

# Newsletter



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



**BAKER BAKER ~ FRIDAY**

**BAKER BAKER**  
has now finished  
for the Year.

**THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK**

**Thursday 13th December**  
Liz McDonald

**Thought of the Fortnight**



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**Term 4 Week 9**

**11th December 2018**

### SUMMARY OF EVENTS FOR THE FINAL DAYS OF THE YEAR.

#### PARENT HELPERS AFTERNOON TEA TOMORROW

Invitations have been handed out to parents, grandparents and community members who have done at least three or more things this year to support the school. Staff and students are looking forward to serving you afternoon tea at 1:30pm tomorrow in the School Hall, if you have received an invitation.



#### YEAR 2 PARENTS ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL YEAR TWO ASSEMBLY THIS THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER AT 2PM IN THE HALL.

Families of our Year 2 students are invited to join us.

#### FINAL THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK THIS THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER.

I would like to thank Erin Burnside who has purchased the fruit and vegetables for our fruit break each week this year. Thank you to every parent who has willingly assisted in preparing the platters for the four classes.

#### DONATIONS FOR A XMAS HAMPER TO RAFFLE

We appreciate your donations for the Xmas Hamper. If you require extra raffle tickets they are available at the office. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of our Presentation Day Assembly.



#### PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY 1PM MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER

We hope you will all join us to celebrate your child's achievements for 2018.

#### SCHOOL PARTY DAY TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 11:15AM.

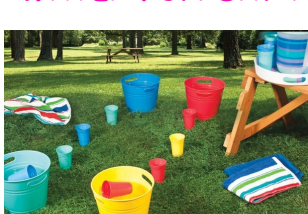
Teachers have posted a list outside their classroom for parents and children to write down what food or drink they will send in for the children to share on Party day. We will play party games and the children can wear party clothes as long as their shoulders are covered and they wear closed in shoes.



#### HANDING OUT CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

Children have a lot of fun handing out their Christmas cards and any gifts they want to give. Please bring on the party day, Tuesday 18th December.

#### WATER FUN DAY AND FINAL DAY OF THE YEAR WED 19TH DEC



Children can bring a small water gun to use and small plastic buckets to fill with water. They can bring their swimmers and a sun shirt and thongs to change into as well as a towel. This day is a highlight of the year.

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Thank you to Mr Ping, Miss Humbles, Miss Wood, Miss Pollock and Mrs Williams who came to support the children. I appreciate the effort Mr Ping constantly puts into training our dance group and Miss Wood is the teacher responsible for teaching the students the two Christmas songs. Didn't the children perform well.



## THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

### THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO WERE ON THE P&C THIS YEAR.

I have appreciated your efforts and support with all fundraising. We have achieved a lot.

*Please consider being apart of the P&C next year.*

### THANK YOU TO OUR KURRI KURRI ROTARY SUNRISE CLUB VOLUNTEERS.

Each Monday morning members of the Kurri Rotary Sunrise Club have come and provided breakfast for our students. This has provided a great start to the week for our students. Many thanks to Les, Susan, Maria, Des and Lynne. We hope you will be willing to continue next year.

### THANK YOU TO STEWART LATTER FROM THE KURRI KURRI BREAD BASKET

Stewart has been very generous to our school again this year by donating four loaves of bread each fortnight to our breakfast program. This has helped enormously in keeping the cost manageable for us. Between 20-30 students take advantage of the toast and juice on offer each Monday morning.

## INFORMATION FOR 2019

### BOOK PACKS FOR STUDENTS FOR 2019

All book packs for next year will cost **\$60 per child**. Teachers appreciate you paying for these packs as every child can then be given the same books and the same equipment. This fee covers all exercise books, pencils, coloured pencils, textas, white board markers, glue and rubbers. It also covers photocopying of work/homework sheets, folders for home reading and portfolio folders.

You are welcome to make this payment now at the office for next year if you would like to do so, otherwise we ask for payment the first week back next year. The school outlays a lot of money purchasing these requirements for your students. To prevent us running at a loss I am having to only provide children with one book to do all their work until you have made this payment. Thank you.

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FEES FOR 2019

Our school voluntary contribution fees next year is **\$35 per child**. This covers us providing such items as art resources, tissues, toilet paper and hand wash. We would appreciate payment of this fee also being paid to the office.

### STARTING DATES FOR STUDENTS IN 2019

Year 1 and Year 2 students return to school on WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2019. Kindergarten students come for individual Best Start Interviews on WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY AND THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY. Their first full day as a class is FRIDAY 1st February

### FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2018

I would like to express my thanks to all staff, students, parents and community members for helping make 2018 such a wonderful year for Stanford Merthyr Infants School.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas, and a safe, relaxing holiday. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Anne Carr Principal



## SPECIAL LETTER FROM MALCOLM TURNBULL TO THE PLATYPUS CLASS

Miss Pollock was very surprised two weeks ago when she received a letter sent to her by express post. She was even more surprised when she discovered it was from our ex Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull. The class had studied the book, "If I was Prime Minister" the week Malcolm Turnbull was replaced by Scott Morrison. As they were also learning how to craft a letter, they decided to write to both Mr Turnbull and Mr Morrison. The fact they received a letter back, shows how meaningful the children's letters were to Mr Turnbull.

MALCOLM TURNBULL

9 November 2018

Miss Chantelle Pollock  
Stanford Merthyr Infants School  
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Dear Chantelle,

Thank you so much for your letter and thanks to all the children for their beautiful notes - all designed to cheer me up. The consistent suggestions were sleeping in more, spending more time with my children and having a holiday in Queensland - combined with encouragement that I was not entirely unemployable and would be able to get a new, less stressful job. And lots of thanks for being Prime Minister.

Those letters mean so much to me - everything I did as PM was designed to make Australia a better place for your children to grow up in. And I am confident that I left that high office having made Australia safer and stronger both in economically and socially.

And thank you to you, Chantelle, as a teacher you have the most important job. You are changing lives for the better every day. A little bit, perhaps a big bit, of your passion, your love and your imagination will be with those children every day of their lives.

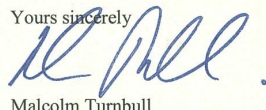
Finally, it is good to hear from the Hunter Valley. My father grew up in Cessnock, went to Cessnock High and his dad, Fred Turnbull, was a primary school teacher in Cessnock in the 1930s.

Fred died in 1968 but I can remember a story he used to tell about a school inspector who came to his class and asked the children "Have any of your fathers worked in silver mine?" A few hands went up, their dads probably having worked as miners in Broken Hill. Then he asked "Have any of your fathers worked in a gold mine?" Again a few hands went up. Finally he asked "Have any of your fathers worked in a coal mine?" Not one hand went up? The Inspector was astonished. He knew it was a mining community. "But aren't your fathers miners? Where do they work?" The class responded "They don't work in a mine, Sir, they work in the Pit."

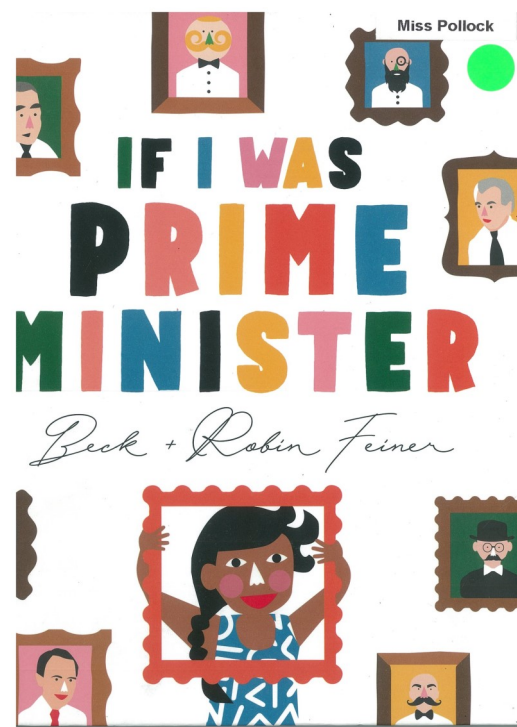
Fred and his wife May retired to Wangi and lived across the road from Bill Dobell whom I also remember from my childhood. So a lot of memories from your part of the world and of course my father Bruce settled on a property near Scone which we still have.

Anyway, thanks again for writing to me, thank the children and perhaps one day I might come and visit you all.

Yours sincerely



Malcolm Turnbull



### 2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

| Term 4                       | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                 | Thursday  | Friday                              |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Every Week                   | Breakfast Club                                   | Student Banking<br>Play Group 9.30 to<br>11.00am |   | Fruit Platter Supplied<br>School Assembly @<br>2.15pm | Baker Baker                         |
| Wk 9<br>10th- 14th December  | Responsible pet<br>program<br>P&C meeting 1:45pm |  | Parent Helpers<br>Afternoon Tea<br>1.30pm | Year 2 Final<br>Assembly 2:15pm                       |                                     |
| Wk 10<br>17th- 21st December | Presentation Day<br>1pm.                         | School Party Day                                 | Water Fun Day<br>Students last day.       | Staff Development<br>day- ALL STAFF                   | Staff Development<br>day- ALL STAFF |

### 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.

### HOME READING FINISHED FOR 2018

I am asking if parents would now return all home readers and folders please.

### CLASS OF THE TERM

Congratulations to the Kangaroo Class for being the class of the term.

### TEDDY BEAR PICNIC ROTARY PARK

Preschoolers enjoyed a range of activities last Friday to celebrate the end of their preschool education.



### STAR STUDENT AWARDS



Sarah P, Tahj D, Abbigale L, Brody P



## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Ruby A, Juliet M, Jayda S, Cam S Raegan B, Stella F

## HOME READING AWARDS



**Bronze** (25 nights reading)

Elliot G

**Silver** (50 nights reading)

**Gold** (75 nights reading)

**Double Bronze** (100 nights reading)

Molly H

**Double Silver** (125 nights reading)

**Double Gold** (150 nights reading)

Danial H, Brody P, Banjo B

**Royal** (200 nights reading)

Sarah P, Ellenor J

**Double Royal** (250 nights reading)

Tahj D

**Excellence** (300 nights reading)

Lilikah C, Miley C, Mitchell W, Malikye W





With a mixture of sadness and pleasure I wish to advise parents/caregivers, that I will be taking Long Service Leave from the beginning of 2019, which will lead up to my retirement from the Department of Education. I have thoroughly enjoyed the 25 years that I worked for the Department of which 18 of those years have been here at Stanford Merthyr Infants School.

When I first arrived all I had was a desk and a chair, not one shelf on the walls, just lots of boxes. I am very proud to have changed the office into something that is a pleasure to work in. Back then, besides running the office I also had to do reading in the classes, sharpen pencils and photocopying in all the classrooms . My how things have changed over the years.

I have worked with 5 Principals here at Stanford Merthyr Infants, have seen many staff come and go, too many parents to mention and an unbelievable number of students. I have ran into past students and cannot believe how they have grown and a lot are now out working.

I have 2 grandchildren of my own who are now at school so I wish to spend time with them and enjoy watching them grow into mature adults. I will be doing some travelling with my husband in our caravan which has been on the agenda for quite awhile. The office will be in good hands with Ms Annette Brandt, who you all know working beside me the past couple of years. I would also like to wish the Year 2's all the best in their new adventure at their prospective schools for next year.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to work with so many wonderful staff, students and parents while at Stanford Merthyr Infants.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Wendy Cant  
Admin Manager