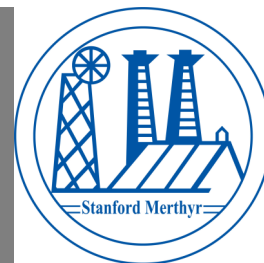


Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

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Week 6 Term 1

28th February 2017

BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

3rd Mar KP Anthony C
KHM Amelia F
1/2P Annalyse B
1/2W Alison E

10th Mar KP Amber C
KHM Hudson C
1/2P Cru B
1/2W Malachi C

NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED



CANTEEN ROSTER

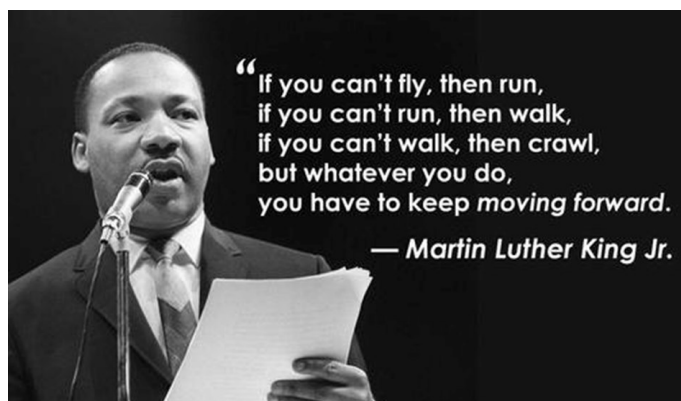
Week 6 Closed

Mon 6th March closed today
Wed 8th March
Fri 10th March

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thur 2nd March Leigh James
Thur 9th March Nicole Sleeman

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



Term 1 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm

2nd March	KP present work
9th March	1/2 W perform item
16th March	1/2P perform item
23rd March	KHM perform item
30th March	KP perform item

over coffee. This forum is open to all of our parents and community members.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING P&C COMMITTEE FOR 2017

Our AGM was held last week and it was wonderful to have such interest from parents wanting to support our school. Thank you to each of you for your willingness to help.

The people voted in for the positions for 2017 :

President: Maria Ackerman
Secretary: David Moore
Treasurer: Amber Parry
Canteen Co-ordinators: Leigh James
Fundraising Committee: All members of the P&C.

P&C Meetings will now be monthly on Monday nights at 6pm. The next meeting is Monday 20th March. Our meetings are very relaxed and informal and we discuss items pertaining to the school

BOOK PACKS AND CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ARTS (CAPA) GROUPS COMBINED PAYMENT FOR STUDENTS FOR 2017

All book packs for this 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 covers pencils, coloured pencils, glue and rubbers as well. Creative and Practical Arts Groups, which are our cultural activities, which include things like cooking and art will be \$10. **Total cost: \$60 per student for the year.**

We invite you to please pay for these as soon as possible at the office. EFTPOS is also available. Payments can also be made Online via our school page.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FEES FOR 2017

Our school is charging **\$30** voluntary contribution fees this year. This covers us providing such items as art resources, tissues, toilet paper and hand wash.

KIDS COUNCILLORS FOR TERM ONE

I would like to thank Miss Pollock who will conduct regular meetings with our eight Kid's Councillors. Each class has two representatives each Term. In K/P they are Mia W and Ammon C. In KHM they are Sarah P and Kade H. 1/2W has Jayda S and Xavier L. Emilia B and Summer G have been selected for 1 /2P. I know these children will do a wonderful job helping students in the playground and assisting in our fundraising for the charities we support.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY MARCH 3RD

Year 2 are going to Stanford Park in Wallsend Street at 2pm on Friday March 3rd to clean up any rubbish there. If you would like your child to wear gloves, please send them in on that day. **A permission note is available for parents of Year 2 children to sign please at the office.** Unfortunately, I cannot take any child out of the school if you have not signed it. Kindergarten and Year 1 students will stay within our school grounds and clean up the playground.

FUNDRAISER: DOMINOS PIZZA KURRI KURRI IS PROUD TO SUPPORT STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL THROUGH A FUNDRAISER
When: Wednesday 8th March 2017

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.



GYMNASTICS PROGRAM



I was successful in my application for a grant from the Sporting Schools initiative which has fully funded a six week gymnastics coaching program for all our students.



Two qualified instructors are coming to us from the Cessnock Police Boys Club each Friday for six weeks. They also bring all their own equipment.

PLAYGROUP FOR 0-5 YEAR OLD CHILDREN

Playgroup is held every Tuesday from 9.15am to 11.00am during School Terms



Our playgroup is an opportunity for young children and their Parents/Carers to:

- Meet new friends and other parents
- Be in a safe, relaxed and child friendly environment
- Engage in creative play
- Encourage the development of gross & fine motor skills
- Be a part of a School readiness program with independent play & group sessions

CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ARTS GROUPS (CAPA) starting tomorrow, Wednesday 1st March.

The children will be divided into four groups to rotate around our four activities. They will do one activity per Term for three Wednesdays at 2pm. Mr Ping is teaching Aboriginal perspective, Miss Wood is teaching music and dance, Mrs Ceccato is teaching craft and Mrs Capstick and Miss Pollock are taking the cooking group. We would like to invite any interested parents to come and assist.

It would help us greatly if the **\$10 yearly fee** for CAPA Groups could be paid during this Term

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW SCHOOL SPORTING TEAMS

This week our students are being placed in four sporting teams that they will remain in during the three years they are at our school. Mr Ping will announce the names for the teams at assembly on Thursday. They will also have colours- blue, red, green and yellow. Siblings will be in the same team. These teams will be used for our CAPA groups as well.

Calendar of Events for Term One 2017

Mondays all year from 6th March	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 from 7th February	Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school
Tuesday 28th February	School professional photos being taken at school
Wednesdays : 1st March, 8th March, 15th March	Creative and Practical Arts Groups (CAPA) at 2pm each week. Parents, Grand-parents and carers are welcome to assist teachers.
Friday 3rd March	Clean Up Australia day—clean up our school playground and Stanford Park
Wednesday 8th March	Domino's Pizza Fundraiser - 4pm to 8pm
Monday 13th March	Back to Stanford Day for last years Year 2 students to visit us.
Fridays 17th March - 24th March	6 weeks of Gymnastics lessons conducted here at school by Cessnock Police and Citizens Youth Club. No cost for the program.
Monday 20th March	P&C meeting- Note change of days to Monday nights at 6pm
Tuesday 21st March 12:30-1:30pm	Teddy Bear Picnic at School for Kinder students beginning in 2018
Tuesday 28th March	3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents for 1/2W
Wednesday 29th March	3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents for KHM
Friday 31st March	Bike Day Whole School excursion at Peace Park Cessnock
Monday 3rd April	Making Easter Hats in class- parents invited to help.
Tuesday 4th April	3 way conferences with teacher, child and parents for 1/2P
Wednesday 5th April	3 way conferences with teacher, child and parents for KP
Thursday 6th April	Back up date for Bike Day excursion in case of rain on the 31st March
Friday 7th April	Easter Hat Parade/ Fun Day activities /out of Uniform day, Final day of Term.
School Holidays	Monday 10th April.-26th April. Teachers Professional Development day is Tuesday 24th April.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law. Thank you.

Anne Carr Principal



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING FOCUS FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Term 1 Week 6 Children will be reminded about the safe use of playground equipment as well as how to treat classroom equipment safely. Children will be rewarded with Stan and Merthi tickets for following this PBL expectation.

This week the focus is to:

Be Safe

Use equipment
safely



WEEK 7:

Children will be reminded that it is respectful to put up their hand and wait for the teacher before they begin to talk. Children will be rewarded with Stan and Merthi tickets for following this PBL expectation.

This week the focus is to:

Be Respectful

Hands up to
talk



Please discuss these expectations with your children at home. It will be interesting to hear them explain to you what they have learnt. We have now covered the **four** expectations for **Safety** and the **first** expectation to teach **Being Respectful**. See if your child can tell you these **five** expectations.

PARENT WORKSHOP ABOUT HOME READING



Thank you to the 16 parents who attended the workshop on home reading. Here are the comments you made about what you learnt.

*Home reading is about speaking and listening. You don't need to read the whole book. Questioning their understanding is important.

*Use the picture to look at before you read.

*The pictures are just as important as the text.

*Five minutes doing home reading can make the world of difference.

*Don't cover the pictures in the books.

*Reading at home is important for one on one learning.

*Get the child to relate to you what they are reading to their world.

*I now see how important five minutes home reading a night can be.

*Always look at the pictures. Use finger pointing.

*I learnt to talk about the "real" world more and relate it to the book.

*To learn the basics and how to apply them to the real and imaginative world.

*Make reading enjoyable. Reinforce learnt concepts.

*Crisp finger pointing is to be used to about level 7. I found the session very beneficial.

I have also included a copy of the first 42 phonic sounds we teach. Put these on your fridge so you can revise these with your children.

First 30 sight words.

First 30 words

I	is	and
here	am	look
we	in	dad
up	come	you
mum	go	a
the	big	went
to	on	can
see	for	at
little	my	said
are	down	me

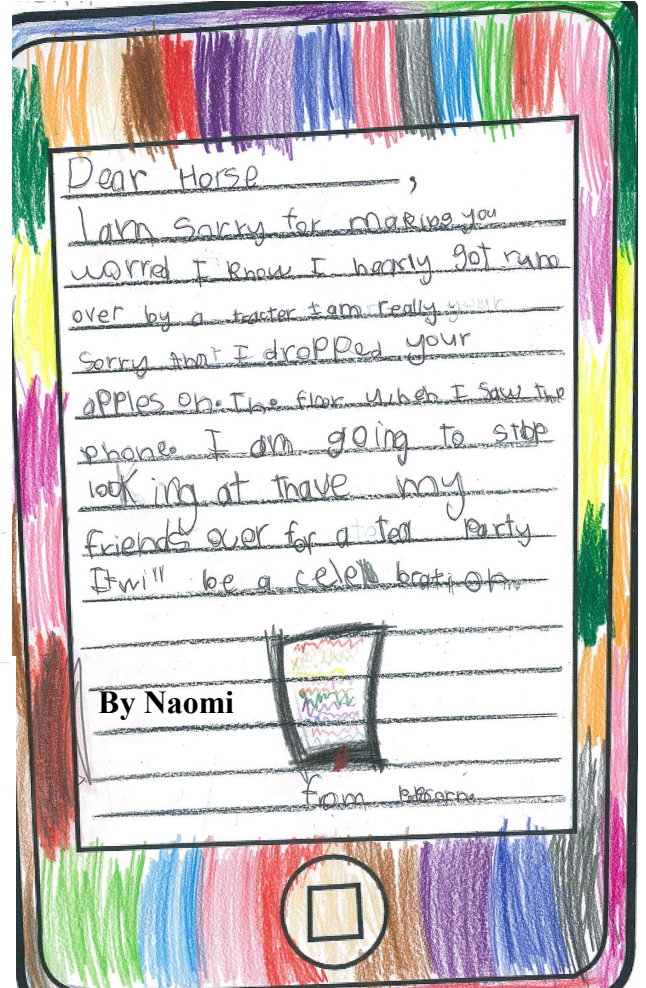
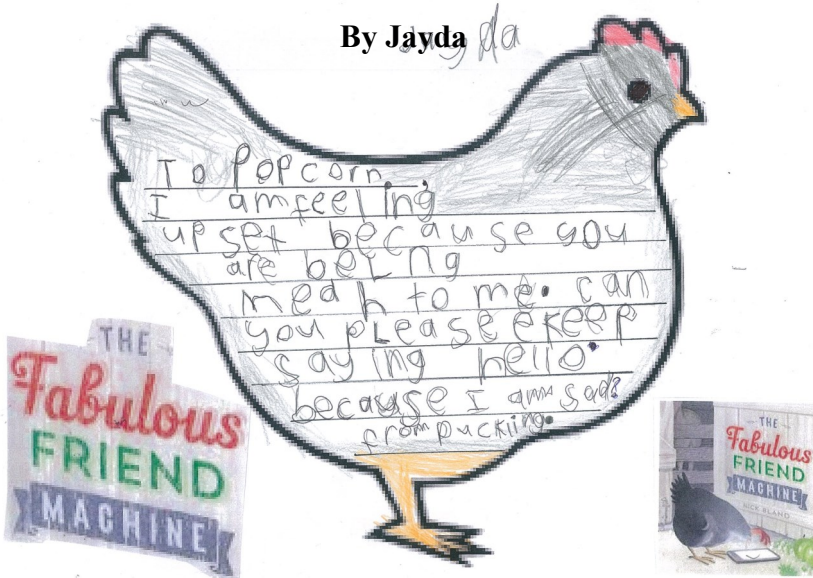
I am including a copy of the first 30 sight words we teach to Kindergarten children that are the basis for helping them become successful readers and writers.

42 phonic sounds

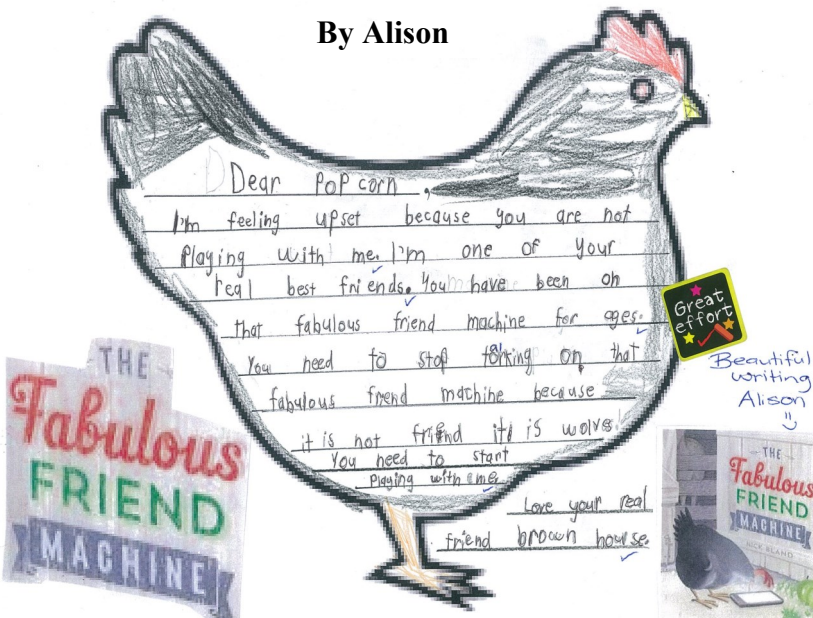


ENJOY WORK FROM 1/2W BASED ON THE BOOK, "THE FABULOUS FRIEND MACHINE."

By Jayda



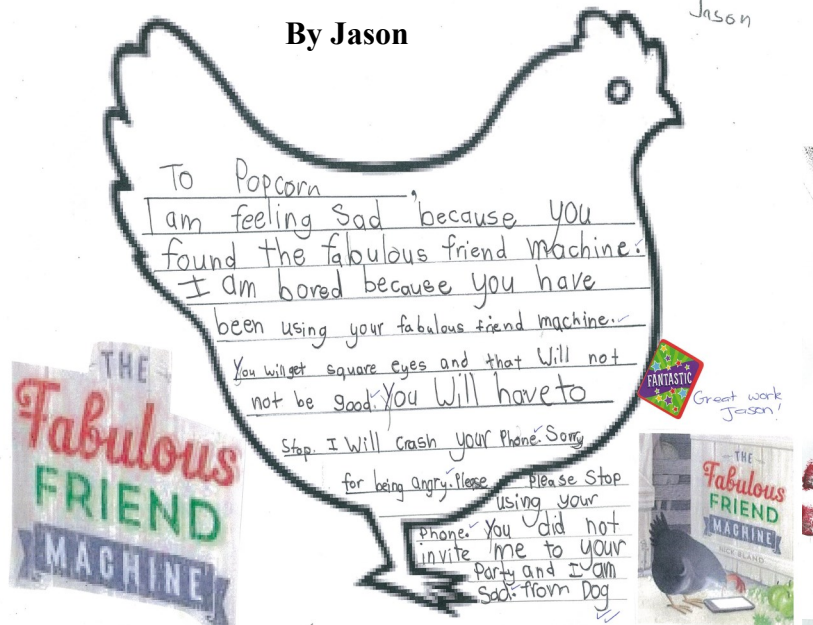
By Alison



By Malachi



By Jason



By Stella



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED !



15th Feb Denika H

19th Feb Aydin Y

23rd Feb Nolan P

17th Feb Wyatt B

23rd Feb Kaitlyn M



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**At the assembly on Thursday the 16th & 23rd February 2017, these children all received awards.
Congratulations !!**

KP	KHM	1/2P	1/2W
Maeve P Excellent adjustment to school routine Cohen J A great week following routines	Cam S Being a confident, enthusiastic reader Danial H Giving a Quality 5 effort in everything he does	Kailie W Amazing sizzling starts Juliet M Using great strategies when Reading	Stella F Enthusiasm in writing Taylor W Fabulous Reading!
Quality 5 Bookwork Aydin Y Amber C	Quality 5 Bookwork Lincoln B Jazmin L	Quality 5 Bookwork Beau G Isabella H	Quality 5 Bookwork Alison E Jason D



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS



Be Safe ~ Right Time, Right Place Tye M Safe hands, Safe feet Phoebe B	Be Safe ~ Right Time, Right Place Bella R Safe hands, Safe feet Brody P	Be Safe ~ Right Time, Right Place Lhotse C Safe hands, Safe feet Taylah H	Be Safe ~ Right Time, Right Place Ella G Safe hands, Safe feet Beau M
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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)



PRINCIPALS AWARD

(Collecting 5 Awards)

Ella G, Taylor W



STAR STUDENT AWARD

(Collecting 5 Principal's Awards)

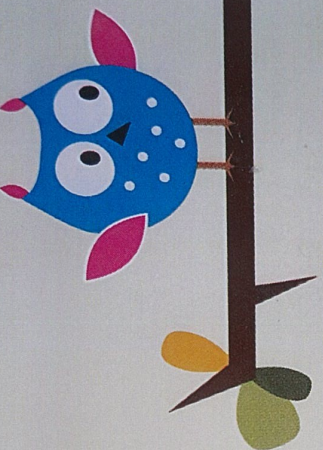


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