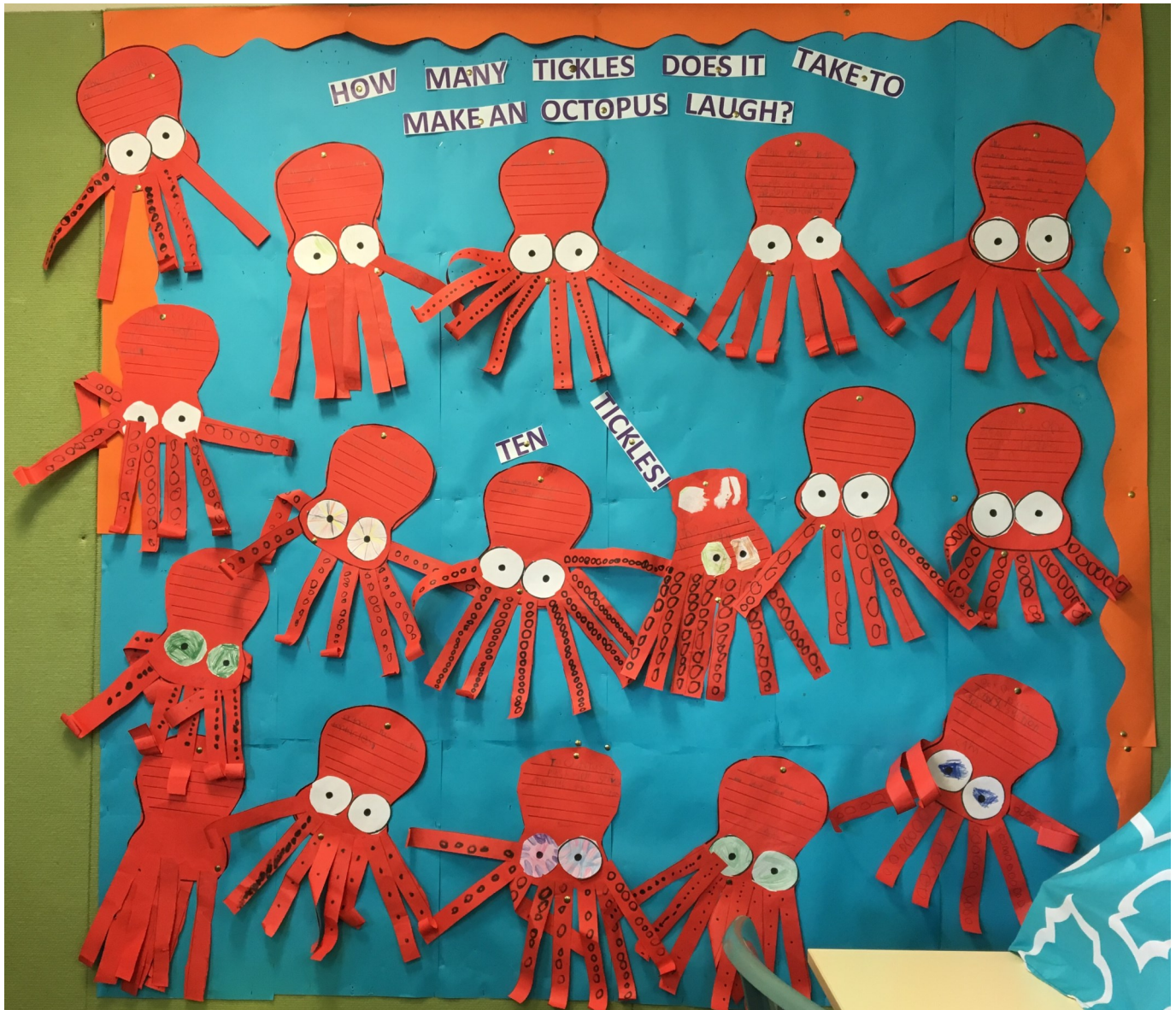
It would greatly assist us if you could cut the tickets along the lines before sending in.

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ENJOY THE ART WORK BY KHM RELATED TO THEIR SEA UNIT.



As part of the Science Unit KHM have been doing, the students have learnt about sharks and octopuses as well as other fish. They have written information reports as well as producing excellent works of art, examples of which are displayed here.

