

Newsletter



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

BAKER BAKER

24th August

Kookaburras	Aydin Y
Kangaroos	Ruby A
Platypuses	Mia W
Emus	Nolan P

31st August

Kookaburras	No
Kangaroos	Baker Baker
Platypuses	Fathers Day
Emus	BBQ/Stall

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

23rd August	Dianne Davies
30th August	Linda Gee

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

Thought of the Fortnight

Be a rock star
at kindness.

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Term 3 Week 5

21st August 2018

GRANDPARENTS DAY, ART SHOW AND EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS

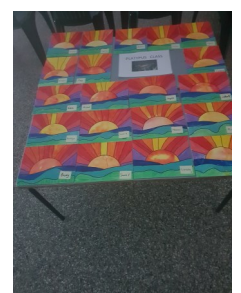
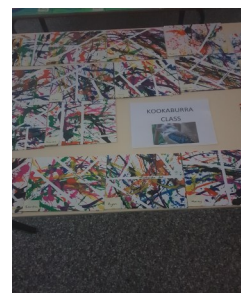
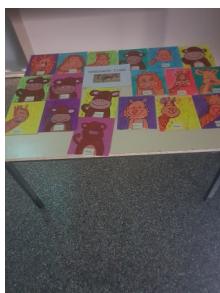


Grandparents Day. What a day! Balmy weather, the smell of 182 sizzling sausages, grandparents, mums, dads and family members mingling with teachers - all eating, sitting, standing and clapping while our students entertained them dancing to old time polkas and then rocking them with Wilson Pickett's Land of a 100 dances ("na na na na ..."). The fun started with spear carrying warriors leading a welcome Aboriginal dance, followed by the students art works being on display and for sale in the hall before our students took their parents into classrooms to showcase their work. The enthusiasm was infectious! The rendition by the girl's choir of Judy Garland's Somewhere over the Rainbow brought smiles to the faces of everyone, especially seeing the girls sign to one of the verses. All in all, a good day everyone enjoyed. Thank you to the staff for their great work.

Congratulations to our Education Award recipients for 2018.

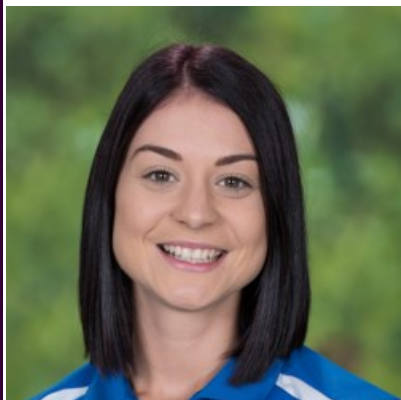


Lhotse C and Abbigale L received the student awards for Academic Achievement and School Citizenship. Darrell Smith and Leigh James were recognised for their outstanding contribution with their volunteer work in the canteen, fundraising efforts and with contributing to Aboriginal Education.



SHOWCASING OUR WONDERFUL STAFF HERE AT STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

A new feature of our newsletter will be introducing you to a staff member and letting them tell you something about themselves. We are extremely fortunate to have staff who are committed to teaching and who love coming to work each day. This fact makes my job both enjoyable and rewarding. I hope both parents and students enjoy learning more about who works here.



Introducing Miss Pollock

1. Where did you grow up? I grew up in Cardiff South.

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

The highlight of my career so far is having the opportunity to work at Stanford Merthyr. Nothing compares to the sense of community we have here at this school. I am blessed to work with supportive and caring staff, parents, community members and students who are truly here to make a difference.

3. What is your favourite food? My favourite food is Mexican, in particular tacos!!

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

I think I would have to say Rome (New Zealand is a VERY close second - that country is beautiful).. But the Trevi Fountain is really something spectacular!

5. Do you have any pets?

Yes, they are my pride and joy! I have three dogs named Rusty, Bear and Lily. I also have a cat named Molly.

6. What inspires you and why?

My students inspire me because every day they step into the classroom knowing they will be faced with new challenges in learning, but they never give up. They all come to school with smiling faces ready to persevere with whatever the day may hold and are always prepared to help each other along the way.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK. SCIENCE SHOW BY NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Hayden and Sarah presented a huge range of experiments, on behalf of SMART (Science, Maths and Real Technology) from the University of Newcastle. They produced a fun, jam packed morning full of science, magic and explosions! The children saw water disappear, made tooth paste fit for an elephant, frozen bubbles and earth worms that turned into puppies! Please ask your children to describe what they saw and see if they can explain how these experiments worked. If you want to see any for yourself, type these descriptions into YouTube and do them again at home. All ingredients are simple house hold products you will already have. Sarah and Hayden both commented about the children's excitement and engagement while watching the show. We will definitely invite SMART back here next year.



THE KURRI LIONS CLUB HAS ASKED FOR OUR SUPPORT TO HELP NSW FARMERS.



This winter has been the driest on record in NSW.

The Lions Club in Kurri Kurri were very grateful to all the families and staff who donated non perishable food items for them to deliver to farming families in the Upper Hunter last month. It was so successful they are hoping to fill another truck and deliver much needed items on the 1st September.

If you could help, especially with bottled water, please bring it into school by Friday 31st August. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



DAYTONA RECEIVES HER NEW BIKE THANKS TO OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS



It has given us all a thrill to see Daytona ride her new bike so confidently to school. With the handlebar, brakes and tyres having been adjusted for her, she has the opportunity to do what every other six year old child enjoys.

I want to express my personal thanks to the Lions Club of Kurri Kurri and the Kurri Kurri Rotary for their generous contributions towards this bike. We had several families from our school community who gave substantial amounts over and above supporting the special day we had here for all students at the end of last term. I won't embarrass any of you by naming you. But I am proud to work in a school where people are united in coming together to support others in need. Thank you.



RUGBY LEAGUE COACHING BEGINS

NSW Rugby League Football Association is again providing our students with three weeks of free coaching sessions here which began last Friday during sport time.



CLASS SPEECHES FOR TERM 3

All children are asked to participate in Public Speaking this term. Children are asked to prepare a 60 second speech about their favourite zoo animal. Information about what to prepare will be sent home with your child next week. Two children from each class will be selected to present their speech at our assembly on Thursday 27th Sept.

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST FRIDAY 31ST AUG

The staff are inviting all the fathers to come and join us with a breakfast we will provide, commencing at 8:30-9:30am.

Please let the office know by WEDNESDAY 29TH August if you can attend, so we can provide a lovely breakfast for you.



FATHERS DAY STALL FRIDAY 31ST AUG

Order forms are available at the office. All gifts are \$7. Order forms need to be filled out and returned by WEDNESDAY 29TH August please. **Cash only.**

MG CAR RALLY SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST

The MG Car Club are coming to our school this Sunday the 26th August.

There will be about 90 members from the Car Club attending for lunch. They support local schools to help them raise money. We will serve soups, sandwiches, fruit, drinks, cakes and slices.



I would really appreciate if parents or grandparents would be able to donate a slice, or a cake and bring it to school on the Friday 24th August. If you are able to do this, could you let the office know, please.

The money we raise from the day will go towards a new shade sail for our fixed equipment.

We will be serving lunch from 11:30am until 1.30 pm. Any help will be very much appreciated.

Could you please let the Office ladies know if you are able to do so.

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 held her interviews last week. Miss Pollock is holding her interviews tomorrow. Mr Ping is holding his interviews on Tuesday 18th September, while Miss Humbles is holding her interviews on Wednesday 26th September. If you are not able to come on the teacher's allocated day, please arrange another time with your child's teacher before or after school that week. 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. Thank you.

Anne Carr

2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR


Term 3	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 5 Aug 20th-25th		Reading in the Street Excursion Book Fair in the Library	3 Ways Interviews for students in the Platypus class P&C meeting @ 3.15pm	Present work at Assembly— Kookaburras	Sunday 26th MG Car Rally here at School Volunteers required please.
Wk 6 Aug 27th– 31st	Online Parent Surveys to provide feedback open	Public Speaking Topics handed out	Kullaburra Aboriginal Awards Ceremony 4pm		Father's Day Barbeque breakfast Father's Day Stall
Wk 7 Sep 3rd-7th	Mrs Carr on LSL this week.		National Health and PE Day. Special events held here.		
Wk 8 Sep 10th-14th			Inclusion Sport Day at Belmont High		
Wk 9 Sep 17th– 21st		3 Way interviews for Kookaburra class		Jackie French Author visit at Pelaw Main School	Nillo Sports Carnival at Maitland Park

ENJOY WORK BY THE KANGAROO CLASS

How the Birds got their Colours

Blake

Some birds got rainbow colours and no colours. and the crow got no colours ^{only} black and all of the birds got colours




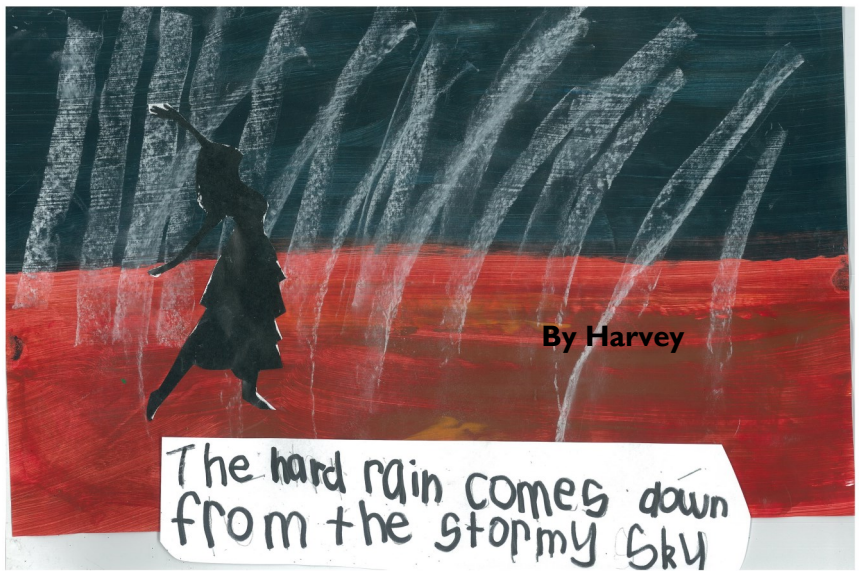

By Molly

The noisy rain comes down from the dark sky.

How the Birds got their Colours

Lachlan

some birds got rainbow stripes and rainbow spots and crow got ^{no} colours because he did not help.


By Harvey

The hard rain comes down from the stormy sky

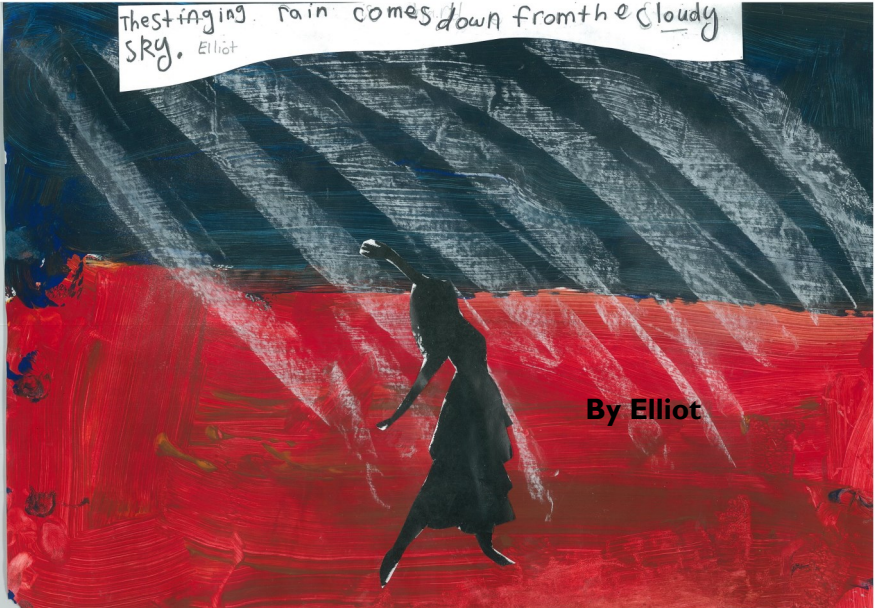
How the Birds got their Colours

Derren

Some birds got blue and red. The crow had no colours at all.



The amazing rain comes down from the cloudy sky. Elliot



By Elliot

STUDENT AWARDS For Assembly 9th and 16th August

Kookaburras

Cooper T

Marley D
Trying her hardest in all
tasks set

Kangaroos

Skye-La S
Working hard to improve
her Reading

Shelbi S
Always being a kind and
considerate classmate

Platypus

Lincoln B
Incredible effort in Reading
and Writing

Jessie C
For always trying his best!

Emu

Charlotte P
Always being a positive Role
Model for Kindness

Tahj D
Consistent effort in Reading
and Comprehension

QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK

Kookaburras

Ciara H

Ryan B

Kangaroos

Daytona S

Buddy M

Platypus

Lincoln W

Jazmin L

Emu

Maeve P

Tye M

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS

Kookaburras

Be Respectful – Hands up to talk

Charlotte S

Be Respectful – Use 6 L's

Malikye W

Kangaroos

Ellenor J

Blake H

Platypus

Mitchell W

Mia W

Emu

Danial H

Anthony C

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Cooper M, Eden M, Hudson C, Lachlan D, Jazmin L, Juliet M, Sarah P, Kade H

HOME READING AWARDS

Bronze (25 nights reading)

Silver (50 nights reading)

Gold (75 nights reading)

Amahlia N, Molly H, Kade H, Blake H

Double Bronze (100 nights reading)

Buddy M, Cooper T

Double Silver (125 nights reading)

Sarah P

Double Gold (150 nights reading)

Billie-Roze W

Royal (200 nights reading)

Anthony C

Double Royal (250 nights reading)

Excellence (300 nights reading)



NATIONAL HEALTH AND P.E DAY RAFFLE

As part of our whole school PE fun day on the 5th September organised by Tracy Patton we have the following prizes which promote physical activity.

Choose one the following prizes in the photo or 1 of :

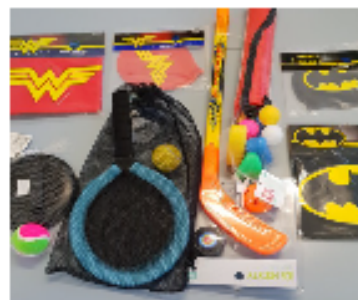
Free skate park visit x4, Free membership to the Cessnock PCYC x2

Free rock climbing pass

Drawn on 5th September 2018.

\$1 for 1 ticket

\$3.00 for 5 tickets



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