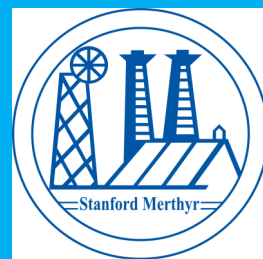


# Newsletter to Parents

## STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence



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Week 9 Term 3

12th September 2017

### BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

15th Sept **KP** Amber C  
**KHM** Mackenzie D  
**1/2P** Jade C  
**1/2W** Naomi Mc  
22nd Sept **KP** Tahj D  
**KHM** Hudson C  
**1/2P** Beau G  
**1/2W** Beau M

**NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED**



### CANTEEN ROSTER

*The canteen is open Mondays and Fridays.*

Fri 15th Sept Barbara & Teagan  
Mon 18th Sept Shanelle & Mel  
Fri 22nd Sept Leigh & Nardia

### THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thurs 14th September Emma Farrelly  
Thurs 21st September Nicole Sleeman  
Thurs 12th October Paula Harris

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

Think left and think right  
and think low and think high  
oh, the things you can think  
up if only you try!  
-Dr. Seuss

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

31st August	<b>KHM class item</b>
7th September	<b>1/2W class item</b>
14th September	<b>Speeches presented</b>
21st September	<b>KP class item</b>

### NAIDOC ART MURAL COMPLETED

This art depicts the close co-operation that exists between the six schools in our local community of schools that feeds into Kurri Kurri High School. Mulbring Public School are the fortunate ones to keep this mural that was completed by students from each of the six schools.



### MG CAR RALLY SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

100 visitors were here last Sunday and enjoyed a delicious lunch of soups, sandwiches, fruit and cakes and slices. Thank you so much to everyone who came to help prepare the food and help with the clean up. We made \$1000 profit which will be used to go towards improving our sensory garden.



### KURRI PRE-SCHOOL VISIT.

50 students came with their teachers for a two hour visit as part of our transition to school program.





### 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
Wednesday 13th Sep	3 way interviews for KHM
Thursday 14th Sep	3rd Rugby League Session
Thursday 14th Sep	Whole school Disco at lunch time. A gold coin donation please.
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.

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

This year we hosted our combined sports carnival with Nillo Infants School here at our school. We appreciated the parent support and hope you enjoyed the day as much as your children.



### SCHOOL DISCO THIS THURSDAY AT LUNCH TIME.

As part of the Year Two gift to the school that is presented at the end of the year, year 2 are having a fund raising disco this Thursday after lunch for 45 minutes. It is a gold coin donation please. There will be prizes awarded during the disco.

### PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

I appreciate all of you who are taking the time to fill in this parent survey for us. I have it on the school lap-top and can bring it out to you if you would like to stay either ten minutes in the morning or ten minutes after school. It is completely anonymous. Thank you.

If you would prefer to complete this survey at home to provide us with valuable feedback to help us with planning for 2018, please google the link below. Thank you.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/smis>



### FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST FRIDAY 1ST SEPT

Thank you Mr Ping for barbequing a delicious breakfast for our fathers and we hope the 21 who attended enjoyed being made to feel special.



**P&C Father's Day presents at school.** Thank you Leigh and Maria for organising these lovely gifts and selling them as well as to Barbara for assisting.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

We are very grateful to NSW Rugby League, who come each year for 3 sessions to introduce all our students to skills in kicking, throwing and catching, which improves their hand eye co-ordination and helps spark an interest in team sports.



### THREE WAY INTERVIEWS

Teachers will be conducting 3 Way Interviews again to review the goals that were set in term 1 and to set new goals for the students to strive for, for the remainder of the year. Miss Wood is holding her interviews today, 12th September, and Miss Humbles is holding her interviews tomorrow, 13th September. Miss Pollock is having her interviews next Tuesday, 19th September and Mr Ping will be holding his interviews on Wednesday 20th September. Timetables have been sent home. Please indicate your preferred time and send the notes back into the office as soon as possible. These interviews are so important to give you a very up to date progress report on your child and to provide positive feedback to your child.

### SPEECHES IN ASSEMBLY THIS THURSDAY.

We welcome parents and grandparents to our assembly this Thursday to listen to two children from each class present their prepared speech on their favourite animal. I have been very impressed with the quality of all the speeches and thank you all for supporting your child by helping them prepare and practice their speech. It is wonderful to see the children's confidence improve in speaking in front of their own class and for some to speak in front of larger audiences in assembly.

### FOOTY FUN DAY LAST DAY OF TERM

This term our fun day of activities will be a tabloid of football skills and games that children will rotate around in. All children can come to school wearing their favourite footy jersey or team colours, but wearing school shoes please. **There is no cost for being out of uniform.**

### NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be Monday 16th October at 6pm. This is Week 2 after the holidays. We always welcome new members.

### FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR TERM 3.

Our holidays begin next Friday, 22nd September. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

### SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER.

There is no pupil free day at the beginning of Term Four.

### NEW BABY BOY

Congratulations to the Clement's family on their new addition to their family, Issac, who was born last Friday.

Anne Carr  
Principal.



Kurri Preschool Trivia Night  
Are you smarter than a Kurri Preschooler?

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

6.30-10pm

Kurri Kurri Bowling Club

\$25pp includes finger food and cake platters

Ring office on 4937 2110 to book your seat or bring your friends for a table of 10.

Great prizes! Great fun! All welcome!

# Holiday Activities

Kurri Kurri Vacation Care Sept/Oct2017 Phone: 4936 2030 Fax: 4936 2304 Email: oosh@kkcc.com.au				
Week One - Please note the program may be subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances				
Monday 25-09-17	Tuesday 26-09-17	Wednesday 27-09-17	Thursday 28-09-17	Friday 29-09-17
<b>Bottle top mosaic</b>  Create your own mosaic piece of art made from bottle tops	<b>Taco Tuesday</b>  <i>Porque no las dos?</i> Yes the children can have both soft and hard shell tacos with a choice of toppings for lunch <b>\$2 each</b>	<b>Body Movement</b>  Kurri Community Centre Depart: 10:45am Return: 12:30pm <b>*COMPULSORY*</b> <b>\$5.00</b>	<b>Movies</b> <b>*LIMIT 50 CHILDREN*</b>  Maitland Cinemas Depart: 11:15am Return: 2:15pm <b>*COMPULSORY*</b> <b>\$20.00</b>	<b>Paint day</b>  Be creative and colourful with paint (please wear old clothes) <b>\$20.00</b>
Week Two - Please note the program may be subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances				
Monday 02-10-17	Tuesday 03-10-17	Wednesday 04-10-17	Thursday 05-10-17	Friday 06-10-17
<b>Public Holiday</b>	<b>Mural Walk</b>  October celebrate's Kurri Kurri's 115th birthday, so let's have a closer look at our murals! <b>*COMPULSORY*</b>	<b>Gardening</b>  As Spring has sprung, it's time to get colourful in the garden	<b>Library Magic Show</b>  Kurri Kurri Library Depart: 9:45am Return: 11:15am <b>*COMPULSORY*</b> <b>\$5.00</b>	<b>Dance Day</b>  Dance the holidays away with a morning of Zumba and Street Dancing moves provided by Cubesport <b>\$14.00</b>
Monday 09-10-17	Tuesday 10-10-17	Wednesday 11-10-17	Thursday 12-10-17	Friday 13-10-17
 <b>MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2017</b>				



NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service  
Office of Environment & Heritage

**BIODIVERSITY DAY AT BLUE GUM HILLS REGIONAL PARK**

Thursday 28 September, 10am-3pm,  
Blue Gum Hills Regional Park, Minmi Road, Minmi  
(back-up day in case of cancellation Thursday 5 October)

**Free fun for families**

- Free BBQ lunch
- Win great prizes
- Interact with live native animals
- Learn about bats, bees and birds
- Free native plants
- Crazy animal photo booth
- Free activities and craft
- Learn about biodiversity
- Nature walks
- Meet other nature lovers
- Freebies
- Learn about volunteering in nature
- Discover nature near you

Biodiversity is the variety of all life forms, the genes they contain and the ecosystems of which they form a part.



**Kurri Kurri Community Services**  
**Vacation Care**  
 112 Lang St Kurri Kurri  
 Phone: 4936 2030 Fax: 4936 2304  
 Email: oosh@kkcc.com.au  
 6:30AM - 6:30PM  
**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN**



Childcare Benefit & Childcare Rebate available.



## UPDATE ON THE SENSORY GARDEN.

I would like to express my thanks on behalf of our School Community to **Bunnings Rutherford** for supporting our school with supplying materials and labour, enabling us to build the first stage of our sensory garden for our students. The support from Bunnings has enabled us to complete a wonderful garden filled with a variety of sensory experiences for our children to explore and experiment with. Already the immediate benefits have been seen, in that two students in particular, who have sensory needs, have taken off their shoes for the first time and have walked on the new path, touched the artificial grass and have played in the sand. The students are very excited to use this garden. We are planning to have an official opening and invite Bunnings back here at a convenient time.

We are also indebted to the support from our parents who donated materials, time, machinery and man power to assist the staff in constructing this garden.

Special thanks need to be mentioned to the following people:

**Fred and Nickie Lucas** who came last Saturday with their heavy earth moving machinery to help drill holes in the rocky soil to enable the posts to be concreted in and donated a sum of money towards materials.

**Michael Pike** who was here all day on the Friday helping the teachers with constructing the walls.

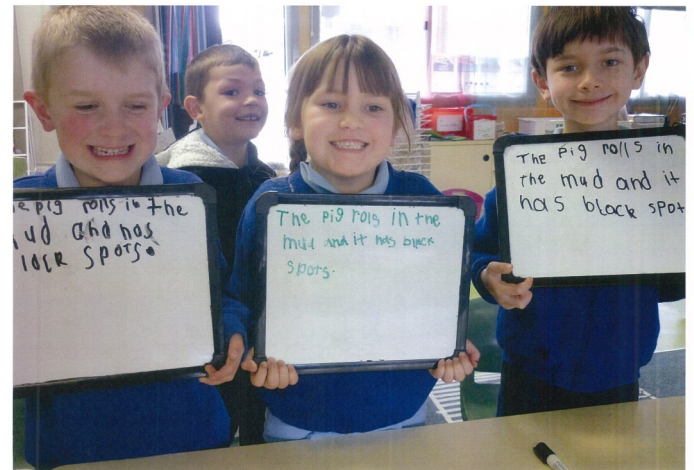
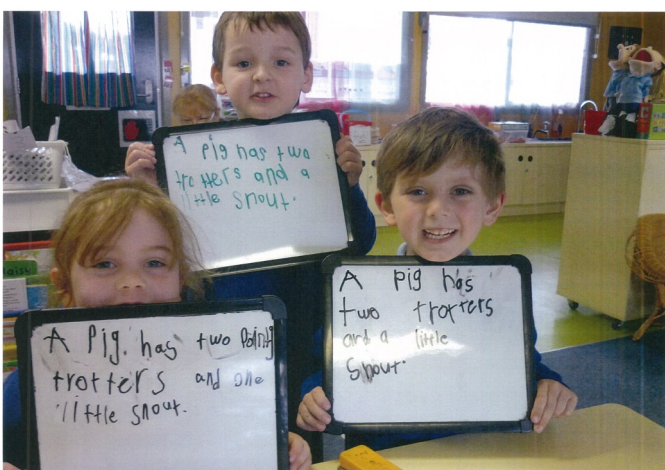
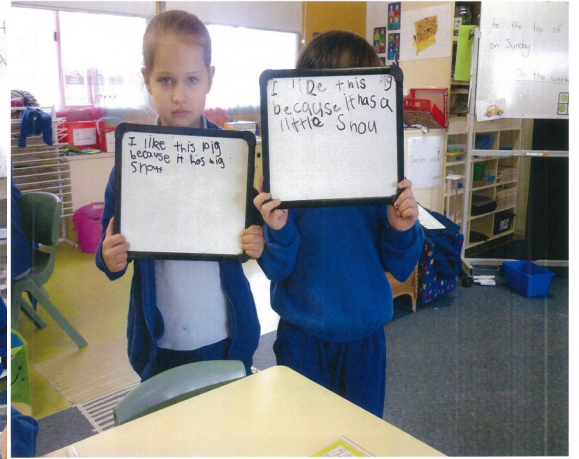
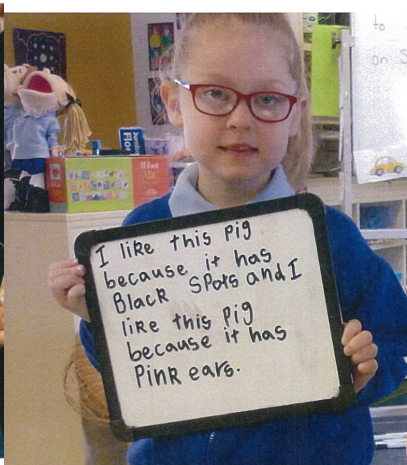
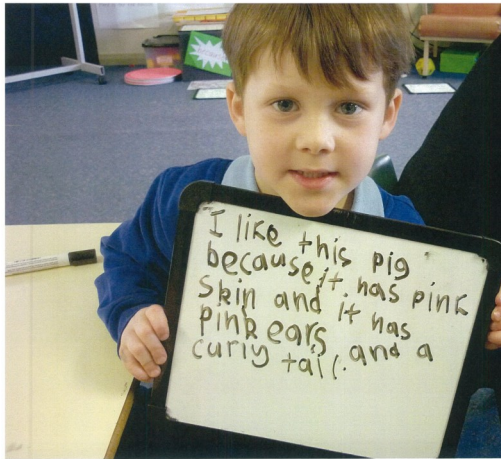
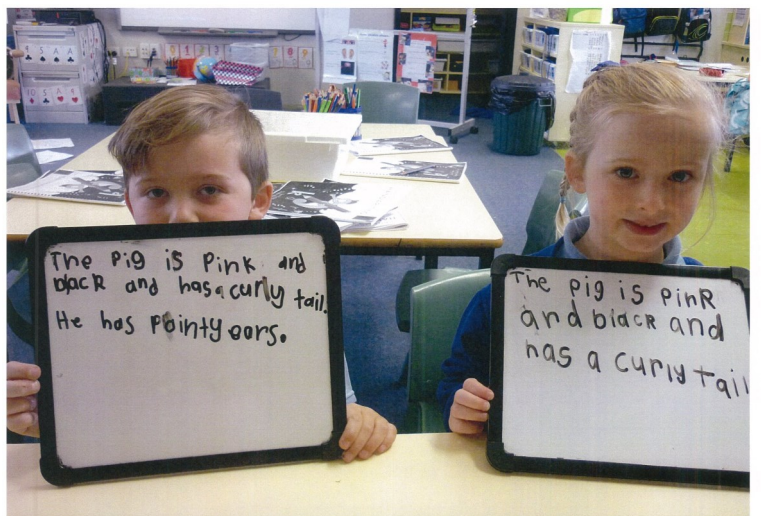
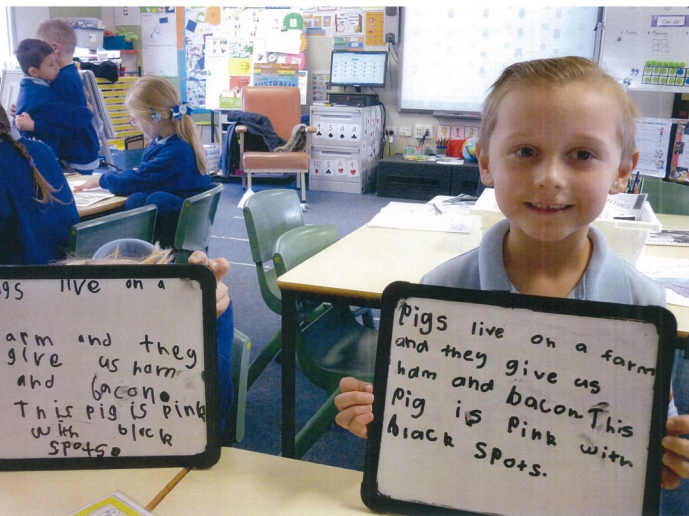
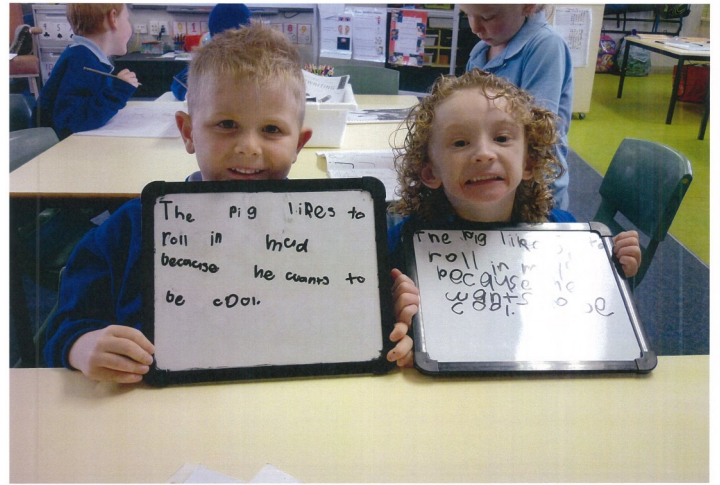
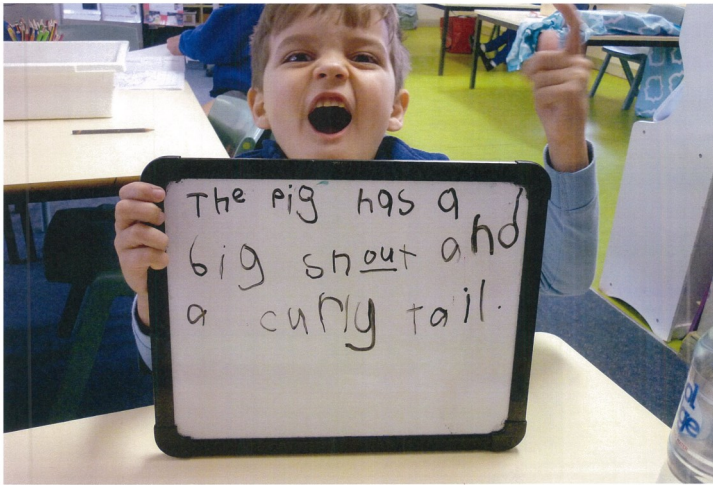
**Duane Pollock**, who came and connected pallets to the logs to make one of the walls for the garden.

To the staff, **Jess Wood, Shannon Ping, Chantelle Pollock and Lisa Williams** who worked many hours out of school time to get this stage of the garden completed.





## ENJOY WRITING BY OUR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS.





ENJOY THE DESCRIPTIVE WRITING BY OUR YEAR 2 STUDENTS.

They are learning parts of speech and how to use adjectives and adverbs to enhance their writing.

Howling loudly at the moon the spectacular, glorious wolf retreated back to his dirty, dusty, lair.

By Kailie



Disappearing into the dark woods, I ran from the ferocious angry bear. Screeching loudly as a noisy elephant, he suddenly grabbed me and I screamed with shock. He ate me!

By Summer

Gripping tightly onto the sharp roof I gulped with fear. I quickly climbed the bricks as fast as a cheetah.

By Lhotse

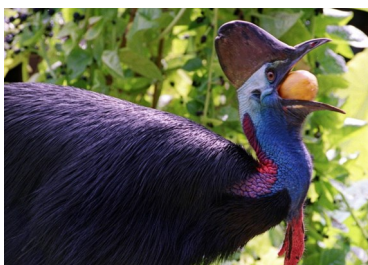


Tumbling down a steep hill, the giant boulder knocked down nearly every tree in its way.

By Alison

Demolishing the slimy forest like a bulldozer, the dinosaur chased his prey.

By Taylah

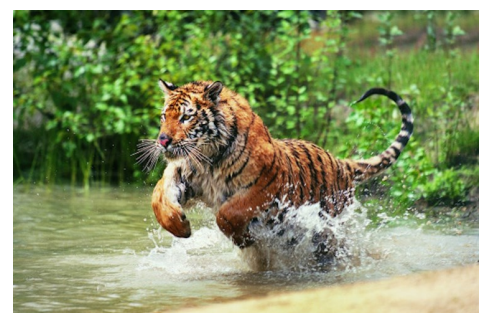


Gobbling up a delicious apple, the one eyed cassowary snapped his beak and went home.

By Malachi

Chasing the juicy deer through the Asian rainforest, the tiger scratched the deer and ate it up. Licking his lips, he slowly walked back to his home.

By Jason



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED !

Lincoln B 3rd Sept

Anthony C 3rd Sept

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At the assembly on Thursday the 31st August and 7th September 2017, these children all received awards.

KP	KHM	1/2P	1/2W
<b>Tahj D</b> Excellent progress in Literacy <b>Kaitlyn M</b>	<b>Payton Z</b> Developing effective reading strategies <b>Wyatt B</b> Effort & improvement in addition strategies	<b>Emilia B</b> Using flexible number strategies <b>Beau G</b> For being an active and motivated Reader	<b>Malachi C</b> Working hard to increase writing skills <b>Naomi Mc</b> Persistence and hardwork to improve results in all areas
<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Mitchell W Raegan B	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Hudson C Danial H	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Sarah R Lincoln W	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Jayda S Riley Z



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS



<b>Be Safe~</b> Safe hands & Feet <b>Jessie C</b> Use equipment safely	<b>Be Safe~</b> Safe hands & Feet <b>Jazmin L</b> Use equipment safely <b>Brody P</b>	<b>Be Safe~</b> Safe hands & Feet <b>Kye R</b> Use equipment safely <b>Isabella h</b>	<b>Be Safe~</b> Safe hands & Feet <b>Jason D</b> Use equipment safely <b>Stella f</b>
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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)

Aydin Y, Hudson C, Amahlia N

Juliet M, Neve H, Cam S

Koby S, Kade H

Kaitlyn M, Grace M, Beau M

Cooper J, Mitchell W, Taylor W, Anthony C



**PRINCIPALS AWARD**  
(Collecting 5 Awards)

**Mitchell W, Neve H**

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

**Grace M, Cooper J**