

Newsletter

Stanford Merthyr Infants School



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

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Term 3 Week 7

4th September 2018

BAKER BAKER ~ FRIDAY

7th September

Kookaburras	Banjo B
Kangaroos	Phoebe B
Platypuses	Mitchell W
Emus	Kye R

14th September

Kookaburras	Ryan B
Kangaroos	Xander C
Platypuses	Wyatt B
Emus	Koby S

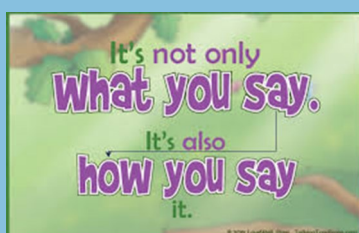
THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Wednesday 5th September
Jennie Capstick

13th September Karen Cameron

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

Thought of the Fortnight



READING IN THE STREETS



Book Week is certainly a highlight of our year. The staff spend weeks planning which book character they are going to come dressed up as. To hear the squeals of delight and the children's eyes popping open when they saw the two Mary Poppins, the Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts, let alone Thelma the Unicorn and Tinkerbell, just made me appreciate the significance of this event. So for one day our teachers were transformed into book characters they love and the children were wide eyed with pleasure and curiosity. Our students love books and love reading, which proves the value of going to the library and around the businesses in the main street of Kurri, where the staff of these businesses were delighted to read to our students. No wonder parents were eager to come to watch our parade and come to our Book Fair to buy books.



81 people from the Sydney MG Car Club came for a weekend in the Hunter Valley driving 250 kilometres each day solving clues and checking their navigational skills before ending up here for lunch. Once again thanks to the generosity of our Staff and School Community



we provided them with a selection of delicious soups, a variety of sandwiches and mouth watering cakes and fruit. I received many compliments from our guests who said they are always so impressed by the food we provide that they want us to do this again next year. I would like to express my appreciation to all the staff and the parents who came to assist and those who donated food. I am very privileged to work with you all.

SHOWCASING OUR WONDERFUL STAFF HERE AT STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Introducing Mrs Searle



1. **Where did you grow up?** Born in Newcastle and moved to Bolwarra Heights when I was 4 years old.

2. **What has been the highlight of your work as a School Learning Support Officer so far?**

The highlight has been being acknowledged by a parent for the efforts made with a helping a child academically and for caring for the child's wellbeing.

3. **What is your favourite food?** My favourite food is cake, however I have given up on eating sugar 4 days ago, so I am having to review that.

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

The Middle East, particularly Egypt.

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

Yes, I have one dog, Lawrence. He has lots of personality.

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

People who have been through genuinely terrible life experiences and come out the other side smiling, really inspire me. As does anyone who is resilient.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING. THIS FORTNIGHT WE ARE FOCUSING ON:

Parents, it is useful if you are aware of what we are focusing on at school so you can reinforce these behaviours at home with your children and use the same language with your children.

Week 7

Be respectful

Use nice talk



We encourage children to be polite and use their manners by saying please and thank you. At our school we encourage children to always look after their friends and take care of them if they are hurt, sad or lonely. Students can all explain what we will hear if they are using nice talk.

Week 8

Be responsible

Do your job



Children are reminded that a responsible person is one that focuses on their own work and tasks that are expected of them to do. That it is their job to clean up their after themselves and look after their own belongings.

RUGBY LEAGUE COACHING



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. We appreciate Matt Sharman coming. Our students are learning a lot of different ball skills this year.



ABORIGINAL GARDEN



Darrell Smith and Kevin Onslow have commenced a big project of restoring and improving the Aboriginal garden. This shows you the initial work they have done. Edible plants will be planted soon. These men have some inspirational ideas for this project.

KULLABURRA AWARDS

Congratulations to Billie-Roze and Molly who received awards at Kullaburra for having had 100% school attendance this year.



FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Thank you Mr Ping for cooking a delicious BBQ breakfast for our fathers and we hope the 40 who attended enjoyed being made to feel special.



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you Leigh and Clarissa for organising these lovely gifts and setting up the stall to sell them.

LUNCH BAGS FOR CHILDREN'S LUNCH ORDERS



These re-useable pouches are available for purchase at the canteen for \$9 and make it very easy for you to order your child's lunch order. Please see Leigh or the girls at the front office if you would like to order one.

CONCERNS ABOUT THE COMPUTER GAME FORTNITE.

It has come to my attention by a parent about the addictive nature of this video game. I have attached a link that you may find informative. Type it into google.

<https://drkristygoodwin.com/whats-all-the-fuss-about-fortnite/>

COMBINED SPORTS CARNIVAL WITH NILLO INFANTS SCHOOL FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER.

This year Nillo Infants School will be hosting us for the sports carnival to be held on Friday 21st September. All parents and grandparents are very welcome to join us. Lunch order forms and permission notes are available at the office.

PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT SURVEY

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 10 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 5th September and 20th October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. **More information about the survey is available at:**

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

If you are unable to access a computer we will have this survey open and set up at school in the front office and in the library every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from the 5th September. Please come and see us if you would like to fill it in here at school. It will take about ten minutes.

NATIONAL HEALTH AND PE DAY TOMORROW AND FRUIT BREAK CHANGED THIS WEEK TO WEDNESDAY

Tomorrow Tracy Patton has generously agreed to give up her time and has organised a fun tabloid of fitness activities that the children will rotate through for two hours. Part of this will be a fruit station where they will prepare their fruit break. I will supply the fruit for this and therefore tomorrow. **So please could your children bring their own fruit this Thursday.**

ART MURAL FOR KURRI KURRI ART SHOW AT THE LIBRARY.

Under the guidance of Mrs Macgregor and Mrs Forster the following students helped create this mural depicting our Aboriginal dance group performing for all the schools in the Kurri Kurri area.



Jazmin, Charlotte S, Naomi, Cooper T, Charlie, Hudson, Deakin, Maeve, Zeppelin and Blake working on the mural.

Please Vote for our Schools Artwork at Kurri Kurri Library from 28th August

"4" is our secret number to cast your vote for our School

Staff at Kurri Kurri Library have tokens ready to give to our parents and supporters to vote for our Schools Artwork.

We Encourage our school community, to go to the Library to cast your vote. Our Secret number is 4 , so please cast your vote today as boxes are emptied each day, therefore people can vote every day if they are near the library.

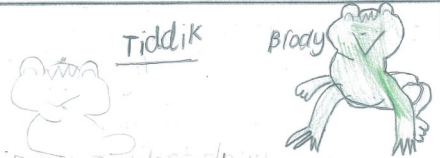
The stories behind the paintings will be placed with each one when they go into the main sections of the Art Show (the ones that have the money prizes!). This will help the judge and will also help the public who come to view the Art Show as a whole.

Don't forget our "secret" number is 4 so please pass on to family and friends as well.

2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR					
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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 7 Sep 3rd-7th	Mrs Carr on LSL this week.		National Health and PE Day. Special events held here. Fruit Platter Supplied	No Fruit Platter— Children bring fruit	
Wk 8 Sep 10th-14th			Inclusion Sport Day at Belmont High	Fruit Platter Supplied	
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
Wk 10 Sep 24th –28th			3 Way interviews for Kangaroo class	Public Speaking speeches in Assembly Class of the term lunch	Footy Fun Day Sports Tabloids

ENJOY ART WORK AND STORIES BY THE PLATYPUS CLASS

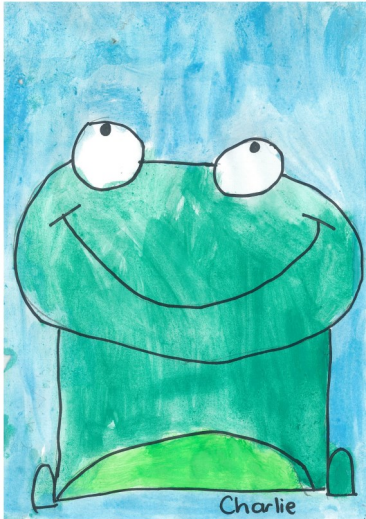


First I went down to the Wollombi creek and I was slurping up the water and I drank all of the water.

Next the animals called a meeting.

Then Goolagoolagoolagool the kookaburra spoke up and said "only if we could make Tiddik laugh."

Then the kookaburras told jokes but Tiddik just sat.



Charlie

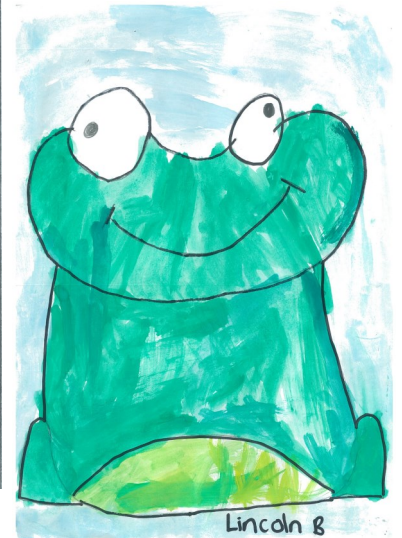
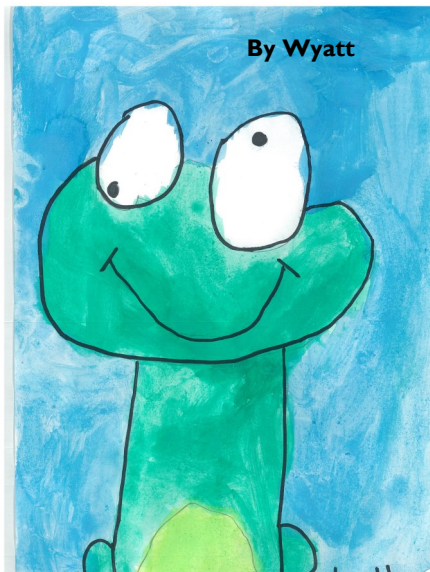
After that the Kangaroo and the Emu played a game of Hop Scotch and I was noddy asleep. Later on the Frill-neck lizard strutted back and forward but Tiddik just sat. Finally the Eel came out and he did the funniest walking shape he could do and Tiddik smiled and then Tiddik laughed!!! and all the animals got gushed into the water and Tiddik was never seen again.

Tiddik was turned into stone because he was very greedy.

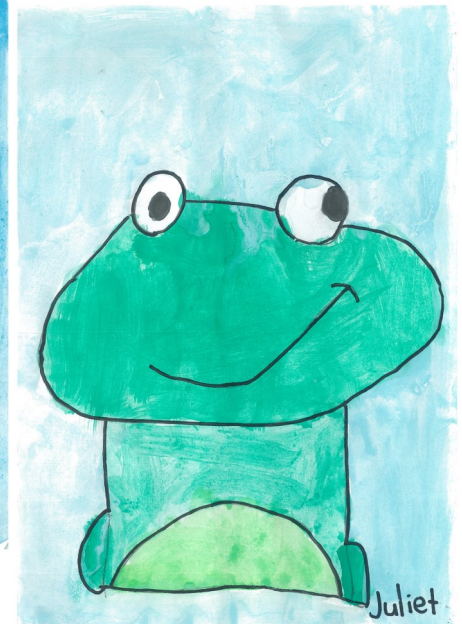
By Brody

By

By Wyatt



Lincoln B



Juliet



Sipsip si! AS Tiddalik gobbled all of the water because of his furious thirst. He was so fat that he couldn't move.

Me and my friend kangaroo called a meeting. We were distressed because we needed water. But then Mr wombat exclaimed "lets make Tiddalik laugh".



I told Tiddalik jokes that I thought were funny. I tried and tried but my friends judged

me and Tiddalik didn't grin or laugh.

Emu and kangaroos were next. They stood in front of him and played leap frog but it didn't work. Tiddalik was almost asleep!

After that Frillneck lizard walked up and strutted around the place. But Tiddalik didn't laugh at all. So we replied "who will make Tiddalik laugh?"

But eel had come late for the meeting. He danced, crashed, tied himself and

twisted and finally Tiddalik exploded into laughter and all of the water burst out like a rocket!



By Sarah R
anj



Naomi

STUDENT AWARDS

For Assembly 23rd and 30th August

Kookaburras

Eden M
Always giving 100% in all Activities

Ciara H
Always trying hard and doing her Best

Kangaroos

Kayla B
Always trying hard and doing her best

Molly H
Working hard to improve her Writing

Platypus

Wyatt B
Showing motivation in Reading and Writing

Charlie S
Improved place value knowledge

Emu

Anthony C
Working hard and persistence in all areas of School

Raegan B
Wonderful effort and Improvement in Reading

QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK

Kookaburras

Billie-Roze W
Scarlet V

Kangaroos

Elliot G
Bella R

Platypus

Lilikah C
Stella F

Emu

Grace M
Kade H

(PBL) POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS

Kookaburras

Be Safe – Walk on hard surfaces
Ciara H

Be Safe – Safe hands and feet
Miley C

Kangaroos

Ruby A

Phoebe B

Platypus

Isabella H

Kaitlyn M

Emu

Cooper J

Nolan P

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Blake H, Miley C, Malikye W, Lilikah C, Sarah R, Kaitlyn M, Raegan B., Anthony C, Tye M, Kye R

HOME READING AWARDS

Bronze (25 nights reading)

Silver (50 nights reading)

Gold (75 nights reading)

Hudson C, Ruby A, Grace M, Charlie S, Skye-la S

Double Bronze (100 nights reading)

Danial H, Banjo B, Kaitlyn M, Kobi G, Asher C, Koby S

Double Silver (125 nights reading)

Kye R, Jax M

Double Gold (150 nights reading)

Miley C, Lilikah C, Tye M

Royal (200 nights reading)

Malikye W

Double Royal (250 nights reading)

Excellence (300 nights reading)



STAR STUDENT AWARDS

Charlotte P, Koby S