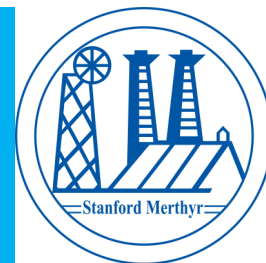


# Newsletter to Parents

## STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

### Vision Statement:

Working together, making a difference with every child.



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Term 1 Week 4

20th February 2018

### BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

**NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED**

23rd Feb	Kookaburras	Willow B
	Kangaroos	Xander C
	Emus	Anthony C
	Platypuses	Lilikah C
2nd Mar	Kookaburras	Miley C
	Kangaroos	Asher C
	Emus	Jade C
	Platypuses	Jessie C



### CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed	21 Feb	Kim
Fri	23 Feb	Leigh, Hailey Mandy
Mon	26 Feb	Rebecca & Leigh
Wed	28 Feb	Rachel
Fri	2 Mar	Barbara & Teigan
Mon	5 Mar	Shanelle

### THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thur 22nd Feb	Ashleigh &
Thur 1st Mar	Jenna Blayden

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

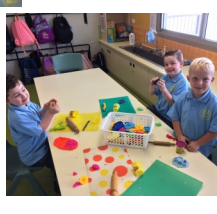
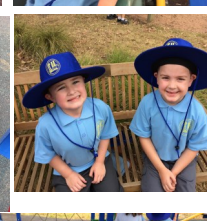
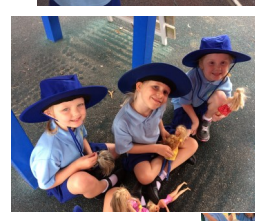
At Stanford Merthyr Infants:



### Term 1 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm

22nd February	Platypuses present work
1st March	Kangaroos present work
8th March	Kookaburras present work
15th March	Emus perform item
22nd March	Platypuses perform item
5th April	Kangaroos perform item
12th April	Kookaburras perform item

### KINDERGARTEN'S FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL



We have students who are Anaphylactic, so I am asking please that there are no nut products



## PARENT'S CORNER.

Feedback from parent surveys last year indicated that you would all appreciate having more support in helping you become more confident in helping your child at home with their learning. Therefore we are running several parent workshops this year here at school.

I hope all who attended our **first parent workshop on Reading** yesterday left feeling more confident in being able to support your child at home with their reading. The following comments were made by those who attended.

### 1. What did you find useful from today?

I learnt to do the orientation to the book before introducing a new story.

The PM's have consistent language throughout. All the information was beneficial.

Children will make a lot of progress with 15 minutes of home reading and being read to.

I learnt the language that is being used in class. I understand now what crisp finger pointing is.

I learnt the value of the pictures to support the text being read.

### 2. In Week 11 9th April, we are having a numeracy workshop.

How can we help you help your child with numeracy at home?

Ideas to teach counting backwards.

Beginning to understand how to count in groups eg by tens.

Basic ideas to teach addition and subtraction.

I'd appreciate any help you can give.

Games that support in class learning.

Teaching examples of counting after using ten fingers and realising they need more tools to add.



If you have any questions about Home Reading, please come and talk to me at any time.

## SECOND PARENT WORKSHOP.

Our second parent workshop will be held on **Monday 9th April at 2:00pm** and will be on assisting you with helping your child at home with Numeracy.

Mrs Warren-Davey and I will show videos of Miss Humbles working with students to demonstrate how we would like you to do play maths games with your child 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 card 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.

Anne Carr



## BOOK PACKS PAYMENT FOR STUDENTS FOR 2018

All book packs for this year will cost \$50 per child. Teachers appreciate you paying for these packs as every child can then be given the same books and the same equipment. This covers pencils, coloured pencils, glue and rubbers as well. Please note that students will only receive one book for all work until these payments have been made. We invite you to please pay for these as soon as possible at the office. EFPOS is available before 2.30pm Payments can also be made Online via our school page.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FEES FOR 2018

Our school is charging \$30 voluntary contribution fees this year. This covers us providing such items as art resources, tissues, toilet paper and hand wash.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken **Thursday 22nd February** here at school. An envelope to order was handed out last week. Please order online or hand the envelope with exact money enclosed, to the office before the morning of the 22nd February.

A separate order envelope for Family photo packs is available from the Office. The photographers will be here from 9am and class photos will be taken straight away.

Children are to please **wear full school uniform**.

Correct money is required in the envelopes provided, Thank you.

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY MARCH 2ND

Year 2 are going to Stanford Park in Wallsend Street at 2pm on Friday March 2nd to clean up any rubbish there. Please send a pair of gloves for your child to wear on the day. A permission note is available for parents of Year 2 children to sign please at the office. Unfortunately, I cannot take any child out of the school if note is not signed. Kindergarten and Year 1 students will stay within our school grounds and clean up the playground.

## RAFFLE TICKETS FOR BEING AT SCHOOL IN LINES BY 9am

All children receive a raffle ticket each morning if they are at school in class lines by 9am. During assembly each Thursday we draw one girls name and one boys name and they receive a prize from me.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, Stanford Merthyr Infants is here to help you.

### Poor Attendance Patterns

May result in children:

- \* not achieving potential
- \* being socially isolated, (bullying and harassment)
- \* increased incidence of socially unacceptable and/or illegal activities
- \* having gaps in knowledge and understanding of basic concepts

### Poor Attendance Patterns

Result in students who:

- \*are more likely to leave school at younger age
- \*are over-represented in the juvenile justice system
- \*may be at risk due to wellbeing and possible child protection issues.

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS HAVE BEGUN

We are very fortunate to have committed women who come each year to teach fortnightly scripture.

There is a Catholic class, and Anglican class, a combined interdenominational class. We also cater for students who's parents would prefer them not to be taught scripture.

## BEST START ASSESSMENT PARENT FEEDBACK

Miss Humbles is off class today and Mr Ping is off class tomorrow to provide you with results from the Literacy and Numeracy assessments that were conducted with your child at the end of January. If you forgot or were unable to keep your appointment, please see your teacher to make a new time. Feedback is very important.

## CHILDREN BEGINNING KINDERGARTEN HERE NEXT YEAR 2019.

Please come to the office and inform us if your child or a friend you know has a child that will be enrolling here next year to begin Kindergarten. We will begin our Transition to school program this term by holding a *Teddy Bear Picnic here at school on Tuesday 3rd April from 12:30-1:30pm.*

## BIRTHDAY CAKES

If it is your child's birthday you are welcome to send in a birthday cake or cupcakes for them to celebrate with the class. Could you please also send in either serviettes or plates for the class as well.

**Please remember NO Nut Products to be used**

## Calendar of Events for Term One 2018

Mondays all year from 5th February	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 6th February	Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school
Tuesday 20th February	Parent Interviews for Kinder Kangaroos about Best Start Results
Wednesday 21st February	Parent interviews for Kinder Kookaburras about Best Start results.
Thursday 22nd February	School professional photos being taken at school
Wednesday 28th February	Free Vision Health Care Screening for Kindergarten students.
Friday 2nd March	Clean Up Australia day—clean up our school playground and Stanford Park
Fridays 2nd and 9th March	Free K-2 program for students by Variety organisation entitled "Just Like You."
Monday 12th March	Back to Stanford Day for last years Year 2 students to visit us.
Tuesday 13th March	3 way conferences with teacher, child and parents of 1/2 Emus.
Wednesday 14th March	3 way conferences with teacher, child and parents of 1/2 Platypuses
Monday 19th March	P&C Meeting 6pm.
Monday 26th March	Making Easter Hats in class- parents and grandparents invited to help.
Thursday 29th March	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 30th March and Mon 2nd Apr	Good Friday and Easter Monday holiday.
Tuesday 3rd April 12:30-1:30pm	Teddy Bear Picnic at School for Kinder students beginning in 2019
Tuesday 3rd April	3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents for Kinder Kookaburras
Wednesday 4th April	3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents of K /1 Kangaroos.
Thursday 12th April	Class of the term party
Friday 13th April	Fun Day activities /out of Uniform day, Final day of term.
School Holidays	Monday 16th April.-30th April. Teachers Professional Development day is Monday 30th April. Students return Tuesday 1st May.

## PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT AND BARBEQUE



Thank you to all the parents who attended the information night here at school last Tuesday night. The teachers did a wonderful job preparing for this to provide you with detailed information about all the programs that we will be running this year. I hope you found this very worth while.



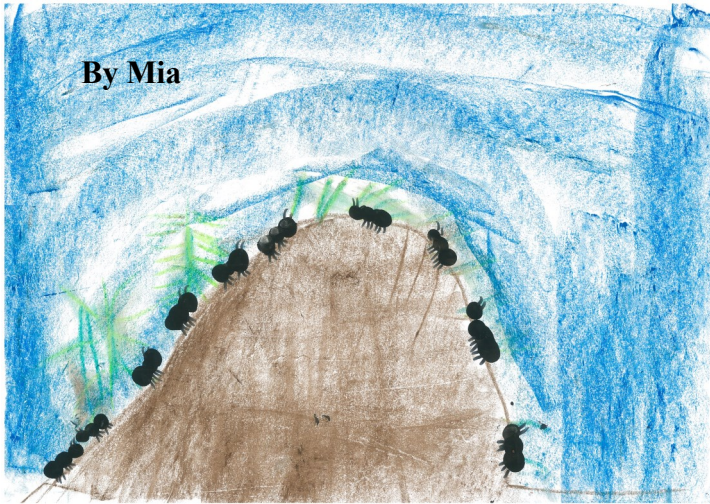
## INVITATION TO KURRI KURRI PRE-SCHOOL

Kurri Pre school would like to invite all children who attended Kurri Kurri Pre-school last year to attend our BACK TO PRE-SCHOOL AFTERNOON TEA on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 4.00 to 4.30pm. Please RSVP on 49372110 or [admin@kurripreschool.com.au](mailto:admin@kurripreschool.com.au) or text 0437211544



WELCOME TO THE PLATYPUS CLASS FOR 2018. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR WORK.  
WE ARE STUDYING MINI BEASTS. ENJOY OUR ART WORK.

By Mia



By Naomi



By Jayda



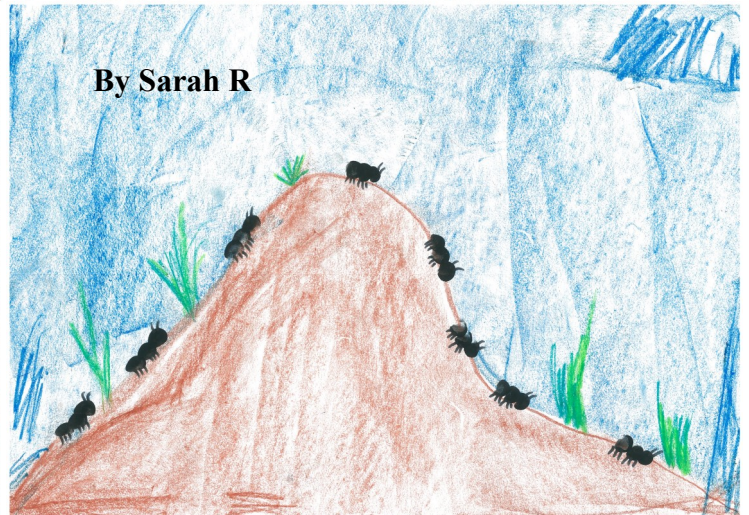
By Brody



By Stella



By Sarah R



By Sarah P



By Wyatt





# A note from the Photographer

## Newcastle School Portraits

Capturing your memories for over *25* Years

School Photo Day is

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**

*Capturing your child's school memories forever*

*Please take time to read the relevant information on the Newcastle School Portraits payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:*

If you have made an online payment **NO ENVELOPE IS REQUIRED**, we only need envelopes for cash payments.

Please ensure you have a separate envelope for each of your children, even if all the money is in one envelope. Please indicate on the bottom of each envelope the child's name where the money is located. This ensures no orders are missed.

Family envelopes are available from the school office. Please include the names of all the children you require in the family photo.

Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Payments can be made by cash in envelope, cheque, credit/debit card payment online at [www.newcastleschoolportraits.com](http://www.newcastleschoolportraits.com) or over the phone.

On your envelope is a unique code for your school that is needed for all online orders. When placing an online order, **YOU DO NOT NEED TO SEND AN ENVELOPE TO SCHOOL ON PHOTO DAY**. We take a photo of every child in attendance on photo day.

Orders can be placed for up to 2 weeks after the photo day without incurring a late fee.

The school office will have spare envelopes if needed.

If required there is a box to tick if it's either a mum's or dad's order so we can ensure they are returned correctly marked.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us:

21 Broadmeadow Rd Broadmeadow 2292 PH 49654114 [admin@newcastleschoolportraits.com](mailto:admin@newcastleschoolportraits.com)

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE  
IN OUR NEWSLETTER, THESE ARE THE  
COSTS.**



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**Newsletter Advertising Rates -  
Effective January 2017**

Full Page (A4) size for one (1) newsletter	= \$40
Full Page (A4) size for five (5) newsletters	= \$150
1/2 Page of A4 size for one (1) newsletter	= \$25
1/2 Page of A4 size for five (5) newsletters	= \$75
1/4 Page of A4 size for one (1) newsletter	= \$20
1/4 Page of A4 size for five (5) newsletters	= \$50

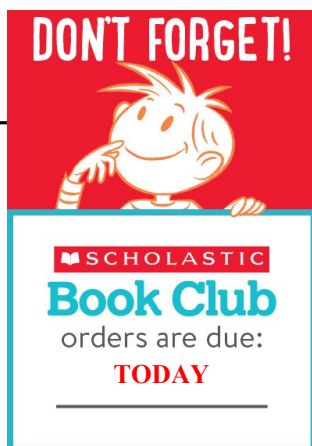
Advertisements will be accepted as electronic copy—preferably as a Microsoft Publisher, Microsoft Word file or as a jpeg.

It can be emailed to [stanmerthi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stanmerthi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

Our Newsletter is published every second Tuesday.

All payments can be made by cash, chq or EFTPOS.

If you have any questions regarding advertising, please contact the office during school hours on 4937 1192.



We are collecting the Coles Sport for Schools vouchers. These vouchers will allow us to purchase brand new sporting equipment for our playground. During the Sports For Schools program, families will be able to collect Coles Sports for Schools vouchers for their school from Coles stores across Australia. We have a box in the front office foyer and we will also have a box out the front of the Coles Greenhills store. Every \$10 spent at Coles during the program, will earn a Coles Sports for Schools voucher. The more vouchers your school collects, the more gear you could receive. When the program ends, schools can exchange those vouchers towards sporting equipment to encourage all kids to get healthy and active at school. We also have a box located at the Coles Kurri Kurri store now.



**★ COME & TRY DAY ★**

**DO YOU WANT TO PLAY  
NETBALL?  
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**SATURDAY 9AM -  
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Enquiries: 0418414317 [admin@maitlandnetball.com.au](mailto:admin@maitlandnetball.com.au)



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

*At the assembly on Thursday the 8th & 15th February 2018, these children all received awards.  
Congratulations !!*

KOOKABURRAS	KANGAROOS	EMUS	PLATYPUS
<b>Billie-Roze W</b> Quickly becoming a class role model <b>Banjo B</b> Approaching everyday with a smile and a positive attitude	<b>Asher C</b> Confidently settling into new school routines <b>Daytona S</b> Confidently joining in class discussions	<b>Jessie C</b> Being a helpful class member <b>Lilikah C</b> Effort and enthusiasm in reading	<b>Neve H</b> Being a responsible and helpful member of our Class <b>Zeppelin G</b> Having a positive attitude towards his learning
<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Ryan B Esther Mc	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Blake H Deaken K	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Jax M Brodie P	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Koby S Grace M



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS



<b>Be Safe~</b> Safe hands and feet Willow B	<b>Be Safe~</b> Safe hands and feet Molly H	<b>Be Safe~</b> Safe hands and feet Sarah R	<b>Be Safe~</b> Safe hands and feet Kye R
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## Home Reading Awards 2018

**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)

