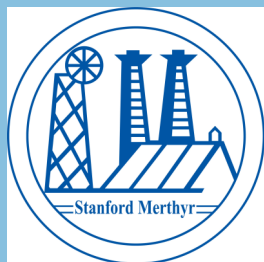


Newsletter



VISION STATEMENT
WORKING TOGETHER,
MAKING A DIFFERENCE
WITH EVERY CHILD

BAKER BAKER

6th April

Kookaburras	Kobi G
Kangaroos	Blake H
Emus	Zeppelin G
Platypuses	Jazmin L

13th April

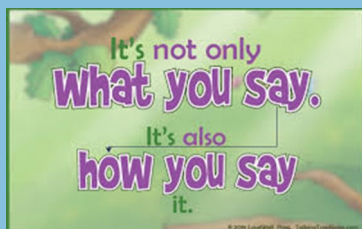
Kookaburras	Thea H
Kangaroos	Molly H
Emus	Danial H
Platypuses	Jax M

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

5 April	Linda P
12 April	Barbara W

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

Thought of the Fortnight



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Term 1 Week 10

3rd April, 2018

CHANGE OF DATES

Kookaburra class and Platypus Assembly Items will now be Thursday 5th April. We apologise for the assembly cancelled in Week 8 due to heavy rain. **Kangaroo Assembly Item** has been changed to Thursday 12th April.

EXCURSION TO HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION AT EDGEWORTH

Our annual Life Education visit for all students is being held on **WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY**. This is the third week back after the holidays. The Life Education bus will transport each class to and from the Centre. The **cost is \$10 per student**. There is also Life Education merchandise that can be purchased (an order form is included on permission note) Merchandise orders with exact money are to be handed in to the office by Friday 11th May. **Permission notes are at the office to sign.**

PRIMARY SCHOOLS GIVE A HELPING HAND TO TATHRA COMMUNITY

The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) and NSWPPA are getting behind the SchoolAid campaign supporting the Tathra and other communities impacted by the recent bushfires. In Tathra alone, some 70 homes were destroyed and others badly damaged.

Knowing that community resources are severely stretched by ferocious fires, there will be many families needing different kinds of help in the days and months ahead. APPA President Dennis Yarrington said,

"Tathra and surrounds, where fires caused catastrophic damage over the weekend, need a helping hand. APPA, in partnership with SchoolAid, is asking primary school students to step up with other community members and groups to chip in so, together, we can give them the support they need. I have no doubt that support coming directly from primary students will send across the nation a powerful message of caring for others in times of need.

"If all of our schools were able to contribute through SchoolAid, it would take no time to reach a target of \$50,000."

We are having a fun day the last day of term where children can bring in a gold coin if they would like to support this cause. Thank you.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC- 2019 ENROLMENTS

Our first transition session for next years kindergarten children was held today. It was lovely meeting some of the new families. Another session will be held in Term 2.

MAKING EASTER HATS IN CLASS



EASTER ACTIVITIES

Thank you to the many parents, carers and grandparents who supported their children by coming to help them make their hats and then to watch them proudly sing the songs they had learnt and parade their hats.



SMALL SCHOOLS CARNIVAL TUESDAY 29th MAY (back up date if wet is the following Tuesday 5th June)

A permission note is available at the office for all children to participate in the Small Schools Carnival which will be Tuesday 29th May. We join in with all other small schools in the Cessnock Area. Our whole school will be going to this. A back up date will be the 5th June if it should be wet. There is no cost for this excursion. Parents are responsible for transporting their children to Turner Park at Cessnock. Please return this note to the office by Friday 25th May.

This is the final newsletter for Term 1. It has been a privilege getting to know all our new students and their families. All our kindergarten students have adjusted extremely well to school life and are learning a lot both academically and socially. School finishes Friday 13th April and resumes Tuesday 1st May. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Anne Carr Principal.

2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1	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	
WK 10 Apr 2-6	EASTER MONDAY	Teddy Bears Picnic for 2019 Kinders 3 Way Conference Kookaburras—Mr Ping		Author Talk at Kurri Kurri Public School "Silly Rhymes and Silly Times" Present work at Assembly - Kookaburras	3 Way Conference Kangaroos— Miss Humbles
WK 11 Apr 9-13	Parent Numeracy Workshop 9:15-10:15			Class of Term Party Present work at Assembly— Kangaroos	LAST DAY OF TERM Fun Day Activities Out of Uniform Day
Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WK 1 Apr 30- May 4	Staff Development Day	Students Return ANZAC Service			Mothers Day Morning Tea

PARENTS CORNER

SEVEN UPLIFTING WAYS TO PROMOTE SELF ESTEEM IN CHILDREN.

By Jeff Haywood Psychologist, Active beat.

Creating a confident base in early childhood can build better self-esteem later in life, but you may not realize that you play a big role in fostering this positivity. Your child looks to you for cues that help them form their own self-image.

While you're tripping over yourself trying to make sure your child has all the latest toys and clothes, keep in mind that a "positive sense of self is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child," says Parents.com. Let's look at seven simple ways to help your child value themselves.

Last newsletter we mentioned:

1. Give them (Easy) Choices
2. Give Proper Praise
3. Let Them Take Small Risks

Continued from last newsletter:

4. Help Them Benefit From Failure

Trying something and not getting it right the first time can be enough for your child to want to crawl under the blankets and not try it again (this is true for many adults too). However, it's important to remind your child that they didn't fail; they learned something.

"Never tell a child he has failed, let you down or cannot succeed," offers More-SelfEsteem.com. It urges you to become a "mentor," not a judge, and teach them how to believe in themselves and that success can take time.

5. Show Them How to Accept Others

Your child is constantly trying to navigate the world of other's opinions, and that's not easy. However, you can teach them from an early age not to judge others based on their social status, appearance or orientation because that behavior is "preaching hate to your child," explains Care.com. When your child is more accepting of others, they may be more confident in standing up for themselves or others who become targets of bullying, it adds. "Confident children don't necessarily tell off bullies, but they choose to include the underdog," it explains.

6. Don't Project Your Insecurities

WebMD reminds you that you may be doing small things that are actually a result of your own lack of self-esteem, not your child's. For example, the source gives an example of a child that doesn't make the school's orchestra and the mom was ready to have it out with the school.

However, it turns out the rejection wasn't as big a deal to her child, who ended up as a respected member of a French club. The mother couldn't understand how the child coped so well with the disappointment, but realized it was her own disappointment and not the child's.

7. Remind Them Your Love is Unconditional

Your child may be worried their lack of successes or less-than-stellar choices may mean you aren't proud of them, or that you will somehow love them less. "If all you talk about is performance," explains Today's Parent magazine, "she will think you only love her for her report card or the lead she got in the play."

The important thing is to remind your child that you'll always love them, regardless of their successes and failures. The source also encourages you to let your children find their own special talents, set their own goals and help them see them through to fruition, which will likely be a lot easier when they know they have your unwavering support.



K-2 PARENT WORKSHOP

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH NUMERACY

WITH MRS WARREN-DAVEY
AND MRS CARR

MONDAY 9th APRIL
2pm-3pm



This workshop is aimed at the families of **all of our students K-2** and will assist you in building confidence to play numeracy learning games at home.

Mrs Warren-Davey will show videos of our students working to build their number sense. This will be a very practical information session. Useful resources we use at school will be given to you to keep building your child's success in numeracy at home.

We will be here to answer any questions you may have.

We hope you will come to our second parent workshop on the 9th of April.

Anne Carr and Christine Warren-Davey

HAROLD MERCHANDISE



Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit organisation that relies on the support of the community to assist us in reaching our fundraising goals. Every Harold product purchased helps us visit more children in NSW.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports our overall fundraising activities and helps cover the gap between the cost of delivery and what parents and schools pay for our program. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. **Please DO NOT make online payments to your school. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class.** This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit. You can also check out our NEW product range online by visiting www.lifeeducation.org.au/shop



Name: _____ Class: _____

Product Description	Price Incl. GST	QTY	Product Description	Price Incl. GST	QTY
Tattoo	\$0.50		Large Harold Soft Toy	\$15.00	
Harold Post-it-note	\$1.50		Harold Stationery Set	Check availability with Educator	
Harold Hand Ball	\$3.00		Harold Keyring	Check availability with Educator	
Small Harold Soft Toy	\$8.00				
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NB Harold Products are subject to availability Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.



Help support Life Education

* I would like to donate \$ _____ to Life Education NSW. Gifts of \$2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: _____ Phone (optional): _____

Address: _____ Suburb: _____

Postcode: _____ Email (optional): _____

Child's Class: _____

Visit Life Education at www.lifeeducation.org.au

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.

Envelopes have been sent home with the Newsletter, if you would like to Donate to this worthwhile Charity

WIN A \$4,000 HOLIDAY
to a destination
of your choice



NSW Public Education's
Charity of Choice

Stewart House Donation Drive 2018

Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a \$2 coin or equivalent in this envelope, complete entry details on the back and return to your school or workplace co-ordinator to be eligible for the draw.

ALL ENTRIES MUST REACH STEWART HOUSE BY

Friday 25th May 2018

to participate in the draw



STUDENT AWARDS

For Assembly 22nd & 29th March

Kookaburras

Kangaroos

Platypus

Emu

No Assemblies Held

QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK

Kookaburras

Kangaroos

Platypus

Emu

No Assemblies Held

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS

Kookaburras

Kangaroos

Platypus

Emu

No Assemblies Held

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Kaitlyn M, Mitchell W, Anthony C, Charlotte P, Koby S

HOME READING AWARDS

Bronze (25 nights reading)

Jayda S, Wyatt B, Daytona S, Shelbi S, Sarah R, Buddy M, Molly H, Thea H, Amelia F, Koby S, Aydin Y, Zeppelin G, Ciara h, Hudson C

Silver (50 nights reading)

Mitchell W, Anthony C, Malikye W, Cooper J, Ellenor J, Tye M, Tahj D

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)

ENJOY ART WORK BY THE KOOKABURRAS CLASS

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A young boy with brown hair, wearing a light blue polo shirt and dark blue shorts, stands with his hands on his hips. He is positioned in the center of the frame, with a repeating pattern of adjectives and the name 'MALIKYE' in the background. The adjectives include 'happy', 'fun', 'loveable', 'interesting', 'quiet', 'exciting', 'brilliant', 'powerful', 'friendly', 'loving', 'cool', 'handsome', 'awesome', 'positive', 'beautiful', 'clever', 'polite', 'imagination', 'sweet', and 'strong'. The name 'MALIKYE' is repeated in a larger, bold, blue font. The background is a light blue and white pattern.



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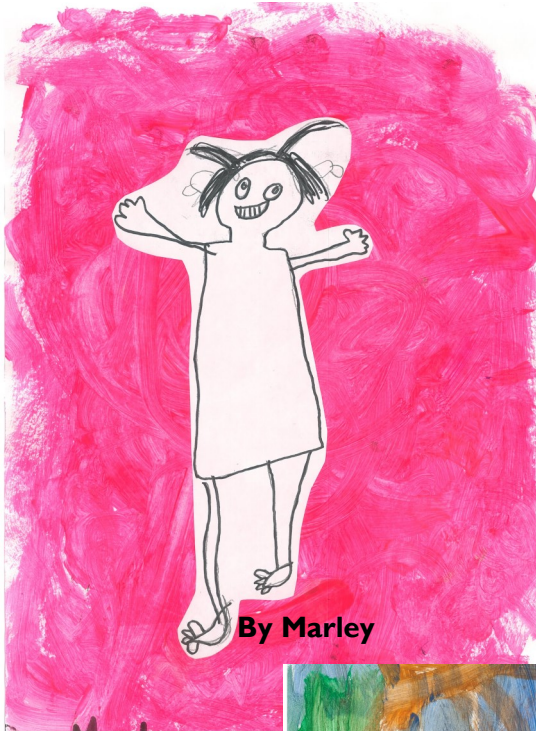
A young child with blonde hair, wearing a light blue polo shirt and a dark blue skirt, is captured mid-jump with arms outstretched and a wide smile. The child is positioned in front of a playground slide. The background shows a green lawn and some trees. The image is overlaid with a repeating pattern of text from the 'Thea' poem.



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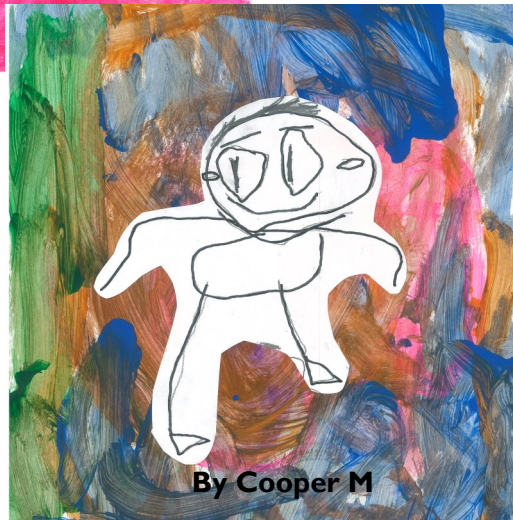
ENJOY ART WORK BY THE KOOKABURRAS CLASS



By Marley



By Eden



By Cooper M



By Willow



By Billie-Roze



By Logan

MOTHER'S DAY STALL HOLD HERE FRIDAY 11TH MAY

The P&C are holding a mother's day stall in the library on Friday 11th May. Children may purchase up to three gifts each for their mothers and grandmothers. **Each gift is \$7.** The order forms are available at the office. **We can only accept cash as payment.** Please can you fill in your forms by Monday 7th May to give the ladies time to purchase more gifts if needed. Thank you.

Mother's Day High Tea!

*The Staff would like to honour all of our Mother's by
Inviting you to a Special High Tea on
Friday 4th May 2018*

*We will serve the High Tea in the Library
at 9am*

*We ask please if you could let the Office know if you can attend
by Tuesday 1st of May, for catering purposes.
We hope you will be able to attend!*

