

# Newsletter



**VISION STATEMENT**  
*WORKING TOGETHER,  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
WITH EVERY CHILD*

## BAKER BAKER ~ FRIDAY

**BAKER BAKER**  
has now finished  
for the Year due to  
our Swimming  
Scheme

## THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

**Thursday 29th Nov**  
Natalee Snaddon

**Thursday 6th Dec**  
Holly Avery

All permission notes  
will only be available  
from the Office for  
you to sign

### Thought of the Fortnight

## The Starfish Story

An old man was walking on the beach one morning after a storm. In the distance, he could see someone moving like a dancer.

As he came closer, he saw that it was a young woman picking up starfish and gently throwing them into the ocean. "Young lady, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?"

"The sun is up, and the tide is going out, and if I do not throw them in they will die," she said. "But young lady, do you not realize that there are many miles of beach and thousands of starfish? You cannot possibly make a difference."

The young woman listened politely, then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea. "It made a difference for that one."

~Adapted from the original by Loren Eiseley

LIFE'S A DANCE

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## Term 4 Week 7

27th November 2018

### SWIMMING PROGRAM BEGAN YESTERDAY

Swimming is taking place for ten days and will finish the 7th December. Thank you for your patience as I mark off each child at the end of the lesson. I want to ensure all children are safely handed to their parents. Unfortunately all children need to get out of the pool at 2:45pm, even if you are staying to let them swim longer. Rules at the pool mean you need to pay again if you want them to swim longer.



### TEDDY BEAR PICNIC FOR NEW KINDER'S

Our community of schools are hosting a free Teddy Bears picnic at **Rotary Park** on Friday 7th December from 9:00-11:00am to celebrate the end of pre-school.



### LIBRARY BORROWING FINISHED FOR 2018.

Mrs Ceccato, our librarian has requested that all children's library books be returned now please as we approach the end of 2018. Overdue notices will be sent home next week to help you remember what books your children have borrowed.

### HOME READING FINISHED FOR 2018

I am asking if parents would now return all home readers and folders please. This is needed so we can do a stock take on the readers and have them ready again for next year. Please place all readers in the return boxes.

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER AT KURRI KURRI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Our Aboriginal dance group has been invited to open proceedings at the carols at **6pm on Sunday 9th December**. Then all our students will sing the two Christmas songs we have been learning, at 6:15pm. Please fill in the note at the office to let us know your child can participate. It is always a very enjoyable night. I hope you can all come.

We would need **all the dance group to be at Kurri Kurri Public School by 5:30pm** please to have time to get them dressed for their item. We will meet at the gate in Lang Street opposite Coles Supermarket. Girls need to be there by 5:45pm please. Girls can wear party clothes.

**~ LAST AWARDS TO BE HANDED OUT AT MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY ON THE 10TH DECEMBER ~**

## SHOWCASING OUR WONDERFUL STAFF HERE AT STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

### Introducing Mr Ping



**1. Where did you grow up?**

Worimi country at Port Stephens

**2. What has been the highlight of your teaching so far?**

Just being a part of so many young lives and hopefully making a small difference in each of them.

**3. What is your favourite food?** Pretty much anything!

**4. What is your favourite place you have travelled to?**

I loved spending time in San Francisco and Las Vegas.

**5. Do you have any pets?**

Yes, 1 dog and 2 birds.

**6. What inspires you and why?**

Honestly, I get up every morning because I know I have a classroom of smiles to walk into.

### FINAL P&C MEETING MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER

I would like to welcome our parents and community to our final P&C meeting for 2018 at 1.45pm.

### END OF YEAR PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Please note the time for this special assembly will be 1pm.



### CANTEEN FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

Canteen will remain open for the next two weeks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, but will be closed for cleaning during the final week of term.

### THANK YOU TO SPORTS POWER IN CESSNOCK

I convey my thanks to Sports Power who have generously donated four \$25 vouchers for us to award to students, one per class, who have displayed sportsmanship this year. These will be presented at the Presentation Day Assembly on Monday 17th December. Thank you to Tracy Patton who was proactive in ensuring our students received these awards.

### "THE TELL THEM FROM ME" SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all of the parents who completed our survey. I am delighted to share some of the results with you. If you would like a full copy of the report please come and see me. Your feedback is invaluable as it helps me plan activities for next year. Your responses were as follows:

92% of parents feel welcome when they visit the school. 92% feel well informed about school activities. 93% feel they can speak easily with teachers. On average 94% of you feel you are well informed about your child's progress either by written reports or concerns about behaviour or their social and emotional development. On average 88% of parents feel teachers have high expectations for their child to succeed and 93% of parents think our school supports positive behaviour. 96% of parents think we promote a safe environment and that their child likes coming to school. 96% of you feel we are an inclusive school where teachers understand students learn at different rates.

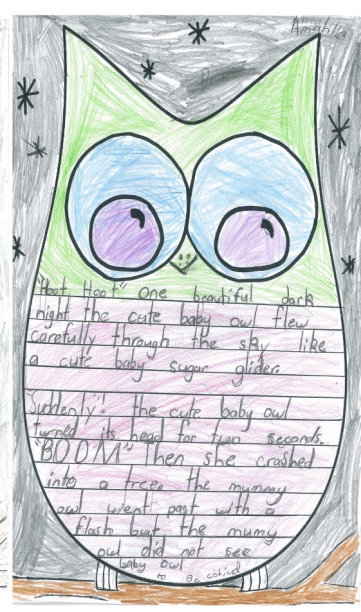
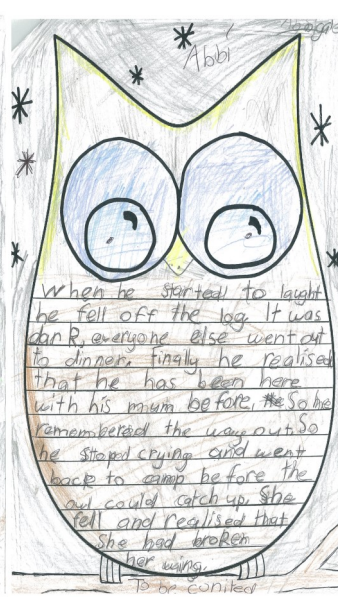
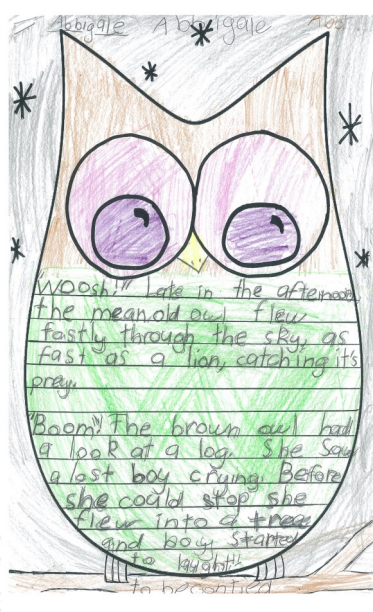
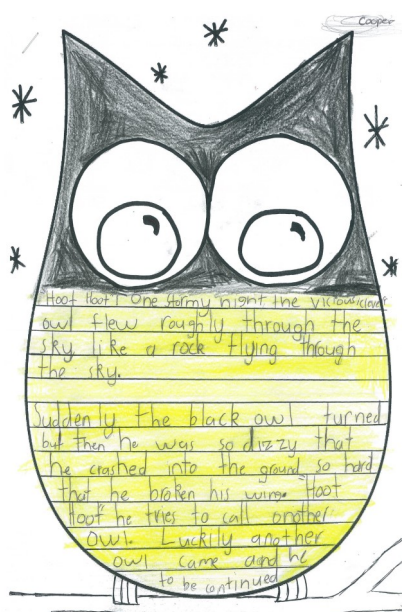
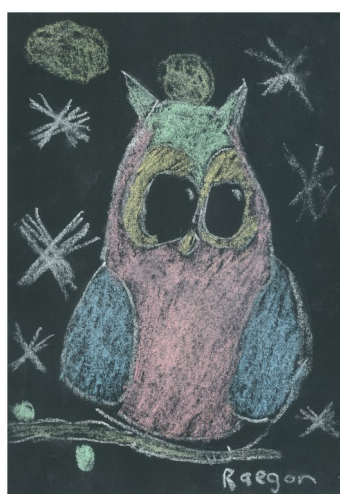
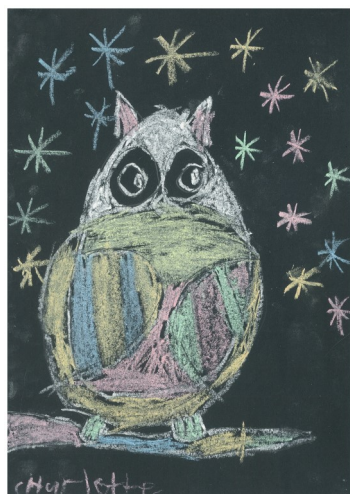
### DONATIONS FOR A XMAS HAMPER TO RAFFLE

The staff are wanting to do a Christmas Raffle. The prizes will be Christmas Hampers. We are requesting parents to please donate goods suitable for hampers, such as tinned goods, cakes, mince tarts, lollies, drink. Please ensure items have not gone past their use by date. Please send items into the school office as soon as you are able to do so.

**The raffles will be drawn on Presentation Day**



## ENJOY WORK BY THE EMU CLASS ON OWLS.



## 2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Every Week	Breakfast Club	Student Banking Play Group 9.30 to 11.00am		Fruit Platter Supplied School Assembly @ 2.15pm	Baker Baker
Wk 7 26th-30th November	School swimming 2pm-3pm Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre	School swimming	School swimming Kindergarten transition 12-2pm	School swimming	School swimming
Wk 8 3rd-7th December	School swimming	School swimming	School swimming	School swimming Combined Scripture	School swimming Teddy Bear Picnic 9:30 Rotary Park
Wk 9 10th-14th December	Responsible pet program P&C meeting 1:45pm		Parent Helpers Afternoon Tea 1.30pm	Year 2 Final Assembly 2:15pm	
Wk 10 17th-21st December	Presentation Day 1pm.	School Party Day	Water Fun Day Students last day.	Staff Development day- ALL STAFF	Staff Development day- ALL STAFF

**STUDENT AWARDS**

For Assembly 15th and 22nd November

**Kookaburras**

**Billie-Roze W**  
Awesome effort in  
Writing activities

**Kangaroos**

**Bella R**  
Working hard to improve  
her phonics skills

**Platypus**

**Charlie S**  
Improved handwriting

**Emu**

**Zeppelin G**  
Enthusiasm and improvement  
in Phonics and reading!

**Deaken K**  
Working hard to improve  
his Maths skills

**Jazmin L**  
Beautiful handwriting during  
Writing Lessons

**Grace M**  
Always being an entertaining  
Writer!!

**QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK****Kookaburras**

Thea H  
Banjo B

**Kangaroos**

Quinn Mc  
Xander C

**Platypus**

Kaitlyn M  
Lincoln W

**Emu**

Cooper J  
Lhotse C

**(PBL) POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS****Kookaburras***Be Responsible – Do your job***Cohen J***Be Safe – Right time, right place***Logan D****Kangaroos****Skye-la S****Asher C****Platypus****Wyatt B****Emu****Anthony C****Koby S****PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

Aydin Y, Bella R, Sarah P, Brody P, Anthony C, Tye M

**HOME READING AWARDS****Bronze** (25 nights reading)**Silver** (50 nights reading)

Jessie C

**Gold** (75 nights reading)

Bella R

**Double Bronze** (100 nights reading)

Cohen J, Juliet M, Blake H, Kade H, Aydin Y

**Double Silver** (125 nights reading)

Ruby A, Amahlia N

**Double Gold** (150 nights reading)

Buddy M, Kobi G

**Royal** (200 nights reading)**Double Royal** (250 nights reading)

Miley C, Lilikah C, Billie-Roze W

**Excellence** (300 nights reading)

Anthony C

