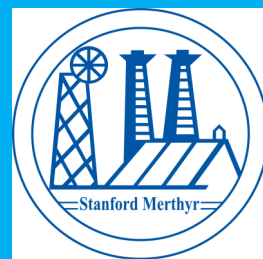


Newsletter to Parents

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Week 3 Term 5

15th August 2017

BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

18th Aug KP Jessie C
KHM Zoey D
1/2P Kye R
1/2W Taylah H
25th Aug KP Raegan B
KHM Wyatt B
1/2P Annalyse B
1/2W Neve H

NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED



CANTEEN ROSTER

The canteen is open Mondays and Fridays.

Fri 18th Aug Nikki & Hannah
Mon 21st Aug Shanelle & Mel
Fri 25th Aug Barbara & Teagan
Mon 28th Aug Barbara

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thurs 17th August Darryl Smith
Thurs 24th August Matthew Clarke

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



Term 3 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm

17th August	KP present work
24th August	1/2P class item
31st August	KHM class item
7th September	1/2W class item
14th September	Speeches presented
21st September	KP class item

GRANDPARENTS DAY, MULTI CULTURAL DAY



We had a fantastic turn out of parents and grandparents on the 4th August. We began the day with our boys dance group performing. They also got to wear their new dressing gowns which kept them warm after their performance.

EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS.

Each year two students from Year 2 are recognised for outstanding effort and achievement. This year it was my pleasure to present Kailie W and Taylah H



with these special awards. The staff voted to award two of our parent body with Education Week awards for their valuable assistance, supporting us by volunteering their time to work in the canteen, cooking barbeques, seeking out materials to help us with programs we are running. We congratulate Barbara Wells and David Roberts and thank them again for all they do for our school.

MULTI-CULTURAL WORKSHOPS.

The children were very excited to be involved a variety of experiences on the 4th August. It was fantastic to have so many parents willing to teach the children and prepare food or craft to show the children.



Anna Yildirim brought food from Finland and Ria Dobing brought Greek biscuits and showed why they were special.



Miss Wood taught Japanese origami, while Mr Ping showed the art of throwing boomerangs. Unfortunately the windy conditions were a bit of a problem in getting them to return!



Leah Chan showed us Chinese Craft, Maria Ackerman taught a Greek dance, while Anne and Mathew Clarke introduced the children to Thai food and I taught the children a Maori song and how to count to five in Maori.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DAY 4TH AUGUST



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day is a time to for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to celebrate the strengths and culture of their children. The

day is an opportunity for all Australians to show their support for Aboriginal children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that community, culture and family play in the life of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child. Children's Day is held on 4 August each year. It was first observed in 1988, with 2016 being the 29th celebration. We recognised the following students on this day. Mitchell, Taylor, Charlotte, Amelia, Xavier, Zeppelin and Jax. As part of NAI-DOC Week, the Samaritans presented each school with an Aboriginal book, and resources. Taylor and Mitchell were invited to Cessnock to collect these on behalf of our school.



FUNDRAISER: DOMINOS PIZZA KURRI KURRI

Thank you to everyone who supported this effort. The money raised from this fundraiser will go to support Amiee Golledge to help with the purchase of medication for her son Reid.

CHOIRS CHOIR PERFORMANCE



As part of Grandparents Day our girls performed a lovely rendition of Utopia that we hope everyone enjoyed. This was followed by the whole school performing a modern dance followed by old time dancing where the audience were invited to dance with their children.



READING IN THE STREETS EXCURSION

Week 6, 21st August—25th August is Book Week
To celebrate, on **Tuesday 22nd August**, the children will be able to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. We will be visiting local businesses in the morning for Reading in the Streets' and also visiting Kurri Library. Following this the children will participate in a parade back at school to show their costumes (approx. 12.30pm). We ask if **\$4.00 could be paid per student to the office to cover the cost of the bus**. If this could be paid by Monday 21st of August, that would be greatly appreciated. Permission notes at the office. There will be Book Week displays in the library (which the children have been working hard on) and a book fair to purchase books (also in the library). Students can also have a picnic lunch with parent/grandparents.

We invite any parents interested to join us at the library and accompany their children to each business.

9.00

Students arrive at school dressed up as a book character.

9.15

Travel by bus to Kurri Library

9.30-10.30

Reading at Kurri Library

10.30-12.00

Reading in the streets

12.30-1:00

Arrive back at school.

Book Week Parade followed by Lunch

Calendar of Events for Term Three 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
Thursday 17th August	Smart Money workshops for students here at school
Tuesday 22nd August	Reading in the streets excursion, book week parade and book fair here at school
Wed 23rd Aug, 30th Aug, 6th Sep	Creative and Practical Arts Groups
Wednesday 23 Aug	Kullaburra awards recognising Aboriginal students at Kurri Kurri High school 4:00pm
Friday 25th August	Rugby League Program K-2
Monday 28th August	Term 3 Public Speaking topics handed out
Friday 1 September	Fathers Day BBQ breakfast and Fathers Day stall
Friday 1 September	2nd Rugby League session
Friday 8th September	Athletics Carnival with Nillo Infants School
Sunday 10th Sep	MC Car Club lunch here Donations of cakes and slices would be much appreciated
Tuesday 12th Sep	3 way interviews for 1/2W
Wednesday 13th Sep	3 way interviews for KHM
Thursday 14th Sep	3rd Rugby League Session
Thursday 14th Sep	Year 2 Sleep over here at school
Tuesday 19th Sep	3 way interviews for 1/2P
Wednesday 20th Sep	3 way interviews for KP
Thursday 21st Sep	Class of term party
Friday 22nd Sep	Fun day activity—Final day of term.

MG CAR RALLY SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

The MG Car Club are coming to our school on Sunday 10th September for us to provide them with lunch. There will be about 100 coming and they will pay \$11 per head for lunch. They support local schools to help them make some money. They have asked if we could serve soups, sandwiches, fruit, drinks and cakes and slices.

I would really appreciate if parents or grandparents would be able to donate a slice, or a cake and bring it to school on Friday 8th September please. If you are able to do this, could you let Wendy know at the office please.

If you would like to come and help make sandwiches on Sunday 10th from 9:00am please let me know. We will be serving lunch from 11:30am until 1.30 pm. Your help will be very much appreciated.

CLASS SPEECHES FOR TERM 3

All children are asked to participate in Public Speaking this term. Children are asked to prepare a 60 second speech about their favourite toy. More information will be sent home with your child on 28th August. Three children from each class will be selected to present their speech at our assembly on Thursday 14th Sept.

COMBINED SPORTS CARNIVAL WITH NILLO INFANTS SCHOOL FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER.

This year Nillo Infants School will be joining us for the sports carnival here at our school on Friday 8th September. All parents and grandparents are very welcome to join us. Pizza order forms are available at the office and must be completed by Monday 4th September please.

No late orders can be accepted as we need to cater for two schools.

CAREERS DAY KURRI KURRI PUBLIC SCHOOL

The students all actively participated in our Careers Education Day by dressing up. Kurri Kurri Public School organised so many career work stations that the children enjoyed visiting. This is held each year as it encourages us to begin speaking to students about what they would like to do when they leave high school and it is motivational to help them to see the multitude of occupations that are available and what they need to strive to do educationally to achieve their ambition.



The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. **More information about the survey is available at:**

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

If you are unable to access a computer we will have this survey open and set up at school in the front office and in the library every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from the 22nd August. Please come and see us if you would like to fill it in here at school. It will take about ten minutes.

Kurri Kurri Pre-school would like to invite you to their Open Day on Wednesday 6th September, 2017, 10.30am to 12.30pm. We would love to see you there!

We are currently taking names for our waiting list for 2018 for children aged 3-5 years.

We are also preparing a waiting list for children requiring pre-school education for children eligible to attend pre-school up to 2020 ie. Born before 31/7/2016.

For any enquiries, please contact the pre-school on 49372110 or email admin@kurripreschool.com.au

Cnr Tarro & Boundary Street, NSW 2327 Ph: 02 49372110 Fax: 02 49364810

FATHERS DAY STALL FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

Order forms are available at the office. All gifts are \$7. Order forms need to be filled out by Thursday 31st August please.



FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST FRIDAY 1ST SEPT

The staff are inviting all the fathers to come and join us with a breakfast we will provide commencing at 8:30-9:30am.

Please let the office know by Thursday 31st August if you can attend, so we can provide a lovely breakfast for you.



YEAR TWO SLEEP OVER THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Year Two students are very excited about this activity. It commences at 5pm on Thursday the 14th September and children are invited to have dinner here, play games and have a campfire, before sleeping here with all the

teachers. They are provided with breakfast on the Friday, but then need to be picked up to go home by 9am on Friday 15th September.

Permission notes are available at the office and need to be signed please by Tuesday 12th September.

The cost for the food is \$13 per student.



FEEDBACK FROM THE PARENTS WHO ATTENDED OUR SECOND MATHS WORKSHOP

Every time I have attended I have always found the suggestions useful. I will definitely laminate the dot sheet and use this new suggestion.

I will show my children how to play the games that will help them with their counting.

You showed me games to improve my child's maths skills.

I liked the games ideas to play at home.

I found it interesting how we can all group numbers differently.

The dominoes games will be great to play at home.

I have a games box that now has a selection of games for my child to choose things from.

THOMAS STREET BUTCHERY QUALITY MEATS DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR.

As advertised on our School Facebook page, we have been approached by a local butcher who is offering a delivery service to your door for fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables as well as meat. He will give 5% of all sales to our school. We used his sausages for our last barbeque here for Grandparents Day and I received a lot of positive comments as to how nice they tasted. Please use the attached flyers if you are interested in purchasing any of the products.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make eggs in a basket.

Serves: 4 | Prep time: 10mins | Cooking time: 15mins

Ingredients
4 wholemeal or multigrain bread rolls
1 spring onion, sliced
1 medium tomato, chopped
2 mushrooms, sliced
Handful of spinach leaves (optional)
4 small eggs
Pepper
2 tablespoons reduced-fat cheese, grated



Method

1. Preheat oven to 160°C and line a baking tray with baking paper.
2. Slice off the top of each roll and scoop out the soft bread inside, leaving the bottom and sides of the roll intact. Arrange the rolls on the baking tray. Reserve the tops and middles.
3. Divide the spring onion, tomato, mushroom and spinach between the rolls.
4. Crack an egg into each roll. Season with pepper. Sprinkle the eggs with the grated cheese.
5. Bake for 10 minutes or until eggs are to your liking. Add the tops and middles during the last 5 minutes of cooking time.

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to keep all the nutrients and minerals.

Here are some useful tips to help keep the nutrients and minerals in your fruit and veg during preparation and cooking.

- Follow storage tips. Not only will your fruit and veg last longer, it will retain more nutrients and taste better too.
- Try not to peel your fruit and vegetables if you can avoid it. The skin is packed with fibre and other nutrients such as vitamins lie close to the skin surface.
- When cooking fruit and veg try not to chop it up too much.
- Heating fruit and boiling veggies loses many of the wonderful vitamins and minerals inside. Fruit and veggies are great fresh and raw. If you prefer them cooked, steaming, blanching, grilling, roasting, stir frying or microwaving retain more nutrients.
- Fresh is great but the nutrient value of food is also retained when snap frozen.
- Use the outer leaves of vegetables unless they are wilted or unpalatable.
- Keep it simple and do what works for you. We agree that eating fruit and veg any way you can is still a win!



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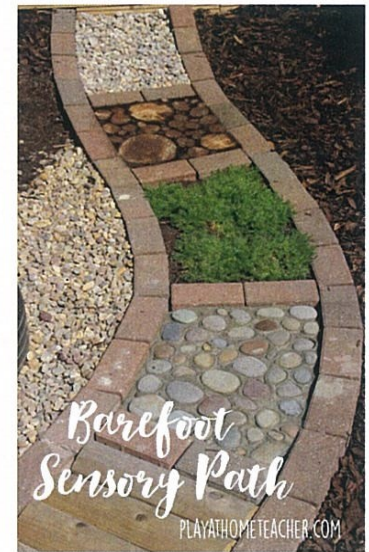
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Our Goal for Creating a Sensory Garden



You may have heard the children talking about a 'sensory garden' at school. Mr Ping, Miss Pollock, Miss Wood and Mrs Williams have been working hard planning and applying for grants to begin building in the area between the fixed equipment and the Aboriginal garden. We believe that this project will give all the students a range of environments that stimulate their senses and assist their overall wellbeing. However, we need your help. We would greatly appreciate any donations of recycled materials such as pots, pans, oven trays, wooden spoons, metal biscuit tins and other old kitchen ware, pipes, empty pot plants, old gum boots, bottle tops, bamboo, bricks or concrete blocks, pebbles or rocks, sleepers, pine logs, pallets, cut out stumps and any other unwanted goods that would be of use. We have planned to release staff members to begin working on the garden on Thursday the 31st of August and Friday the 1st of September and would appreciate any extra hands to assist on these dates, especially if you have special skills that we could use in the building process.

We appreciate your support.

Exploring senses.....



ENJOY KHM'S WRITING ABOUT ABORIGINAL STORIES AND DOT PAINTINGS

How the Birds got their Colours

Cgm

some emys got
blue some birds
got purple and
blue.

M 2/8

How the Birds got their Colours

Brody

some birds got blue and red.
Some emys got spots and stripes.
A crocodile got some
red and purple colours.
some kangaroos got pink.

How the Birds got their Colours

Kade

some birds got Colours
and some got spots and
stripes. Some got black
spots. Crowe got no
colours. All the
other birds get colours.

How the Birds got their Colours

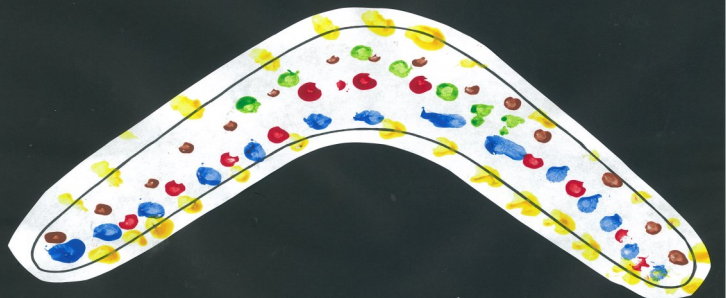
charlie

some birds got
stripes and green.
The emu got
some spots and
stripes.

M 2/8.



By Amelia
Amelia

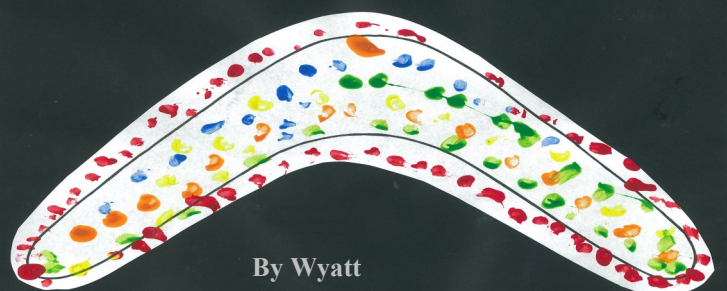


By Kayla



By Mackenzie

Mackenzie



By Wyatt

Wyatt

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED !

Beau M 2nd Aug

Raegan B 3rd Aug

Jade C 3rd Aug

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At the assembly on Thursday the 3rd August and 10th August 2017, these children all received awards.
Congratulations !!

KP	KHM	1/2P	1/2W
Ammon C Concentration and Effort in Maths Group Maeve P Awesome effort in Power Writing	Brody P Always contributing in class discussions Lincoln B Wonderful effort in Maths	Kailie W Being a helpful member of our class Lincoln W Focus & Effort in Maths	Alison E Consistently producing quality writing Neve H Approaching every task with Enthusiasm
Quality 5 Bookwork Amber C Ammon C	Quality 5 Bookwork Cam S Kade H	Quality 5 Bookwork Beau G Chelsea C	Quality 5 Bookwork Taylor W Beau M



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS



<i>Be Respectful~ Be Honest</i> Kaitlyn M <i>Use the 6L's</i> Mitchell W	<i>Be Respectful~ Be Honest</i> Bella R <i>Use the 6L's</i> Wyatt B	<i>Be Respectful~ Be Honest</i> Cru B <i>Use the 6L's</i> Sarah R	<i>Be Respectful~ Be Honest</i> Malachi C <i>Use the 6L's</i> Taylor W
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Home Reading Awards 2017

Bronze (25 nights reading)

Mackenzie D

Silver (50 nights reading)

Gold (75 nights reading)

Jax M, Charlie S

Double Bronze (100 nights reading)

Daniel H, Jayda S, Sarah P

Double Silver (125 nights reading)

Kaitlyn M, Grace M

Double Gold (150 nights reading)

Royal (200 nights reading)

Double Royal (250 nights reading)

Excellence (300 nights reading)



PRINCIPALS AWARD

(Collecting 5 Awards)

Cooper J, Malachi C, Beau M, Kaitlyn M,
Grace M, Cohen J

STAR STUDENT AWARD

(Collecting 5 Principal's Awards)

Abbigale L, Beau M