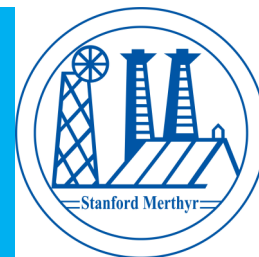


Newsletter to Parents

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence



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Week 8 Term 1

14th March 2017

BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

17th Mar KP Tahj D
KHM Jazmin L
1/2P Lhotse C
1/2W Naomi Mc

24th Mar KP Tiana
KHM Zeppelin G
1/2P Chelsea C
1/2W Lincoln W

NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED



CANTEEN ROSTER

The canteen is open Mondays and Fridays.

Fri 17th March Nikki & Leigh
Mon 20th March Shanelle & Mel
Fri 24th March Barbara & Teagan
Mon 27th March Leigh

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thur 16th March Heather Bianchi
Thur 23rd March Kim Morrow

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



OUR NEW SCHOOL SPORTING TEAMS

This year we have decided to create sporting houses for Stanford Merthyr Infants School. 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. Siblings will be in the same house. The 4 house names that were selected represent the history of our local area. **Awabakal, Blackburn, Wonnarua and Keene.** The significance behind these names are as follows;

Awabakal and **Wonnarua** are the names of the Aboriginal nations that used this area the most frequently prior to European arrival. This land was a trade route and a meeting place for a number of Aboriginal clans, with Awabakal to the south-east and Wonnarua to the north-west the most prominent. **Blackburn** was chosen as Benjamin Blackburn was the first European landholder in the district.

Term 1 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm

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| 16th March | 1/2W perform item |
| 23rd March | KHM perform item |
| 30th March | KP perform item |

He was granted 40 acres on the banks of Wallis Creek. And as this area is rich in coal mining history our last house **Keene** was named after William Keene who first discovered coal in this district in 1856.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Year 2 were great citizens cleaning up rubbish at Stanford Park. They understand the importance of placing all rubbish in the bin and keeping our parks and playgrounds clean and safe. The other students did a great job ensuring our playground is nice and clean.



BIKE DAY EXCURSION FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

The permission note for our whole school bike day was handed out last week. There is no cost for this excursion. We would appreciate you completing and returning the note by Friday 17th March. Once we know whether your child has a trike, a 2 wheeler with training wheels, a 2 wheeler or a scooter, we will be able to put the children into groups. Please hand the note into the office. Thank you.

EASTER RAFFLE

As part of our Easter celebrations we would like to have an Easter Raffle. It would be very much appreciated if each family would please be prepared to donate one Easter egg for the Hamper. If you are able to do this, please hand your donation into the school office. Thank you.

MAKING EASTER HATS IN CLASS

Children will be making their Easter hats in class on Monday 3rd April. Bell times will be changed so they can begin at 1:30-3pm. We would appreciate any parents and grand parents who may be available to come and help teachers and children to make these in class. Please send in any items that you may like to see on your child's hat such as feathers, ribbons, cottonwool, eggs or straw.



EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

It would be appreciated if families would be able to sell the Easter Raffle tickets attached to this newsletter. If you are able to, please send in the sheet at the back of this newsletter, to the school office, by Thursday 6th April. Prizes will be awarded at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 7th April, our last day of Term. More ticket sheets are available from the Office.

EASTER HAT PARADE HERE 1:30PM FRIDAY 7TH APRIL FOR ALL FAMILIES.

The children will be performing two songs for your enjoyment. Then the classes will parade their hats before the students all enjoy an Easter Egg hunt. We will conclude by drawing the Easter raffle prizes.

P&C MEETING MONDAY 20TH MARCH 6PM

Please note the change of day. Meetings will be on Mondays for all of this year. All parents are most welcome to attend.

CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ARTS GROUPS (CAPA)

Creative and Practical Arts groups have begun with Mrs Capstick and Miss Pollock teaching cooking, Miss Wood teaching music and dance, Mr Ping teaching Aboriginal perspective and Mrs Ceccato teaching craft.



3 WAY CONFERENCES WITH TEACHERS

Miss Wood will be off class on Tuesday 28th March to have interviews with you and your child. This is the time a progress report on your child is provided and together you all set academic and social goals for the next semester. Teachers will ask you for your interview preference time. Miss Humbles is having her interviews on Wednesday 29th March, Miss Pollock's day is Tuesday 4th April and Mr Ping's day is Wednesday 5th April. We hope you all attend these interviews and help set learning goals with your child.

EXCURSION TO HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION AT EDGEWORTH WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY

Life Education visit for all students is being held on **WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY**. This is the third week back after the holidays. The Life Education bus will transport each class to and from the centre. The **cost is \$10 per student**. There is also Life Education merchandise that can be purchased (an order form is attached) If you wish to purchase send in your order with exact money in an envelope to the office and we will send in a bulk order. Orders cannot be accepted on the morning of the excursion. Permission notes are at the office to sign.

DOMINIOS PIZZA FUNDRAISER.

Thankyou to Dominos and all of the families who supported this fundraiser by purchasing a pizza from Dominos at Kurri. \$271.00 was raised for the school which will go towards our upgrades in our school canteen.

Anne Carr Principal

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to eat extra veg every day.

Think a daily dose of five veg sounds like a lot? It's not, with these quick and easy ways to eat extra veg every day!

**Baked beans** on toast for breakfast (legumes count as veg).

Veg snacks: carrot and celery sticks; corn on the cob (hot or cold); leftover baked pumpkin or sweet potato (great on sandwiches too).

Spread avocado on toast or sandwiches. 

Veggie sandwich: cucumber slices sandwiched together with reduced-fat cream cheese.

**Salad on sandwiches:** grated carrot, lettuce, tomato and cucumber; or tabbouleh.

Veg-noodles: long thin strands of grated zucchini, carrot, sweet potato or parsnip mixed with wheat-based pasta or noodles.

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Calendar of Events for Term One 2017

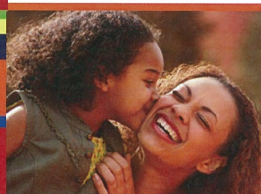
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| Mondays all year from 13th March | Breakfast provided at the canteen served by Kurri Rotary Sunrise Club. |
| Thursdays all year | P&C provide fruit & vegetable platters for the children |
| Every Tuesday from 7th February | Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school |
| Wednesdays : 8th & 15th March | Creative and Practical Arts Groups (CAPA) at 2pm each week. Parents, Grand-parents and carers are welcome to assist teachers. |
| Friday 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. |



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Venue: Kurri Kurri Public School
Date: Thurs 16th, 23rd & 30th March
Time: Morning 9:30-11:30
or
Evening 5:00pm-7:00pm

To express your interest, please contact:

Lesley 4921 5758

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Topics covered include:

- Emotion Coaching
- 123 signaling technique
- Too much talk, too much emotion.
- Patterns in families.
- Remaining flexible as a parent.

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When: Thursday 16th and 23rd March

Where: Samaritans Vincent St. Cessnock

When: 10:00 – 12:00

Cost: FREE – Morning tea provided

RSVP: Registrations essential: Please contact Cessnock Family Support on 4990 4507



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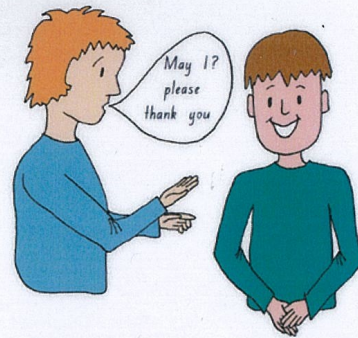
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING FOCUS FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Term 1 Week 8 Children will have lessons about what "Nice talk" sounds like and how it is respectful to always talk nicely to one another. Children will be rewarded with Stan and Merthi tickets for following this PBL expectation.

This week the focus is to:

Be Respectful

Use nice talk

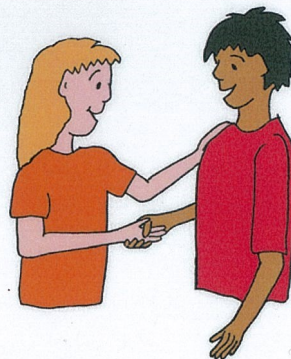


WEEK 9: Children will be reminded that it is expected that they will always tell the truth and the reasons why telling the truth is so important. Children will be rewarded with Stan and Merthi tickets for following this PBL expectation.

This week the focus is to:

Be Respectful

Be honest



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 three of the four expectations to teach **Being Respectful**.

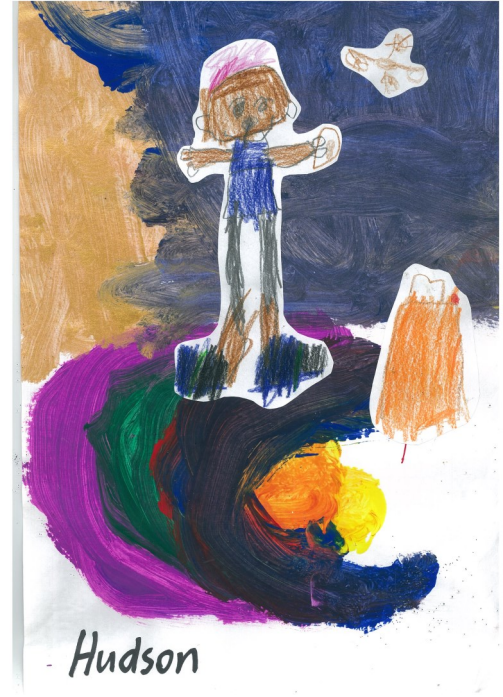
ENJOY THE GORGEOUS ART WORK BY KHM.



Incy
Wincy
Spider
climbed up
the wall.



The children are learning nursery rhymes and drew self portraits.



Exciting ways to learn how to spell their names.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED !



24h Feb Tye M

4th Mar Annalyse B



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**At the assembly on Thursday the 2nd & 9th March 2017, these children all received awards.
Congratulations !!**

| KP | KHM | 1/2P | 1/2W |
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| Tahj D For working hard at writing tasks Koby S Following class routines & wonderful effort in all Areas | Hudson C Working hard to learn his numbers Jax M Being an enthusiastic participant in Maths | Summer G Writing an awesome description! Amahlia N Working hard to improve her Reading | Alison E Always putting in 100% effort with a smile! Lincoln W Being a confident and active Reader |
| Quality 5 Bookwork Ammon C Phoebe B | Quality 5 Bookwork Zoey G Charlie S | Quality 5 Bookwork Kailie W Chelsea C | Quality 5 Bookwork Naomi Mc Malachi C |



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



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| Be Safe ~ Use Equipment Safely Reagan B Be Respectful ~ Hands up to Talk Tiana | Be Safe ~ Use Equipment Safely Zeppelin G Be Respectful ~ Hands up to Talk Payton Z | Be Safe ~ Use Equipment Safely Annalyse B Be Respectful ~ Hands up to Talk Charlotte P | Be Safe ~ Use Equipment Safely Malachi C Be Respectful ~ Hands up to Talk Zahlia W |
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Home Reading Awards 2017

Bronze (25 nights reading)

Patrick L, Abbigale L, Jazmin L, Mithcell W, Cooper J, Anthony C,
Kailie W, Malachi C, Taylor W, Beau M, Koby S Payton Z,
Jax M, Riley Z



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)



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(Collecting 5 Awards)

Abbigale L



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Tuesday 21st
March

The school banking rewards available during 2017 are:

- ◆ Cyber Handball
- ◆ Colour Change Markers
- ◆ 3D Chalk Set
- ◆ Tablet Case
- ◆ Smiley Emoji Keyring
- ◆ Volt Handball
- ◆ Pencil + Tech Case
- ◆ Epic Earphones



Our Banking Day is
Tuesday

Children who make 10 deposits are eligible for some great prizes from
the Commonwealth Bank (min deposit is \$0.50)



EASTER 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 Thursday 6th April, 2017.

Drawn on Friday 7th April 2017.

\$1—1 ticket

\$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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