

# Newsletter



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

## BAKER BAKER ~ FRIDAY

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| 22nd Feb    |           |
| Kookaburras | Zane B    |
| Kangaroos   | Grayson C |
| Emus        | Raegan B  |
| Platypuses  | Hudson C  |
| 1st March   |           |
| Kookaburras | Patrick B |
| Kangaroos   | Felix C   |
| Emus        | Lincoln B |
| Platypuses  | Anthony C |

## THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

**Thursday 21st Feb**  
Jenna Blayden  
**Thursday 28th Feb**  
Kasey Moffitt

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

Thought of the Fortnight

You have **BRAINS** in your **HEAD**.  
You have **FEET** in your **SHOES**.  
You can **STEER** yourself any  
**DIRECTION** you **CHOOSE**.  
~Dr. Seuss

QuotesPics.net

# Stanford Merthyr Infants School

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## Term 1 Week 4

19th February 2019

### BOOK PACKS PAYMENT FOR STUDENTS FOR 2019.

All book packs for this 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 covers pencils, coloured pencils, glue and rubbers as well. Please note that students will only receive one book for all work until these payments have been made. We invite you to please pay for these as soon as possible at the office. EFTPOS is available. Payments can also be made Online via our school page. Thank you.

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FEES FOR 2019

Our school is charging **\$35** voluntary contribution fees this year. This covers us providing such items as art resources, tissues, toilet paper and hand wash.

### RAFFLE TICKETS FOR BEING AT SCHOOL IN LINES BY 9am

All children receive a raffle ticket each morning if they are at school in class lines by 9am. During assembly each Thursday we draw one girls name and one boys name and they receive a prize from me.

### HOME READING WORKSHOP

I hope all who attended our **first parent workshop on Reading** yesterday left feeling more confident in being able to support your child at home with their reading. The following comments were made by those who attended.



What did you find useful from today?

- \*I learnt to do the orientation to the book before introducing a new story.
- \*How to introduce your child to home reading as they are in the classroom.
- \*Children will make a lot of progress with 15 minutes of home reading and being read to.
- \*I learnt the language that is being used in class. I learnt what a phoneme and grapheme are.
- \*I learnt how to structure the home reading experience to do the orientation, and then how to help with support.

| Term 1 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 21st February                           | Emu class present work        |
| 28th February                           | Kangaroo class present work   |
| 7th March                               | Kookaburra class present work |
| 14th March                              | Platypus class perform item   |
| 21st March                              | Emu class perform item        |
| 28th March                              | Kangaroo class perform item   |
| 4th April                               | Kookaburra class perform item |
| 11th April                              | Awards only                   |

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY MARCH 1ST**

Year 2 are going to Stanford Park in Wallsend Street at 2pm on Friday March 1st to clean up any rubbish there. Please send a pair of gloves for your child to wear on the day. A permission note is available for parents of Year 2 children to sign please at the office. Unfortunately, I cannot take any child out of the school if the note is not signed. Kindergarten and Year 1 students will stay within our school grounds and clean up the playground.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, Stanford Merthyr Infants is here to help you.

**Poor Attendance Patterns**

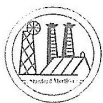
May result in children:

- \* not achieving potential
- \* being socially isolated, (bullying and harassment)
- \* increased incidence of socially unacceptable and/or illegal activities
- \* having gaps in knowledge and understanding of basic concepts

**Poor Attendance Patterns**

Result in students who:

- \*are more likely to leave school at younger age
- \*are over-represented in the juvenile justice system
- \*may be at risk due to wellbeing and possible child protection issues.

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**Newsletter Advertising Rates**  
Effective January 2019

|  |         |
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| Full Page (A4) size for one (1) newsletter   | = \$40  |
| Full Page (A4) size for five (5) newsletters | = \$150 |
| 1/2 Page of A4 size for one (1) newsletter   | = \$25  |
| 1/2 Page of A4 size for five (5) newsletters | = \$75  |
| 1/4 Page of A4 size for one (1) newsletter   | = \$20  |
| 1/4 Page of A4 size for five (5) newsletters | = \$50  |

Advertisements will be accepted as electronic copy—preferably as a Microsoft Publisher, Microsoft Word file or as a jpeg.

It can be emailed to stanmerthi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Our Newsletter is published every second Tuesday.

All payments can be made by cash, chq or EFTPOS.

If you have any questions regarding advertising, please contact the office during school hours on 4937 1192.

**BEST START ASSESSMENT PARENT FEEDBACK**

Miss Humbles and Mr Ping have provided you with results from the Literacy and Numeracy assessments that were conducted with your child at the end of January. If you have any questions about this feedback letter please see your teacher to make a time to discuss this with the

**CHILDREN BEGINNING KINDERGARTEN HERE NEXT YEAR 2020.**

Please come to the office and inform us if your child or a friend you know has a child that will be enrolling here next year to begin Kindergarten. We will begin our Transition to school program this term by holding a Teddy Bear Picnic here at school on Tuesday 2nd April from 12:30-1:30pm.



**BIRTHDAY CAKES**

If it is your child's birthday you are welcome to send in a birthday cake or cupcakes for them to celebrate with the class. Could you please also send in either serviettes or plates for the class as well.

**Please remember NO Nut Products to be used**

**P&C OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2019**

The first P&C meeting for the year was held last Monday. It was lovely to have new faces join the team.

I would like to thank and congratulate the following people on their roles for 2019.

President: Amber Parry

Treasurer: Anne James

Secretary: Jessica Paynter

Canteen Co-ordinator: Leigh James

Assistant Canteen Co-ordinator: Clarissa Woodger

**Calendar of Events for Term One 2019**

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Mondays all year from 4th February | 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 from 5th February    | Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school  |
| Fridays 22nd Feb and 1st March     | Cricket coaching sessions  |
| Friday 1st March                   | Clean Up Australia day—clean up our school playground and Stanford Park  |
| Monday 4th March                   | Dough Raiser - Domino's fundraiser   |
| Fridays 8th and 15th March         | Free K-2 program for students by Variety organisation entitled "Just Like You."  |
| Monday 11th March                  | Back to Stanford Day for last years Year 2 students to visit us.   |
| Tuesday 12th March                 | 3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents for Emu Class  |
| Wednesday 13th March               | 3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents for Platypus Class   |
| Monday 18th March                  | P&C Meeting 2pm.   |
| Saturday 23rd March                | State Elections Polling booth here in the library  |
| Friday 29th March                  | K-2 Bike Day excursion at Peace Park Cessnock  |
| Tuesday 2nd April                  | Teddy Bear Picnic at School for Kinder students beginning in 2019  |
| Tuesday 2nd April                  | 3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents for Kinder Kookaburras   |
| Wednesday 3rd April                | 3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents of K /1 Kangaroos.   |
| Thursday 4th April                 | Excursion to Kurri Kurri Public School for talk by author Matt Stanton   |
| Friday 5th April                   | Crazy Hair and Ice-cream Day.  |
| Monday 8th April                   | Making Easter Hats in class- parents and grandparents invited to help.   |
| Thursday 11th April                | Class of the term party  |
| Thursday 12th April                | Easter Hat Parade  |
| Friday 12th April                  | Fun Day activities /out of Uniform day, Final day of term.   |
| School Holidays                    | Monday 15th April.-30th April. Teachers Professional Development day is Monday 29th April. Students return Tuesday 30th April. |
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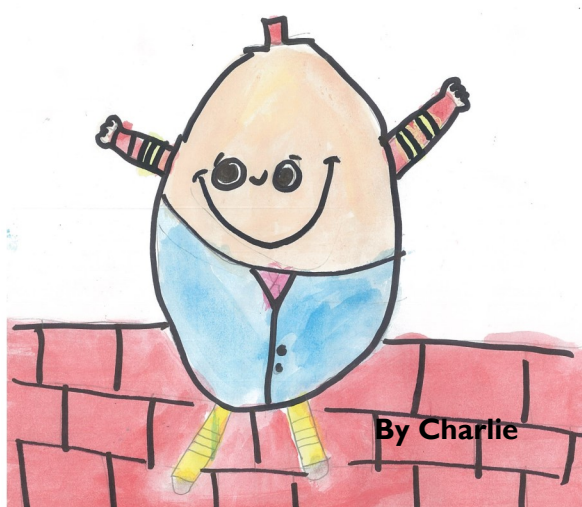
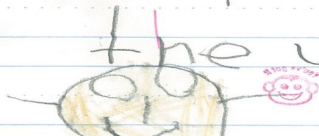






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Dumpty fell fastly off  
the wall.

By Cooper T



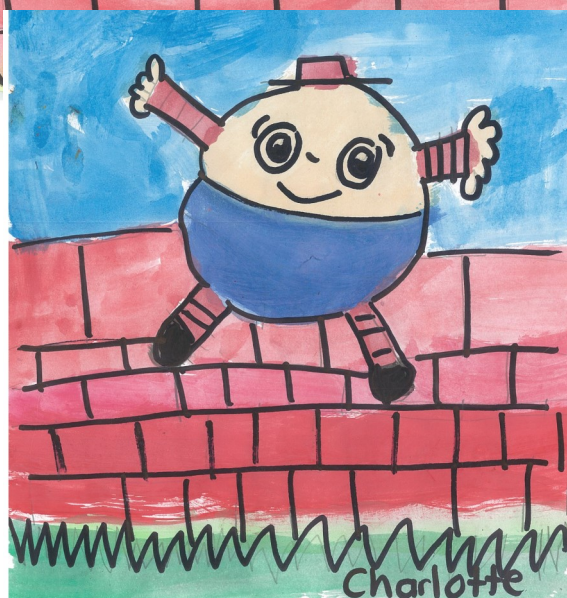
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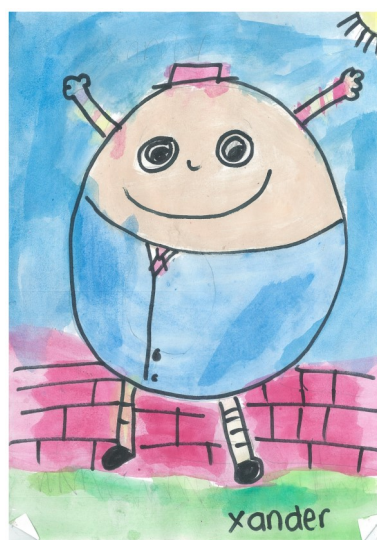
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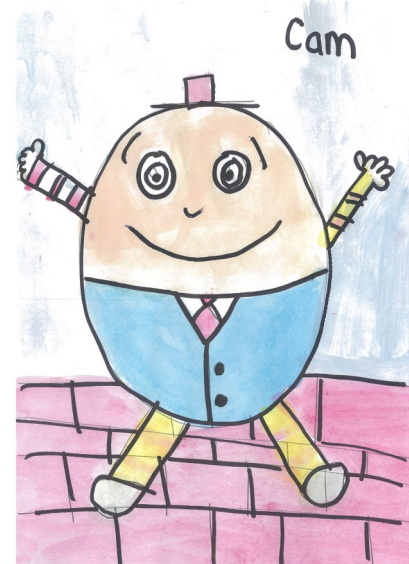
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Charlotte



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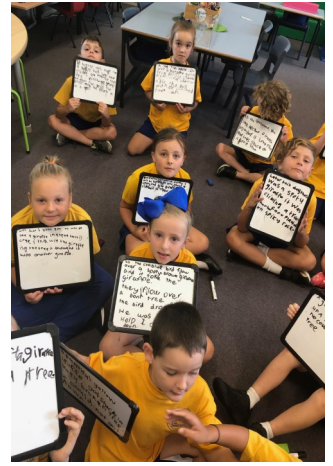
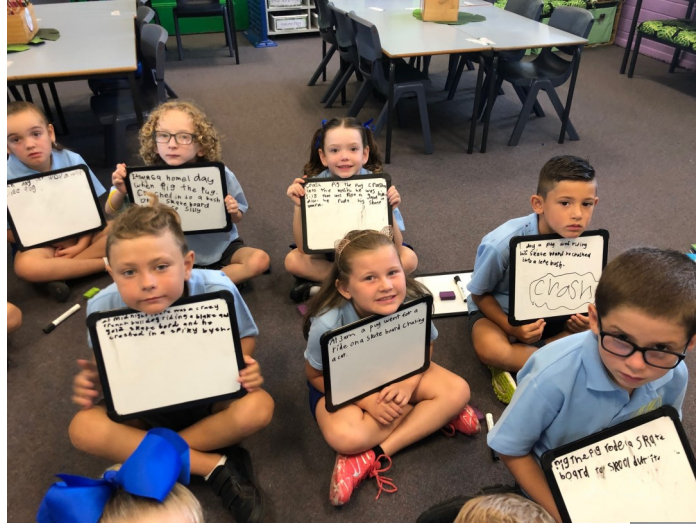
7.2.19  
At 9, Yummy Humpty  
Dumpty fell Slowly off  
the wall.

By Jax





# WELCOME TO THE PLATYPUS CLASS FOR 2019. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR WORK.





## WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS ON PHONICS THIS YEAR.

I am thrilled to announce that our staff have all been trained in a new explicit phonics program.

This is to help children learn how to sound out letters and then put them together to spell words. These skills will help them become more fluent readers and better at spelling when they are doing a writing task.

With this approach we are introducing the correct grammar terms for words. Please don't get concerned because we will assist you in learning along with your child. I will explain one new term in each newsletter.



The first definition is:

**Phonemes:** (Pronounced foneem.) This term refers to a single speech sound. We are going to teach children to blend words by asking them questions such as:

1. What phoneme does the word CAT start with?
2. What phoneme does the word CAT end with?

Please keep reading each newsletter to learn the new terminology your child will be learning.

## PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOON.

Many parents stayed after school last Wednesday afternoon and attended the information sessions that the class teachers prepared so you are aware of the curriculum your child will be taught this year. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask me or your class teacher.



**CLUB**

**BUILD. CREATE. IMAGINE.**

**Come and join us at our free monthly Lego Club during school terms.**  
**ages 5 -16**  
**all abilities welcome**

**KURRI KURRI LIBRARY**  
**3rd Monday of the month, 4-5pm**

**CESSNOCK LIBRARY**  
**3rd Thursday of the month, 4-5pm**

**The Lego Club is in partnership with Ability Links NSW**



Anne Carr  
Principal

**STUDENT AWARDS**

For Assembly 14th February 2019

**Kookaburras**

**Mia O'Keefe**  
Listening and showing  
6 L's

**Kangaroos**

**Grayson C**  
Amazing effort in all Areas

**Platypus**

**Ciara H**  
For being a great helper

**Emu**

**Raegan B**  
For being a responsible and  
helpful class member

**QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK****Kookaburras**

Adelle M

**Kangaroos**

Shelbi S

**Platypus**

Xander C

**Emu**

Marley D

**(PBL) POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS****Kookaburras**

*Be Safe – Safe hands and Feet*  
**Zane B**

**Kangaroos**

Evie H

**Platypus**

Nolan P

**Emu**

Deaken K

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

Ciara H

**HOME READING AWARDS**

**Bronze** (25 nights reading )

**Silver** (50 nights reading)

**Gold** (75 nights reading)

**Double Bronze** (100 nights reading)

**Double Silver** (125 nights reading)

**Double Gold** (150 nights reading)

**Royal** (200 nights reading)

**Double Royal** (250 nights reading)

**Excellence** (300 nights reading)

