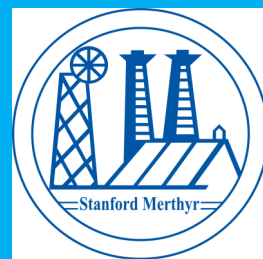


# Newsletter to Parents

## STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence



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Week 3 Term 3

1st August 2017

### BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

4th Aug No Baker Baker  
Grandparents Day

11th Aug KP Phoebe B  
KHM Cam S  
1/2P Emilia B  
1/2W Xavier L

**NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED**



### CANTEEN ROSTER

*The canteen is open Mondays and Fridays.*

Fri 4th Aug Barbara & Teagan BBQ  
lunch orders only

Mon 7th Aug Shanelle & Mel

Fri 11th Aug Leigh & Nardia

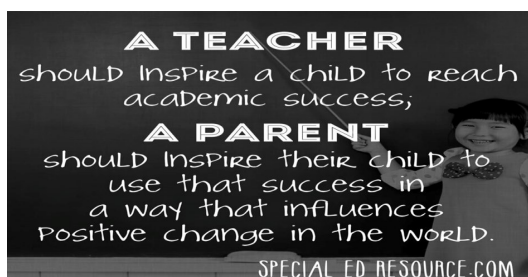
Mon 14th Aug Barbara

### THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thurs 3rd August Please bring own fruit-  
Careers Day excursion

Thurs 10th August Matthew C

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



### BEST LIBRARY BOROWERS FOR TERM 2



Congratulations to Tahj D and Jessie C from KP, Jazmin L from KHM, Beau M from 1/2W and Abbi L from 1/2P. These children borrowed the most times during Term 2.

### NAIDOC WEEK VISITS TO SCHOOLS

Our boys performed their Aboriginal dances to audiences at Kurri Kurri High School, Kurri Kurri Public School and Weston School. We had very positive feedback as to how focused they were.

### Term 3 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm

3rd August	1/2W present work
10th August	KHM present work
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

Two of our girls, Alison and Taylah also performed admirably in the combined schools Drumbeat group.





## GIRLS CRAFT DAY AT SCHOOL

While the boys were performing at the NAIDOC celebrations, our girls rotated around four activities. These included cooking pancakes and decorating biscuits, making pet rocks, making a woollen bracelet and then making pompoms. As a special treat I bought hot chips for them to enjoy at lunch time.



## ART MURAL FOR NAIDOC WEEK

Xavier L, Taylor W and Zeppelin G were involved in the designing and painting of a Kurri LMG Art Mural for NAIDOC week with Mr Ping and students from other local schools. The mural is to be given to Mulbring Public School this year. After some stories and the sharing of knowledge the students decided on the design for the painting.



## DRESSING GOWNS FOR BOYS DANCE GROUP

I would like to thank Kurri Kurri Bowling Club for allowing us to sell raffle tickets each Friday night in July. We raised \$1,087 and the staff decided to purchase fleecy dressing gowns for all the boys to wear over their singlets and lap laps, to ensure they stay warm. This will make it easier and quicker to get ready each time they do a performance.

## GRANDPARENTS DAY, MULTI CULTURAL DAY, ABORIGINAL RECOGNITION DAY 4TH AUGUST

Please keep Friday 4th August free. It is going to be a very full day of activities beginning at 9:20am. The following information shows what will occur. We are very grateful to the parents below who have volunteered to run a workshop showing the diversity of cultural backgrounds our students come from.

**Coffee cart available.**

**Coffee \$4.50, Hot chocolate for children \$3:00**

9:20am In the school hall. Welcome to all visitors.

1. Aboriginal Smoking Ceremony, Acknowledgement to Country, Our boys dance group to perform.

2. Education awards presented to community members and Year 2 students

9:50 Divide children into 8 groups

10:00 Children rotate around first 4 activities

11:00 BBQ lunch and play.

12:10 Ring bell

12:15-1:15 Children rotate around the next 4 activities

1:15 Children go to the hall for the performances

1:30 Old time dances and modern dances. Grandparents invited to join in

Modern dance. Grandparents invited to join in.

Girls Choir performing a song.

2:10 Recess and clean up.

**Multi Cultural Workshops.**

Greek food - Rhea Dobing

Bush tucker/Spear throwing- Mr Ping

South African food-Jonathan Heath

Thai food-Anne and Mathew Clarke

Chinese craft-Leah Chan

Maori song and numbers 1-10 -Mrs Carr

Greek dance-Maria Ackerman

Finnish food- Anna Yildirim

**Please return barbeque lunch order forms paid by cash by this Thursday at 9am.**

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

**When: Wednesday 9th August 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](http://www.dominos.com.au)

Vouchers can be used during 4-8pm or you can join Dominos E club @ [www.dominos.com.au](http://www.dominos.com.au) or join Dominos Offers App on iTunes.

**The money raised from this fundraiser will go to support Amiee Golledge to help with the purchase of medication for her son Reid.**

## 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 3rd August	Careers Day excursion at Kurri Kurri Public School 9:15-1:30pm No cost
Friday 4th August	Grandparents Day/ Multi Cultural Day/ Aboriginal Recognition Day
Wednesday 9th August	Dominoes Pizza fundraiser
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 4pm
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
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.

## THANK YOU TO THE KURRI KURRI MEN'S SHED



I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the men who work at the Kurri Kurri Men's shed. They very kindly have built 33 wooden boxes for our school that are designed for all our guided reading and home reading books. There is over \$30,000 worth of quality readers the school has in-



vested in over several years to ensure your child has quality materi-

al to give them the best opportunity to become successful readers.

These boxes will ensure the books are not damaged and will be much easier for you to access them when borrowing home readers for your child.



## UPCOMING EXCURSIONS



**Careers Day Thursday 3rd August at Kurri Kurri Public School**  
Please come dressed in the clothes of a job you would like to do.



Permission notes are at the office.

The school is paying the bus for this excursion



The children need to be at school by 8.45am.

## 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 Friday 18th of August, that would be greatly appreciated. **Permission notes at the office.**

Students can also have a picnic lunch with parent/grandparents. 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).

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
12.00-1:00	Arrive back at school. Lunch first followed by the book week parade.



## 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.

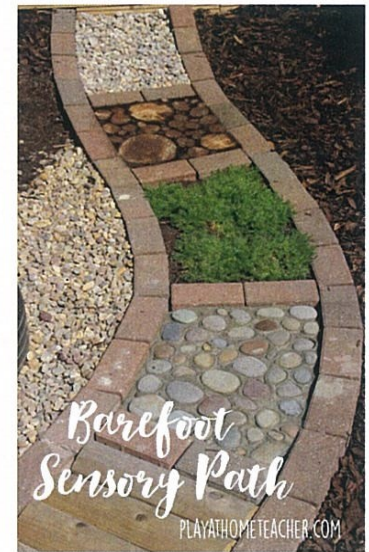
## NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS AT PELAW MAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Last Tuesday was a great day for our students. They were involved in a variety of Aboriginal games that were led by students from Kurri Kurri High School. Our drumbeat group performed and Alison and Taylah did a wonderful job, being the youngest members. Our boys dance groups stole the show again!





## 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 31<sup>st</sup> of August and Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.....





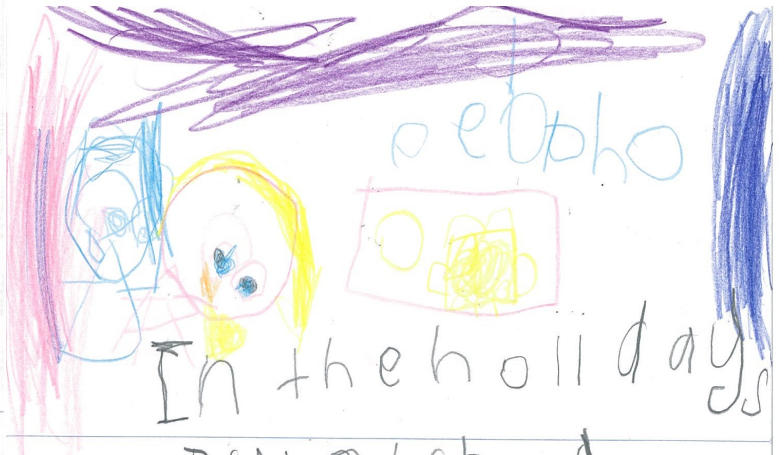
# ENJOY HOLIDAY RECOUNTS BY STUDENTS IN KP.



the holidays I  
went to Ikea  
my dad.  
Plaxx in the  
ground.



By Amber



In the holidays  
I watched  
a movie at  
home.



By Phoebe B



In the holidays I <sup>went</sup> to  
the movies with my  
cousins <sup>we watched</sup> Despicable  
me three.



By Mia



In the holidays I stayed  
at home <sup>played</sup> on my  
swing set.



By Koby



In the holidays I  
stayed at home and  
I played with my  
cat and my dog.  
I played <sup>with</sup> my cat  
and dog and The dog's  
on coming back to me  
and its name is Cassy <sup>Moore</sup>  
and the cat's name is <sup>Ross</sup> Simon.



By Kaitlyn



In the holidays I  
went to the movies.  
I watched Despicable  
me 3.  
It was funny.



By Maeve

# Important Information



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STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

18th July 2017

Dear Parents and carers

As you are all aware by now, our school is changing to a new financial & administration system. There will be several changes to the way our front office operates.

From the beginning of 2018, parents will have the ability to make advance payments for Fees, excursions etc for each family, whereby a statement can be requested when a payment has been deducted from the balance. Any refunds will go back into your account as an advance payment.

We strongly encourage all payments be made by **EFTPOS & POP** (parent online payment. where the link can be found on our school's secure website), EFTPOS can also be taken over the phone, but cash is still strongly accepted. Due to the processing system, we will no longer be able to accept EFTPOS payments **after 2.30pm** everyday. Permission notes will be attached to the emails when we send out the newsletter, for your convenience, to either return with your child or email back to the school.

Unfortunately, any payments for P & C can now only be accepted by **cash or chq** and placed in a sealed envelope. There is a P & C box on the front counter for the envelopes to be placed in at time of payment.

We appreciate your patients at this time of transition, we hope this will make it easier and more convenient for busy families, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask at the front office.

Thank you  
Wendy Cant  
School Administrative Manager



# My Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers





































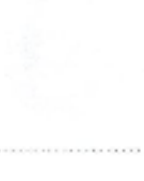
















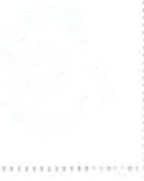






My name: \_\_\_\_\_

My school: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Stanford Merthyr 23227**

Stick your Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers in the squares below, then drop your completed Sheet in the Collection Box at your school. Early Learning Centre, or Local Woolworths store. Make sure you drop it in by Tuesday 19 September – even if it's not complete – so your stickers can be redeemed for your school or Early Learning Centre.

Look to the prescriber, supplier, or agent nearest you for more information, and please Contact Learning Centres if you have any queries. The national hotline is 1800 Woolworths 222, or 1300 Woolworths. Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers must be presented at the point of purchase, or at the Woolworths Earn & Learn Centre, or at the Woolworths Earn & Learn Centre. Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers are valid for 12 months from the date of issue. Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers are not redeemable for cash or other goods or services.

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> PARENT WORKSHOP

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH  
NUMERACY

WITH MRS WARREN-DAVEY AND  
MRS CARR

MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 9:00am

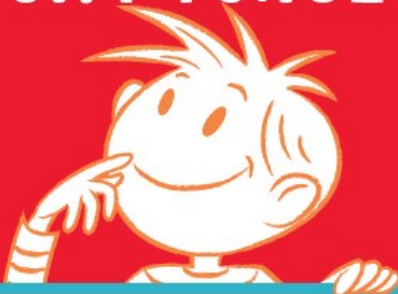



Mrs Warren-Davey will continue with more ideas and explanations to provide you with more ways to work with your children at home. This will be a very practical information session. We will be here to answer any questions you may have. We will show you how to adapt games to make them suitable to whatever stage of learning your child has achieved. They are fun and games your whole family will enjoy playing.

We hope you will come to our second parent workshop on the 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Anne Carr

# DON'T FORGET!





## Book Club

orders are due:

4th August

## Weston Community Preschool Family Fun Day

Weston Civic Centre  
Saturday 12th August  
11am till 2pm  
Gold Coin Entry



Face Painting, Balloon Artist, Disco, Sausage Sizzle and  
lots of fun and games to be had

**Don't forget school Banking Day  
is TUESDAY**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED !**

Mitchell W 1st July  
Stella F 20th July

Grace M 2nd July  
Jessie C 26th July

Hudson C 14th July  
Mia W 27th July

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

*At the assembly on Thursday the 27th July 2017, these children all received awards.  
Congratulations !!*

KP	KHM	1/2P	1/2W
<b>Tye M</b> Wonderful listening and conversation Skills	<b>Kayla B</b> Working hard to improve her Reading	<b>Kye R</b> Motivated and enthusiastic learner	<b>Xavier L</b> Wonderful contributions to Class discussions
<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Phoebe B	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Nolan P	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Summer G	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Grace M



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS



<i>Be Respectful~ Use nice talk Anthony C</i>	<i>Be Respectful~ Use nice talk Sarah P</i>	<i>Be Respectful~ Use nice talk Charlotte P</i>	<i>Be Respectful~ Use nice talk Alison E</i>
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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)

Emilia B, Aydin Y

Juliet M, Payton Z

Kade H, Tye M, Koby S

Tahj D, Beau M, Bella R

Anthony C, Cooper J, Taylor W, Abbigale L, Jazmin L., Mitchell W



**PRINCIPALS AWARD**  
(Collecting 5 Awards)

**Jazmin L, Abbigale L, Grace M, Cooper J**

**STAR STUDENT AWARD**  
(Collecting 5 Principal's Awards)

**Naomi Mc**





# **GRANDPARENTS DAY RAFFLE**



1st Prize - 5kg Box of Cadbury Chocolate

2nd prize - Hamper of Goodies

3rd prize—Bottle of Wine

Drawn on 4th August, 2017.

**\$1 for 1 ticket**

**\$2.00 for 3 tickets**

<b>SMIS G/Parents Raffle</b>	<b>SMIS G/Parents Raffle</b>	<b>SMIS G/Parents Raffle</b>	<b>SMIS G/Parents Raffle</b>	<b>SMIS G/Parents Raffle</b>
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