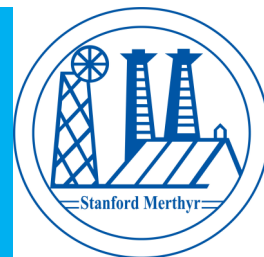


Newsletter to Parents

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Week 5 Term 2

23rd May 2017

BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

26th May **NO BAKER BAKER**
THIS WEEK DUE TO
EXCURSION

2nd June KP Mia W
KHM Jax M
1/2P Kailie W
1/2W Riley Z

NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED



CANTEEN ROSTER

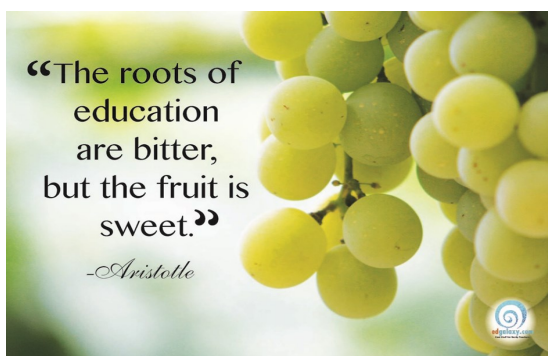
The canteen is open Mondays and Fridays.

Fri 26th May No Canteen (Excursion)
Mon 29th May Shanelle & Mel
Fri 2nd June Leigh & Nardia
Mon 5th June Barbara

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

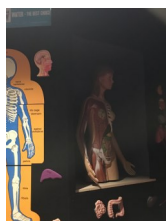
Thur 25th May Kim Morrow
Thur 1st June Cassandra Manning-Alder

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



HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION EXCURSION

All students enjoyed going by bus to the Hunter Life Education classrooms where Kindergarten students covered the topics of healthy foods, names of parts of the body, and how to keep safe. Year 1 and 2 lessons dealt with strategies students can use if they feel anxious, as well as healthy eating and staying safe in the sun.



Term 2 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm

May 25th	KP present work
June 1st	1/2 W and 1/2 P work about excursion
June 8th	1/2W and 1/2P perform item together
June 15th	KHM perform item
June 22nd	Year K-2 speeches
June 29th	KP perform item

MOTHERS DAY STALL

I would like to thank Cathy and Melissa for being prepared to purchase an amazing array of gifts for the students to purchase for their mothers and grandmothers. They were also willing to wrap all the gifts ready for the stall and then came to ensure the children purchased from the lovely selection of gifts.

STEWART HOUSE DAY

High Bounce Balls will be sold from Monday 22nd May at \$3.



CANTEEN VOLUNEERS REQUESTED FOR WEDNESDAYS.

If enough parents offered to work in the canteen once a month on a Wednesday, we would then be able to open the canteen three days each week. Please let Leigh James or the Office staff know if you can help.

EXPO AT ROTARY PARK FOR PRE SCHOOL CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL NEXT YEAR.



All schools in the Kurri Kurri Area were invited to take part in an Expo to provide information about all the schools, to parents in our area who have four year old children beginning school next year. This was well supported by parents in the area, who expressed appreciation for the information provided.

PARENTS WANTING TO TALK TO TEACHERS

All our teachers are always available to talk to parents before or after school most days. I would kindly ask you please not to interrupt lessons during the day as teachers cannot stop teaching and leave their class unsupervised. If you have urgent things you need to discuss, it would be appreciated if you would make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

FUNDRAISER: DOMINOS PIZZA KURRI KURRI IS PROUD TO SUPPORT STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL THROUGH A FUNDRAISER

When: Wednesday 24TH MAY 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GEOFFREY AND BELINDA

We are thrilled to hear about the safe arrival of baby Abby who is Amelia Friend's little sister. We look forward to meeting her.

BAKER BAKER ON FRIDAYS.

Thank you parents for supporting this program and making such an effort with the wonderful items you help your child make to bring in to sell. Each Friday one student from each class gets to



bring cakes to sell for Baker Baker for 10 cents each. This is a highlight for the children. It would be much appreciated if they had 10 cent coins to purchase their food. Thank you.

OAKVALE FARM EXCURSION FOR ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS IN KP AND KHM.

Kindergarten students will be participating in an excursion to Oakvale Farm Friday 26th May. Travel to and from Oakvale Farm will be by private transport. We will depart from the school at 9.00am and return at 3.00pm. Cost of the excursion is \$16.50 per child. Parent/Grandparent entry paid at the gate is \$25.00. Children under three years of age are free.

The permission note is available at the office. All payments (Cash/Debit/Credit cards & POP) must be returned by Thursday 25th May please.

STAGE ONE EXCURSION TO BLACKBUTT RESERVE FOR ALL STUDENTS IN 1/2W AND 1/2P

FRIDAY 26TH MAY (notes have been handed out)

Year one and Two students will be participating in an excursion to Blackbutt Reserve on Friday 26th May. Travel to and from Blackbutt Reserve will be by bus. We will depart from the school at 9.00am and return at 3.00pm. Cost of the excursion for bus fare and an animal talk is \$16:00 per child. Parent/Grandparents are able to attend and come on the bus for the \$10. We have 20 seats available. The first to pay will be able to attend.

2017 BOOK PACK AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP PAYMENTS

If you have not already paid this fee, please could I ask if payment for book packs and Special Interest Groups, which is \$60 per year be paid by the end of this term please. This covers all books, glue and stationary for the year plus the four special activities we run for Creative and Practical Arts groups.

CHOCOLATE MONEY DUE THIS FRIDAY PLEASE

Thank you to everyone who has been selling chocolates to raise money for the school. We would appreciate it if you could **please return the money by this Friday. Thank you.**

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to bake a healthy lunch box treat.

Homemade muffins are a great way to add a fruit or veg-filled treat to lunch boxes.

Apple and date muffins

Ingredients: 3 apples, chopped; 1 cup boiling water; 200g dates, chopped; 50g butter; 2/3 cup brown sugar; 2 tps mixed spice; 1 egg; 1 tsp baking soda; 1 tsp baking powder; 2 cups wholemeal flour.

Method: Preheat oven (180°C). Chop apples and dates. Add boiling water, butter and sugar. Mix until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Add spice and allow to cool. When fruit mixture is warm, not hot, add spice and egg. Mix well. Add baking soda, baking powder and flour. Mix, but do not overbeat. If mixture is too dry, add a little milk. Spoon into the prepared muffin tin. Bake for about 15 minutes.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Calendar of Events for Term Two 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
Wednesdays 24th May, 14th June	Creative and Practical Arts (CAPA) Groups 2pm. Parents and Grandparents invited to assist.
Wednesday 24th May	Health Screening checks for Aboriginal students in Kindergarten
Friday 26th May	Kinder Oakvale excursion and Year 1 /2 Blackbutt excursion (Fri 2nd June if wet)
Friday 26th May	Chocolate money due back to school please.
Monday 5th June	Public Speaking topics for Years 1 and 2 handed out.
Thursday 8th June	Naidoc vist to Pelaw Main
Friday 9th June	School Disco 5-7pm in the school hall followed by dinner at McDonalds 7-8pm
Monday 12th June	Queen's birthday holiday
Tuesday 20th June	Transition for Pre-Schoolers beginning kindergarten 2018. 12:30-1:30pm.
Thursday 22nd June	Public Speaking finalists present speeches in assembly 2:15pm
Monday 26th June	Students present speeches to Nillo Infants and New Lambton Infants via video conferencing.
Wednesday 28th June	Semester One Reports handed out
Friday 30th June	Last day of term fun day

MATHS PARENT WORKSHOP comments from the parents.

Thank you to Mrs Warren Davey who ran a very practical hands on workshop designed for parents to help their children learn maths skills. Thank you to the 15 parents attended this workshop. Read their comments.

Today I learnt: Maths is fun; how to do the jump strategy; that a great way to learn maths is by having fun with your kids playing games; that simple card games can help with numeracy; how to help my child with numeracy; the importance of board games and card games; ways to help support numeral identification and how to support my child's learning; to further break down counting into tens to increase ability to go up in tens; that learning numbers can be fun and creative; how children learn maths in the classroom; more terms to help assist my children learning; this workshop has reinforced the information I have learnt at my education support course.

This was interesting: To gain ideas about how to play games to help with my child's numeracy; as we would see the videos and how children learn and get challenged through play; I learnt all the different games you can play with your child to help them learn maths; that a stack of cards can be a great tool; having a chance to watch the children participate in active learning in their class environment; seeing clips of children actively learning in class; taking simple games to the next level to extend learning; how you can change a card game to make it more challenging; that the symbols + and - are not introduced to year 2 when I thought it would be earlier; that games are a great way to practice and learn number concepts; how teachers are teaching the children to count using the tens and ones; to see the videos and read the handouts.



DISCO AND DINNER AT MCDONALDS FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

We would like to invite the whole school to our school disco that will be held in **our School Hall**. Parents can drop the children off at 5pm and return to pick them up at 7pm. You are welcome to stay and join in as well. There is a form for the disco included in this newsletter. Following the disco we are inviting families to join us at Kurri McDonalds to have dinner between 7pm-8pm. McDonalds have told us that they will donate 10% of their total sales for that hour to help our fundraising efforts towards getting i-pads for the classrooms. Please fill in your menu choices for your children and return this with your money by **3pm Wednesday 31st May**.

MCDONALDS DINNER FRIDAY 2ND JUNE AT KURRI MCDONALDS.

We hope you can join us for a fun night at McDonalds after the disco at 7pm. Our school will receive 10% of the total takings from the store for the hour 7pm-8pm. Drive through sales are included if you don't feel like coming inside. All the teachers are joining in and coming for dinner.

Please fill in your menu choices and return this form with your money to the office by **Wednesday 31st May at 3pm**. We have to give these orders to McDonalds on the 1st June. Adults can order at the store on the night and don't need to pre-order.

Please fill in and send to the office with your child's money for their happy meal order by Wed 31st May

McDonalds Dinner Order from Stanford Merthyr Infant School

Friday 2nd June at 7pm.

All children's meals are Happy Meals and include: small fries or apple pieces, a drink and a small toy.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Please circle which option you want from each of the following three Choices below.

1. small fries or apple pieces
2. Coke or sprite or Fanta or coke zero or diet coke or pop top water or pop top apple juice or chocolate flavoured milk or chocolate, strawberry or vanilla shake.
3. Girls toy or boys toy

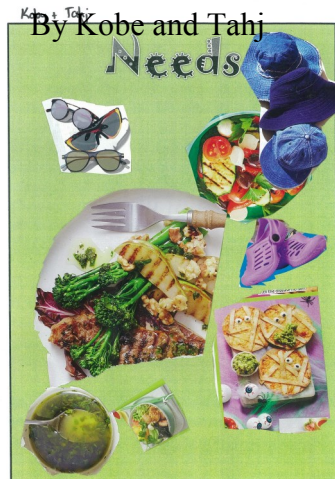
And

Please circle **one** of the following meals.

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| 1. cheese burger happy meal | \$5.20 |
| 2. 3 piece nugget happy meal | \$5.20 |
| 3. Plain hamburger (no cheese) happy meal | \$5.20 |
| 4. Chicken snack wrap with crispy or seared chicken happy meal | \$5.20 |
| 5. 10 chicken McBite happy meal | \$7.05 |
| 6. 6 piece nugget happy meal | \$7.50 |

Total Included: \$_____

ENJOY THE ART WORK ABOUT THE FARM AND NEEDS AND WANTS BY KP



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED !

6th May

Jax M

12th May

Emilia B

13th May

Juliet M

14th May

Abbigale L



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

*At the assembly on Thursday the 11th and 18th May 2017, these children all received awards.
Congratulations !!*

KP	KHM	1/2P	1/2W
Koby S Huge effort in reading Phoebe B Excellent effort and attitude in Class	Nolan P Wonderful effort in writing Cam S Being a creative writer	Annalyse B Always giving 100% effort Emilia B	Neve H Wonderful effort in reading Xavier L Working hard in writing
Quality 5 Bookwork Mitchell W Raegan B	Quality 5 Bookwork Danial H Sarah P	Quality 5 Bookwork Kye R Summer G	Quality 5 Bookwork Grace M Stella F



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS



Be Responsible ~ Being Organised Cohen J Being Organised Anthony C	Be Responsible ~ Being Organised Jazmin L Being Organised Lincoln B	Be Responsible ~ Being Organised Abbigale L Being Organised Amahlia N	Be Responsible ~ Being Organised Taylah H Being Organised Taylor W
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Home Reading Awards 2017

Bronze (25 nights reading)

Jessie C, Nolan P

Silver (50 nights reading)

Kye R, Kaitlyn M, Grace M, Ammon C, Taylah H, Danial H, Wyatt B, Sarah P, Brody P, Cam S, Payton Z, Lincoln W, Mia W, Jayda S, Amber C, Chelsea C, Amahlia N, Lincoln B

Gold (75 nights reading)

Beau M

Double Bronze (100 nights reading)

Cooper J, Taylor W, Jazmin L, Abbigale L

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)

Mitchell W, Taylor W, Riley Z, Jazmin L, Xavier L, Kaitlyn M, Danial H, Abbigale L, Taylah H

STAR STUDENT AWARD

(Collecting 5 Principal's Awards)

