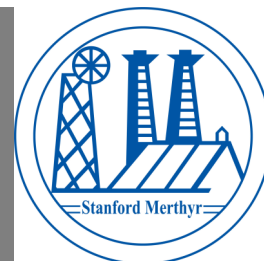


Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence



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Week 4 Term 1

14th February 2017

BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

17th Feb KP Ammon C
KHM Lincoln B
1/2P Jade C
1/2W Neve H

23rd Feb KP Raegan B
KHM Zoey G
1/2P Kye R
1/2W Xavier L

NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TONIGHT 6PM

I would like to invite parents, grandparents and community members to our AGM for the P&C which will be held in the library on **Tuesday 14th February** starting at **6:00pm**.

CANTEEN ROSTER- CLOSED UNTIL MARCH

Cessnock Council has asked us to install a separate hand washing sink and a dual sink for washing dishes as well as a new hot water unit. Due to the school holidays no work was able to be done in January. This will now be done over February and as soon as it is completed the canteen will be operational again.

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Leigh James has kindly offered to purchase and prepare the fruit and vegetable platters for the month of February. Thank you very much Leigh.

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



Term 1 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm

16th February	1/2P present work
23rd February	KHM present work
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

KINDERGARTEN'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



Please note change of date for Bike Day to Friday 31st March, Peace Park.

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. EFPOS is 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken **Tuesday 28th February** here at school. An envelope has been handed out explaining the costs. Please order online or hand the envelope with exact money enclosed, to the office before the morning of the 28th February.

GYMNASTICS LESSONS ON FRIDAYS

I am delighted to inform you that the school has been successful in securing a grant to cover gymnastics lessons for all our students every Friday for six weeks beginning this week. Two instructors from the PCYC in Cessnock will be coming here to teach our students.

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.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR BEING AT SCHOOL IN LINES BY 9.

All children receive a raffle ticket each morning if they are at school in class lines by 9am. During assembly each Friday we draw one girls name and one boys name and they receive a prize from me.

HOME READING PROGRAM.

Students receive a special home reading award each time they read for 25 nights at home. Thank you parents and grandparents for coming into school each morning, listening to your child read and helping them change their reader. Please hand in your completed sheet to the office once it is completed and receive a new one.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, Stanford Merthyr Infants is here to help you.

Poor Attendance Patterns

May result in children:

- * not achieving potential
- * being socially isolated, (bullying and harassment)
- * increased incidence of socially unacceptable and/or illegal activities
- * having gaps in knowledge and understanding of basic concepts

Poor Attendance Patterns

Result in students who:

- *are more likely to leave school at younger age
- *are over-represented in the juvenile justice system
- *may be at risk due to wellbeing and possible child protection issues.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS HAVE BEGUN

We are very fortunate to have committed women who come each year to teach fortnightly scripture. There is a Catholic class, and Anglican class, a combined interdenominational class. We also cater for students who's parents would prefer them not to be taught scripture.

BEST START ASSESSMENT PARENT FEEDBACK

Mr Ping is off class tomorrow and Miss Humbles is off class on Friday to provide you with results from the Literacy and Numeracy assessments that were conducted with your child at the end of January. If you forgot or were unable to keep your appointment, please see your teacher to make a new time. Feedback is very important.

CREATIVE AND PRATICAL ARTS GROUPS (CAPA)

Children will begin CAPA Groups Wednesday 1st March at 2pm. Parents are most welcome to come and help. Mr Ping is teaching Aboriginal perspective, Miss Wood is teaching music and dance, Mrs Ceccato is teaching craft and Miss Pollock and Mrs Capstick are teaching cooking.

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 14th February	P & C AGM 6.00pm. All welcome to attend
Wednesday 15th February	Parent Interviews for KP about Best Start Results
Friday 17th February	Parent interviews for KHM about Best Start results.
Tuesday 28th February	School professional photos being taken at school
Wednesdays : 1st March, 8th March, 15th March	Creative and Practical Arts Groups at 2pm each week. Parents, Grandparents and carers are welcome to assist teachers.
Monday 20th February	Parent Workshop at 9am : Helping your child with Home Reading
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 February- Friday 24th March	6 weeks of Gymnastics lessons conducted here at school by Cessnock Police and Citizens Youth Club. No cost for the program.
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.

SYDNEY SWANS AFL PLAYERS VISIT

We were very fortunate to have three players from the Sydney Swans AFL team visit our school last Tuesday. They spoke to the students about the importance of healthy eating and physical exercise as well as answering questions students had about AFL.



SPEED BUMPS OUTSIDE SCHOOL AT FRONT ENTRANCE TO OUR SCHOOL

Please be aware that the speed bumps on Wickham Street at the front entrance to the school are not a pedestrian crossing. They are purely to slow cars down. Traffic will not stop to allow you or your child across the road, so please take care when crossing the street.

CHILDREN BEGINNING KINDERGARTEN HERE NEXT YEAR 2018

Please come to the office and inform us if your child or a friend you know has a child that will be enrolling here next year to begin Kindergarten. I begin our Transition to school program this term by holding a Teddy Bear Picnic here at school on Tuesday 21st March from 12:30-1:30pm.

BIRTHDAY CAKES

If it is your child's birthday you are welcome to send in a birthday cake or cupcakes for them to celebrate with the class. Could you please also send in either serviettes or plates for the class as well. **Please remember NO Nut Products to be used**

PARENT WORKSHOP TO EXPLAIN HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH HOME READING AT HOME



PARENT WORKSHOP

HOW TO DO HOME READING

WITH MRS WARREN-DAVEY
AND MRS CARR

MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
9:00AM



Mrs Warren-Davey will show videos of her working with students to demonstrate how we would like you to do home reading with your child at school. This will be a very practical information session. We will be here to answer any questions you may have. All the children now have their home reading folder and sheet to have signed by you every night they read at home. These sheets get handed into the office when completed and your child then receives a home reading certificate at assembly.

We hope you will come to our first parent workshop on the 20th February.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT AND BARBEQUE



Thank you to all the parents who attended the information night here at school last Tuesday night. The teachers did a wonderful job preparing for this to provide you with detailed information about all the programs that we will be running this year. I hope you found this very worth while.



PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL PHOTOS TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

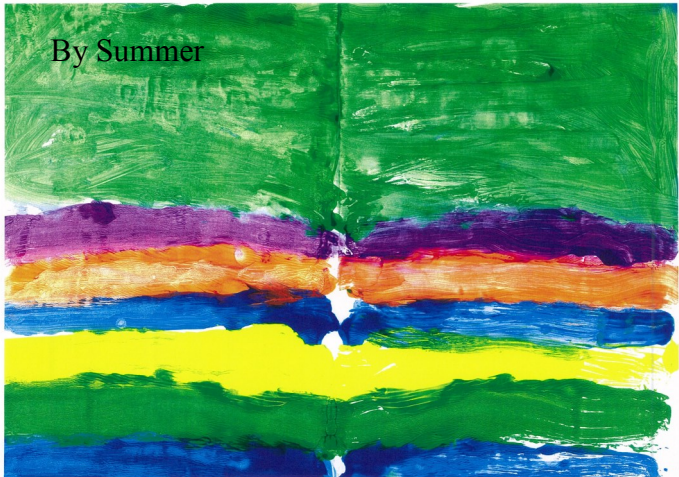
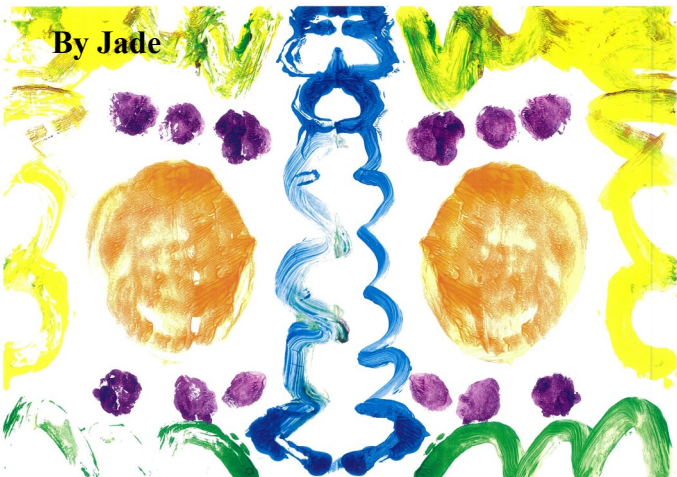
Photo packs showing the cost of different photos packs you can order including family photos (Order form can be collected from the Office) were sent home with your child last week. Please see the office if your child was absent and didn't receive one.

The photographers will be here from 9am and class photos will be taken straight away.

Children are to please wear full school uniform. Correct money will be appreciated in the envelopes provided, handed into the office on the day of the photos. Thank you.

Anne Carr Principal.

WELCOME TO 1/2P. WE INVITE YOU TO SEE OUR CLASSROOM AND OUR SYMMETRICAL ART.



Little Owl Early Education Centre

Phone us on 49304233

Call us today to secure your spot!
Children 2-6 years welcome!
7.00am to 6.00pm

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Abermain NSW
2326

Enrolling now for 2017!

Cash back on the school run

School Drive Subsidy



If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit

transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Can't get online?

Ask about the School Drive Subsidy at your school, or call **131 500**.



This is a paid advertisement.

Thank you for supporting our Schools fundraising activities

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DON'T FORGET OUR SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS *TUESDAY!!*
The Commonwealth Bank once again have some great competitions

Keep saving for a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland.

This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan. The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they'll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea. This prize includes:

- Five nights' accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Return economy airfares from the winner's nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland & Tokyo DisneySea
- AU\$1,000 spending money.

How to enter

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017 and you'll automatically receive an entry into the competition for your chance to win.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Things you should know: For terms and conditions found at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Aust. Residents aged 4-13 yrs only with parent/guardian permission. Must have CRA YouthSaver account and be participating in CBA's 'School Banking program'. Starts 23/1/17. Ends 11:59pm AEST 29/9/17. Max 1 entry/person. Draw 13/11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12 pm AEST 11/01/17. Winner in *The Australian* 17/10/17. Prize: 1 x 5 night trip for 2 adults + 3 kids (aged 13 and under) to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AU\$22,855. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124, of Level 3C, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Permits: NSW LTPS/16/07099; ACT TP16/01759; SA T16/1590. ADV14262 01/01/17

Back to Pre-School Afternoon Tea

Kurri Kurri Pre-School
would like to Invite all
**Children who
attended Kurri Kurri Pre-School
in 2016.**

To an Afternoon Tea on
Tuesday 21st February 2017
Time: 3.30pm to 4.30 pm

RSVP 49372110 or
admin@kurripreschool.com.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED !



28th Dec Zahlia W

16th Jan Bella R

22nd Jan Jayda S

15th Jan Mackynlee R

20th Jan Sarah D

5th Feb Ella G



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**At the assembly on Thursday the 9th February 2017, these children all received awards.
Congratulations !!**

KP	KHM	1/2P	1/2W
Mitchell W For a fantastic start to Kindergarten	Lincoln B Being a settled, hardworking Kinder Student	Isabella H Working hard to remember to use her 6L's	Grace M Amazing sight word knowledge
Quality 5 Bookwork Tye M	Quality 5 Bookwork Kade H	Quality 5 Bookwork Jade C	Quality 5 Bookwork Beau M



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS



Be Safe ~ Right Time, Right Place Mia W	Be Safe ~ Right Time, Right Place Mackenzie D	Be Safe ~ Right Time, Right Place Chelsea C	Be Safe ~ Right Time, Right Place Lincoln W
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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)



STAR STUDENT AWARD
(Collecting 5 Principal's Awards)



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1/4 Page of A4 size for one (1) newsletter	= \$20
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Advertisements will be accepted as electronic copy—preferably as a Microsoft Publisher, Microsoft Word file or as a jpeg.
It can be emailed to stanmerthi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
Our Newsletter is published every second Tuesday.

All payments can be made by cash, chq or EFTPOS.


If you have any questions regarding advertising, please contact the office during school hours on 4937 1192.

School Photo Day

School Photos Tuesday 28th February 2017.

All children to please be at school prior to 9am and wear full school uniform.
If families would like family photos taken.

Order forms are in the
Office for collection.

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Slide



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- Slip on clothing that covers your shoulders, arms and legs.
- Slop on SPF30+ or higher broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen.
- Slap on a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat that protects your face, ears and neck.
- Seek shade however you can, especially in the middle of the day.
- Slide on sunglasses that meet Australian Standard (AS1067).

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

