

Newsletter



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

BAKER BAKER ~ FRIDAY

2nd November

Kookaburras	Marley D
Kangaroos	Zoey G
Platypuses	Jessie C
Emus	Anthony C

9th November

Kookaburras	NO
Kangaroos	BAKER
Platypuses	BAKER
Emus	HV ZOO

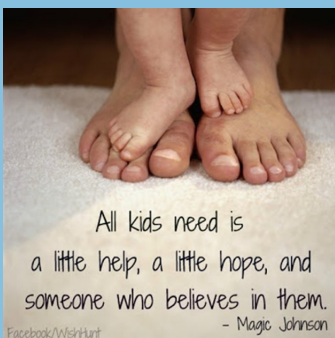
THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thursday 1st November
Clarissa Woodger

Thursday 8th November
Liz McDonald

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

Thought of the Fortnight



All kids need is
a little help, a little hope, and
someone who believes in them.
- Magic Johnson

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Term 4 Week 3

30th October 2018

YEAR TWO SLEEP OVER

Year Two enjoyed a wonderful night of activities including a camp fire, roasting marshmallows, games in the hall and enjoying dinner and breakfast together.



BEST LIBRARY BORROWERS FOR TERM 3

Congratulations to Cooper and Thea from the Kookaburra class, Lachlan from the Kangaroo class, Tye, Kade and Tahj from the Emu class and Wyatt from the Platypus class. All these students were the best borrowers for Term Three.



YEAR ONE BUDDY TRAINING DAY

Last week Mr Ping and Miss Humbles spent the day with all the Year One students helping prepare them to be excellent buddies for our new kindergarten students for 2019.



TERM 4 TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

This program began Wednesday, the 24th October and will go for another five weeks from 12 noon until 2pm each week. I encourage you to have your child here each week as this is the best opportunity for them to make friends, learn about the school and become comfortable with their teachers. I will be running parent information sessions again tomorrow with guest presenters coming.

BANDANA DAY TO SUPPORT THE CANCER COUNCIL

Our kid's councillors sold all the bandanas and we raised \$300 which will be sent to the Cancer Council to support research into cancers that affect young people. Thank you for your support.

SHOWCASING OUR WONDERFUL STAFF HERE AT STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Introducing Mrs Capstick



1. **Where did you grow up?** I grew up in Sydney, however I spent the weekends and holidays at Stanwell Park on the South Coast.

2. **Do you have any pets?** My pet is an echidna called Edna. I am hoping she is eating all the white ants that try to eat my wooden house.

3. **What is your favourite food?** My favourite food is seafood and especially chips.

4. **What is your favourite place you have travelled to?** I adore travelling. I love visiting countries where the language, food and way of life is very different to ours.

5. **Do you have any children?** I have one son who lives and works in Melbourne.

6. **What inspires you and why?** I am inspired by children who take on the challenge of learning and I love sharing the WOW moments that happen throughout their days at school.

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.

Be Respectful by:

Week 3

Using the 6L's



We encourage children to be respectful by doing the following:

Eyes **looking**
Ears **listening**
Lips closed
Hands in their **laps**
Legs crossed
Then they are ready to **learn**.

Be Respectful by:

Week 4

Hands up to talk



Children are encouraged to show respect to their fellow students by putting their hand up if they want to ask or answer a question. This teaches them it is polite for one person to be speaking at a time and helps teach them to not monopolise conversations.

WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION TO HUNTER VALLEY ZOO ~ FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

All classes will be going to the Hunter Valley Zoo and parents are invited to join us there. The cost for students is \$20 which includes entry fee, a bag of food for the animals and bus fare. Parents will need to pay at the gate (entry fee \$26.10). If your child is sick on the day a non-refundable amount of \$6 would be retained to cover the cost of the bus. The back up date is Friday 16th November in case of bad weather.

WELCOME A SLICE OF THE WORLD INTO YOUR HOME IN 2019!

HOST AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT!

REQUEST A FREE INFO PACK / SMS 'HOST' to 0428 246 633



HEAR FROM A HOST MUM

Hosting has been one of the most rewarding and exciting experiences for our family. Romana, our student, was definitely one of the most kind and pleasant people we have met and right from the start was a perfect fit for our family. Being able to share this experience has had a positive effect on all of my young children.

Host mum, Candice

HOSTING AT A GLANCE:

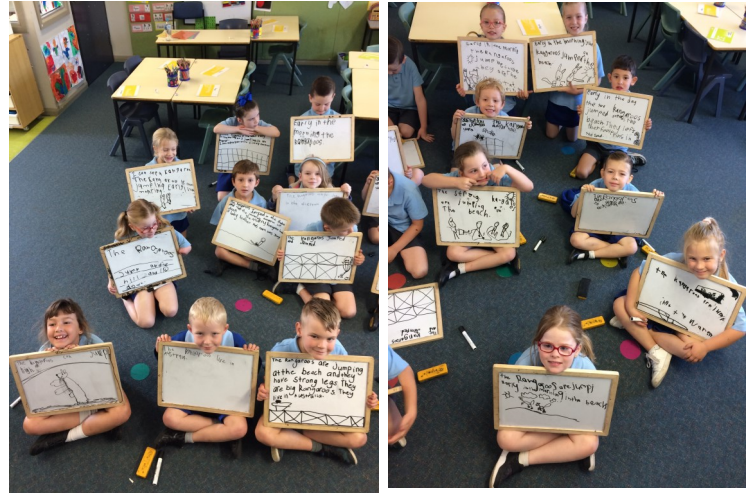
- Hosting is voluntary.
- You choose your student.
- Students attend high school full time.
- 24/7 support provided.
- Host families come from all over the world.
- Students come from all over the world and stay for a short term (8-10 weeks), a semester or a year.

MORE INFO: WEP.ORG.AU/HOST

Permission notes are available at the School Office. Ref No 111 if paying via POP on our school webpage Thank you.

Information if you are interested in hosting an overseas student.

DAILY WRITING LESSONS



All classes have begun doing a daily 7 minute writing time where the children are given a stimulus picture and a small group of related spelling words as support for the class. Students orally think through their ideas, share them briefly and then write independently. Class teachers encourage by asking them questions to stimulate ideas and then a sharing time occurs after the 7 minutes. Children's writing stamina is being increased rapidly and it is exciting to witness how proud the students are of how much they have managed to write in that short amount of time. These examples are from the Kangaroo class.

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 3 29th Oct-2nd Nov			Kindergarten transition 12-2pm Weston transition 12-3pm	Smart Money program lessons.	Basketball lessons K-2
Wk 4 5th -9th November	Domino's pizza night		Kindergarten transition 12-2pm		Whole school excursion to Cessnock Zoo No Baker Baker
Wk 5 12th -16th November	P&C meeting 1:45pm		Kindergarten transition 12-2pm		Back up day for Cessnock School Basketball lessons K-2
Wk 6			Kindergarten transition 12-2pm		Icecream day No Baker Baker
Wk 7	School swimming 2pm-3pm Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre	School swimming	School swimming Kindergarten transition 12-2pm	School swimming	School swimming

DAY FOR DANIEL MORCOMBE

Thank you for your support last Friday. We sent \$120 to the Foundation. During the day teachers showed a video instructing the students about Stranger Danger, helping enforce that they never get into a car with someone they don't know.

NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be Monday 12th November at 1:45pm. We always welcome new members.



BASKETBALL LESSONS



Because we participate in the Premiers Sporting Challenge, all our students have done the required hours of physical activity that allows our school to receive a grant of \$690 from the government. We have used that to pay for a four week basketball skills program run by the Newcastle Mustangs.



SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM. Permission notes are at the office.

The whole school is going to swimming lessons at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre for 10 days, beginning **Monday 26th November - Friday 7th December**. The cost for ten days pool entry is **\$39 per student**. (Students with Season passes will need to show their pass each day and the cost will be **NIL**). We are very grateful to our P&C as they have agreed to pay for the bus. If any parent needs assistance with this cost, please come and see me.

Children will leave school at 1:30pm, ready for their lesson at 2pm —2:45pm. We are asking parents to please come to the pool to collect students at 2:55pm. There will be no bus returning to school. Students who go to OOSH or catch the bus at 3:30pm from school, will be able to travel back with a teacher, as long as permission notes are signed. Parents are invited to come and watch the lessons for **\$3.00**. If you want to swim with your child when lessons are finished at 2:45pm, you will need to pay **\$5.60 per day**, plus another **\$4.90** for your child. Pre-schoolers over two years old have to pay **\$4.90**. Pre-schoolers under three have to wear a swim nappy please.

If you want your child to stay in the water after we finish, I will ask you to sign that I have handed over your child at 3pm. If you are not inside the pool by that time, your child will get changed back into school uniform.

Children will be divided into small groups of students. All our teaching and non teaching staff and Mrs Leigh James, who is Aus Swim trained, get into the water and teach the students, as well as two swimming instructors who guide us in what to teach.

Children need to bring swimmers, a swimming shirt and towel each day to school. Please ensure all your child's clothing has their name clearly marked on them.

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**



DON'T FORGET TUESDAY IS BANKING DAY

There are Three ways to open a Youthsaver Account for your child to start Banking at School.

1. Apply online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

2. Log into your CommBank app (if you bank with CommBank (click on Menu. Select products & services, Bank Accounts, Student & Youth Account, Kids then Open Account)

3. Visit any CommBank Branch

The school also earns commission on all deposits and new accounts opened via the School, so it is a great fundraiser for the School.

ENJOY THE LETTERS THE PLATYPUS CLASS SENT TO OUR NEW PRIME MINISTER.

Dear Scott Morrison,

I am so excited for your new job and you could change the world with your ideas. I hope you don't lose your job and I wish you good luck for your new job.

I hope you look after mother nature because mother nature is running out of trees and with out trees we can't breathe so look after mother nature!

I hope you look after the farmers because farmers supply the food that we eat. Farmers give us vegetables and fruit. Farmers are making sure that people get the right food so people don't get sick and die. That's why you have to look after our farmers.

Now lets get serious you could give the night angels lots of money so they can buy sleeping bags, milo, tents, food



Dear Scott Morrison

I hope you do a good job. I am writing to you because I am happy for you. I trust you a lot. I hope you look after the homeless this is a way you can do it. You can use some of the money and use the money to make a house for all of the homeless people. You can avoid losing your career as the Prime Minister. I am happy that you are Prime Minister now because you can keep people happy and wealthy and healthy. Doesn't that sound great do you like your job as prime minister from Wyatt @

Dear Scott Morrison,

I am writing to you to say congratulations. I think you are way better than Malcom Turnbull! I am so glad he only got 40 votes.

I cannot believe you are the 30th prime Minister. I saw that you were on A Current Affair and you talked to a little girl there. I also heard that your deputy leader is Josh Frydenberg.

Josh is the treasurer as well as that, I know you have two beautiful daughters. You were born in Sydney. I was born in Tamworth and my mum in Inverell and my little brother in Kurri Kurri.

Anyway back to you. You visited Peter Cosgrove. How was that? I think you did a better job than Malcom Turnbull.

Do you just fill out papers and lead Australia? If not, what do you do as the Prime Minister? I think you are the best Prime Minister ever! Does Josh Frydenberg do a good job? I think he does. What do you think?

From Jayda.
7 years old.



Scott Morrison

umbrellas and shelter. Now you know that the night angels are very very very important. That's why you have to look after them.

I hope this letter gives you ideas you do your best work.

From Noami
9 years old.

Dear Scott Morrison,

Congratulations on your new job. I trust you because your ne nice. We are all proud you're amazing. I wish you good luck on your new job. you can give free food to everyone like ice-cream, pizza, fruit, chips, or, chocolate and popcorn. you could put on fireworks at places. you can give clothes to poor people. Never give up. I hope you never get kicked out from being our prime minister. I think you'll be a good prime minister. From Stella.
7 years old

Dear Scott Morrison,

I am here to congratulate you for being our new prime minister. I hope they don't replace you with a new prime minister and I really hope this letter makes you feel confident. Also I hope you're feeling great for your new shift for the day.

Second thing I'm going to tell you is try and try to avoid losing your chance at leadership so you can have a good time on your job. I'm happy for you so keep up the great work too. And don't you think helping homeless people could be a good idea?

Last thing is can you please look after our country? Because people will love you and never want the government to change you forever so can you do it?

From Sarah R
8 Years Old

STUDENT AWARDS

For Assembly 25th October

Kookaburras**Thea H**Using a range of strategies
to improve her reading**Kangaroos****Quinn M**Settling in wonderfully at
SMIS**Platypus****Lincoln B**For his excitement for
learning!**Emu****Raegan Bodo**Always being a responsible
and helpful class member**QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK****Kookaburras**

Willow B

Kangaroos

Lachlan D

Platypus

Brody P

Emu

Nolan P

(PBL) POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS**Kookaburras***Be Responsible – Doing Quality 5 Work***Charlotte S****Kangaroos****Hudson C****Platypus****Lincoln W****Emu****Kade H****PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

Billie-Roze W, Esther Mc, Cooper T, Lachlan D, Ellenor J, Lincoln B, Naomi Mc, Cooper J, Tahj D, Nolan P, Tye M

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

Naomi Mc, Esther Mc

Gold (75 nights reading)

Aydin Y, Nolan P

Double Bronze (100 nights reading)

Deaken K, Hudson C, Ruby A

Double Silver (125 nights reading)

Danial H, Kobi G, Banjo B

Double Gold (150 nights reading)

Cooper T

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

Anthony C, Malikye W

Excellence (300 nights reading)