

Newsletter

Stanford Merthyr Infants School



VISION STATEMENT
WORKING TOGETHER,
MAKING A DIFFERENCE
WITH EVERY CHILD

BAKER BAKER ~ FRIDAY

**Friday 1st
November**

Kookaburras Sophie B

Kangaroos Marlie C

Platypus Mackenzie D

Emus Raegan B

**Friday 8th
November**

**No Baker
Baker –
Walkabout
Park Day**

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

**Thursday 31st October
Rachel Dunning**

**Thursday 7th November
Kelly Carroll**

All permission notes
are available from the
Office for you to sign

Thought of the Fortnight

“When educating the
minds of our youth,
we must not forget to
educate their hearts.”

-Dalai Lama



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Term 4 Week 3

29th October 2019

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS BRANDT, MISS POLLOCK AND MRS PING

It is with pleasure that I announce to you that Mrs Brandt was the successful candidate at interview for the fulltime position of Senior Administration Manager here at our school. I can also announce that Miss Pollock and Mrs Ping have been successful in securing permanent part time here at our school. They will be here in a fulltime capacity next year but at least some days will be permanent. This is a good thing for them as well as for staff consistency here at our school.

KINDER TRANSITION

This program began Wednesday, the 16th October and will go for another four 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.

YEAR TWO SLEEP OVER

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



KURRI KURRI PRESCHOOL VISITS

The preschool children who attend Kurri Kurri Preschool visited us twice last week as part of the transition to school. Activities such as these ensure the students are very familiar with our playground and our Kindergarten teachers before they begin school.



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 2020.

Term 4 Assembly Roster Thursdays @ 2:15pm	
31st October	Emu show work
7th November	Kangaroo show work
14th November	Kookaburra show work
21st November	Final assembly—awards only

WHOLE SCHOOL TERM 4 EXCURSION TO WALKABOUT ANIMAL PARK CALGA NSW FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

All classes are going to the Walkabout Animal Park at Calga NSW on the Central Coast and parents are invited to join us there. The cost for students is \$25 which includes bus fare and park entry. Parents need to pay at the gate for an entry fee of \$28. If your child is sick on the day a non-refundable amount of \$8.50 would be retained to cover the cost of the bus. The back up date is Thursday 14th November in case of bad weather. Permission notes are available at the office.



DAY FOR DANIEL MORCOMBE

Thank you for your support last Friday. We sent \$86 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 11th November at 1:00pm. We always welcome new members.

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 25th November - Friday 6th December**. The cost for ten days pool entry is **\$40 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 but will need to pay the entry cost at the pool. If you want to swim with your child when lessons are finished at 2:45pm, you will also need to pay at the pool, on the day for yourself and your child. Pre-schoolers over two years old also have to be paid for at the pool. Please call the pool or visit the website for standard entry costs. 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 AusSwim 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**



Calendar of Events for Term Four 2019

Mondays all year	Breakfast provided at the canteen served by Kurri Rotary Sunrise Club.
Thursdays all year	P&C provide fruit & vegetable platters for the children
Every Tuesday	Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school
Tuesday 15th October	Buddy Training Day for Year One students
Wednesdays 16th, 23rd, 30th October, 6th, 13th, 20th November	Kindergarten Transition-12:00 noon-2pm for 2020 students
Friday 8th November	Whole school excursion to Walkabout Park
Mon 11th November	P&C meeting 1:30pm. All welcome.
Sunday 17th November	SMIS Spring Fair
Monday 25th Nov- 6th Dec	10 days of Swimming 2.00-3.00 pm at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre
Wednesday 11th December	Parent Helper Afternoon tea
Thursday 12th December	Class of the term party
Thursday 12th December	Year 2 Assembly -2.00 pm in the hall
Monday 16th December	Presentation Night 5.00 pm in the School Hall
Monday 16th December	Reports and Student Portfolios handed out
Tuesday 17th December	Whole school Party Day
Wednesday 18th December	Water Fun Day. Final day of School for 2019

Scholastic Book Club orders need to be returned by this Friday 1st November please. A reminder that the preferred method of ordering is through Scholastic by Loop order.




The simplest way

... to ensure your child gets the nutrients they need at school

Simply pack something from each of the 5 food groups plus water. Try this great example lunch box:



Wholegrain Breads & Cereals: Bread Sushi

Vegetables and salads: Corn cob

Meat & Alternatives: Baked bean muffin

Dairy: Yoghurt tub

Fruit: Strawberries

Water: Always pack a bottle of water

For these recipes and more examples of healthy lunch boxes visit our [website](http://healthylunchbox.com.au).

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SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

... to reduce your child's skin cancer risk

2 in 3 people who grow up in Australia will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime.



Protect their skin in these FIVE ways:

- Slip on sun-protective clothing
- Slap on SPF 30 sunscreen or higher
- Slap on a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat
- Seek shade
- Slide on some wrap-around sunglasses.

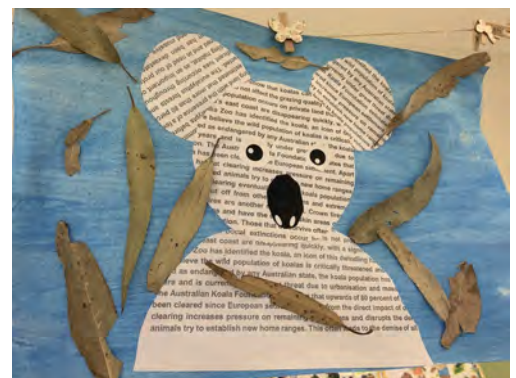
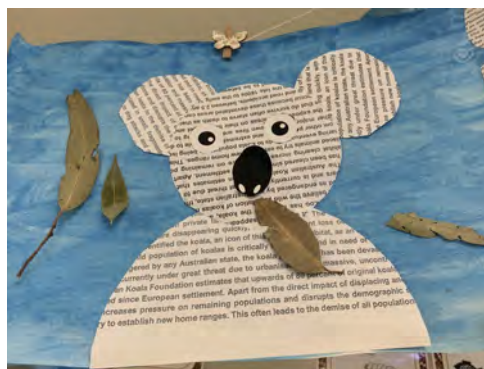
When you protect your child's skin, you reduce their risk of skin cancer.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

ENJOY WORK BY THE KOOKABURRA CLASS ABOUT THEIR STUDY OF THINGS AUSTRALIAN



Sydney Harbour Bridge



Koala art work



Tamworth House Fire two weeks ago. Go Fund Me information.

I learnt last week that two of our families here at our school have suffered unimaginable loss with family members who have died or have received serious burns as a result of a house fire that happened in Tamworth.

One of our parents, Kylie White, has started a Go Fund Me page to support this family.

Please click on the link below to find out further details if you would like to offer financial assistance to support this family.

On behalf of everyone here at Stanford Merthyr Infants School I offer my condolences to your family.

Anne Carr.



My cousin Matthew has suffered an unimaginable loss this morning after news his 5 year old son was lost in a house fire in Tamworth.

Any funds raised will go to the family to help with funeral, medical and any other costs associated with this horrific tragedy.

This is all I can do for them right now and although I can't make this go away or bring back Matty's son, I hope this helps in some small way.

Sending so much love and strength to you all.

Kylie White

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/tamworth-house-fire>

STUDENT AWARDS For Assembly 24th October 2019**Kookaburras****Taine H**

Being a wonderful friend

Kangaroos**Shelbi S**Effort and improvement
in writing**Platypus****Tyler M**Being a helpful member
of our class**Emus****Deaken K**

Being a responsible learner

QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK**Kookaburras****Sophie B****Kangaroos****Grayson C****Platypus****Sarah P****Emu****Tahj D****(PBL) POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS****Kookaburras****Asta C***Be honest***Kangaroos****Marlie C****Platypus****Xander C****Emu****Banjo B****PRINCIPAL AWARDS****Taine H, Alyce M, Blake H, Koby S****HOME READING AWARDS****Bronze** (25 nights reading)**Silver** (50 nights reading)**Wyatt B, Aydin Y, Logan D, Amelia D****Gold** (75 nights reading)**Isla-Mae C, Mackenzie D, Ciara H****Double Bronze** (100 nights reading)**Felix C, Jax M****Double Silver** (125 nights reading)**Evie H-E, Adelle M, Alyce M****Double Gold** (150 nights reading)**Tye M, Grayson C****Royal****Cooper T****Double Royal****Anthony C**



STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL Spring Fair



SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2019

Rides!

Food!

2-7PM

Games!

Unlimited Rides Passes

Presale \$20 or

\$25 on the day

Individual Rides \$5 each

Stalls!



Fun for the whole family!



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