

# Newsletter



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

**BAKER BAKER ~ FRIDAY**

**5th April**

Kookaburras	Logan D
Kangaroos	Sakura G
Emus	Tahj D
Platypus	Ciara H

**12th April**

**No Baker Baker  
due to Colour  
Run**

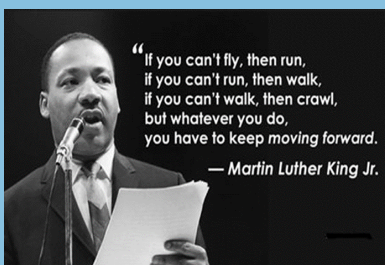
**THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK**

**Thursday 4th April  
Lee Reynolds**

**Thursday 11th April  
Shanelle Giles**

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

**Thought of the Fortnight**



"If you can't fly, then run,  
if you can't run, then walk,  
if you can't walk, then crawl,  
but whatever you do,  
you have to keep moving forward."  
— Martin Luther King Jr.

## Stanford Merthyr Infants School

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**Term 1 Week 10**

**2nd April 2019**

**OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE IS NOW UPDATED AND LINKED TO OUR SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE.**

I invite you to all take a look at our school website and see how it looks now. There is a link that will enable you to get to the school Facebook page. Address: [www.stanmerthi-p.school.nsw.gov.au](http://www.stanmerthi-p.school.nsw.gov.au)

**HARMONY DAY, DOWNS SYNDROME DAY**

Thank you to Miss Pollock who organised this day. Teachers taught a lesson about how people from many nations are now Australians and spoke about what country they originally came from. Children wore Orange & Crazy Socks for a gold coin donation with half of the money raised going to the Downs Syndrome Association.



**TEDDY BEARS PICNIC FOR 2020 ENROLMENTS**

Our first transition session for next years kindergarten children was held today. It was lovely meeting some of the new families. Another session will be held in Term 2.



**BIKE DAY LAST FRIDAY.**

Thank you to Mrs Ceccato who organised an excellent bike safety day for us last week. I'm sure your children were exhausted at the end of the day. They all know more about bike maintenance, road safety, and how to actually ride their bike or scooter.



**3 WAY INTERVIEWS**

All classes will have completed Term 1 interviews by tomorrow. These are very important meetings where your child sets their learning goals for the next six months and you also get to set a parent goal. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to find out about your child's progress and ask any questions you may have.

**Term 1 Assembly Roster Thursdays @ 2:15pm**

4th April	Kookaburra class perform item
11th April	Awards only

**REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS THIS TERM.****AUTHOR VISIT AT KURRI KURRI PUBLIC SCHOOL THIS THURSDAY 4th April**

Our school has been invited to listen to Matt Stanton, a talented children's author when he visits our area as part of the Newcastle Writers Festival. Kurri Library have been successful in their grant application to fund this program. Therefore all we need to pay are bus costs of **\$4 per student**. *If you pre-ordered a signed copy of his book, they will be handed out on the day. Permission notes and payment need to be made to the Office by this afternoon, Thank you.*

**EASTER RAFFLE**

We would appreciate as part of our Easter celebrations if each family would please be prepared to donate one Easter egg for the Hamper. If you are able to do this, please hand your donation into the school office. Raffle tickets are still available at the office. Thank you to those families who have already donated or bought Raffle Tickets

**MAKING EASTER HATS IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

Children will be making their Easter hats in the Hall on Monday 8th April. Bell times will be changed so they can begin at 1:30-3pm.

**Kookaburra and Kangaroo Classes will make their hats from 1:30-2:15pm.**

**Emus and Platypus classes will make their hats from 2:15-3pm**

We would appreciate any parents and grand parents who may be available to come and help teachers and children to make these in the school hall. Please send in any items that you may like to see on your child's hat such as feathers, ribbons, cottonwool, eggs or straw.

**EASTER HAT PARADE HERE 10:30AM FRIDAY 12TH APRIL**

The children will be performing two songs for your enjoyment. Then the classes will parade their hats before the students all enjoy an Easter Egg hunt. We will conclude by drawing the Easter raffle prizes.

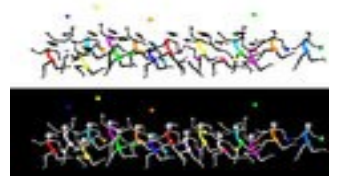
**PICNIC LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD 11:15AM 12TH APRIL**

Please stay and enjoy a picnic lunch here with your child after the Easter Hat Parade. This will be followed by the Colour Fun Run at 12:30pm.

**COLOUR FUN RUN END OF TERM FUN DAY ACTIVITY**

**at School  
Friday 12th April 2019**

The fun run will commence at 12:30pm  
and conclude at 1:30pm.



*Children will be provided with a white tee shirt to wear. They can bring shorts to change into as they will get soaked. They will need a towel.*

**Cost: \$15 per child. PERMISSION NOTES ARE AT THE OFFICE.      Cash Only**

**CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN A PRIZE FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE FUN RUN.**

**Please note: This is a P&C event aimed at raising money for the school to pay for the fruit break every Thursday that the P&C & School purchase for your child. More information on the back page.**

**PLEASE NOTE ~ CRAZY HAIR DAY AND ICECREAM DAY HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL TERM 3.**

**ADVANCE NOTICE FOR TERM 2.**

**SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL IS ON FRIDAY 24TH MAY AT TURNER PARK. NO COST.**

**This is the final newsletter for Term 1.**

It has been a privilege getting to know all of our new students and their families. All our kindergarten students have adjusted extremely well to school life and are learning a lot both academically and socially. **School finishes Friday 12th April and resumes Tuesday 30th April.**

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Anne Carr  
Principal.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR EARLY TERM 2

### MOTHERS DAY STALL FRIDAY 10TH MAY

The Mothers Day stall will be held in the library after recess Friday 10th May. The fund raising committee have requested that **all order forms please be returned to the office with money by Thursday 9th May. Order forms are available from the office. Children can order up to 3 gifts each at \$7 per gift.**

### EXCURSION TO HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE AT EDGEWORTH MONDAY 20TH MAY

Life Education visit for all students are being held on **Monday 20th May**. This is the fourth week back after the holidays. The Life Education bus will transport each class to and from the centre. The **cost is \$10 per student**. There will also be Life Education merchandise that can be purchased (merchandise order form is on the permission note) orders need to be paid for when returning permission note too as we will send in a bulk order. Orders cannot be accepted on the morning of the excursion. **Notes available next term.**

Tattoos	50c	Small Harold Soft toy	\$ 8.00
Harold Post -it -note	\$1.50	Large Harold Soft Toy	\$15.00
Harold Hand Ball	\$3.00		



### OAKVALE FARM EXCURSION FOR ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS.

Kindergarten students will be participating in an excursion to Oakvale Farm **Tuesday 28th May**. Travel to and from Oakvale Farm will be by private transport. We will depart from the school at 9.00am and return by 3.00pm. Cost of the excursion is **\$16.50 per child**. Parent/Grandparent are welcome to attend with entry to be paid at the gate on the day cost being \$25.00. Children under three years of age are free. **The permission note will be available at the office in Term 2. All payments (Cash/Debit/Credit cards & POP) must be returned by 23th May.**

### YEAR ONE AND TWO EXCURSION TUESDAY 28TH MAY. \$17 including bus fare.

All Year One and Two students including those in the Kookaburra and Kangaroo classes will be going to Awabakal Environmental Education Centre in Dudley.

Students will conduct a geographical investigation to understand the ways in which the Awabakal Aboriginal people interacted with this location. Students will also gather evidence of weather while examining the use and care of this important place.

#### Activities:

- Short walk to Little Swamp to learn about the cultural heritage at this location and participate in a cultural play
- Investigation and examination of traditional tools used by the Awabakal people
- Using weather instruments at three locations to gather data and discussion about seasons
- Examination of the features of maps to determine location and construction of a map using materials found on school grounds
- Determining ways this area is used by people and how to care for this location. **Notes available next term.**

## 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 - during School Terms
Wednesday 3rd April	3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents of Kangaroos—Miss Humbles
Thursday 4th April	Excursion to Kurri Kurri Public School for Author Visit - Matt Stanton
Friday 5th April *	Crazy Hair and Ice-cream Day. <b>* POSTPONED UNTIL TERM 3.</b>
Monday 8th April	Making Easter Hats in the Hall - parents and grandparents invited to help.
Thursday 11th April	Class of the Term party
Friday 12th April	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 12th April	Fun Day activities /out of Uniform day, Final day of Term. P&C Colour Run
School Holidays	Monday 15th April.-30th April. <b>Teachers Professional Development day is Monday 29th April. Students return Tuesday 30th April.</b>

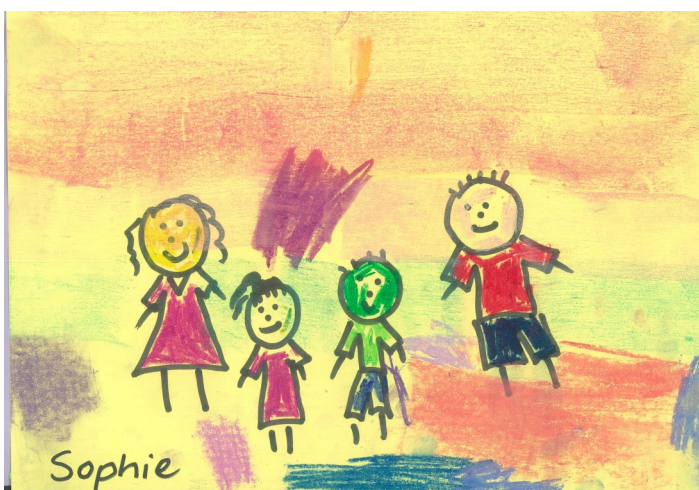


# ENJOY WORK BY THE KOOKABURRA CLASS

5 little ducks went out one day, over the hill and far away.



Their family portraits.



**STUDENT AWARDS For Assembly 21st & 28th March 2019****Kookaburras****Aydin Y**

Increased knowledge &amp; use of his communication device

**Alyce McDonald**

Working very hard with numbers

**Kangaroos****Braiden G**

Amazing subitizing skills

**Sophie P**

Quality 5 work at all times

**Platypus****Jax M**

Giving 100% effort every day at school

**Anthony C**

Persistence in all areas of learning

**Emu****Thea H**

Always showing kindness to others

**Tahj D**

Improvement in following PBL in the classroom &amp; playground

**QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK****Kookaburras****Patrick B****Myah K****Kangaroos****Cohen J****Ellenor J****Platypus****Zoey G****Cam S****Emu****Kade H****Cooper T****(PBL) POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS****Kookaburras****Ruby A***Safe hands, safe feet***Aleigha Mudd***Be honest***Kangaroos****Buddy M****Marlie C****Platypus****Cooper M****Mitchell W****Emu****Banjo B****Scarlet V D M W****PRINCIPAL AWARDS****Cohen J, Tye M, Eden M,****HOME READING AWARDS****Bronze** (25 nights reading )**Sarah P, Lachlan D, Danial H, Banjo B, Jax M, Molly H, Charlie S, Skye-la S, Hudson C, Cooper M, Blake H, Kade H, Lincoln B, Willow B, Deaken K****Silver** (50 nights reading)**Anthony C****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)





## EASTER RAFFLE



Please return tickets to school office in a sealed envelope with correct payment **(cash only)**

With child's name and class clearly marked on the front.

Please return by Wednesday 10th April 2019.

Raffle Drawn on Friday 12th April 2019.

**\$1—1 ticket**

**\$5.00—10 tickets**

**It would greatly assist us if you could cut the tickets along the lines before sending in.**

SMIS Easter Raffle	SMIS Easter Raffle	SMIS Easter Raffle	SMIS Easter Raffle	SMIS Easter Raffle
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Class or Phone	Class or Phone	Class or Phone	Class or Phone	Class or Phone
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Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
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## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLOUR FUN RUN 12TH APRIL

### Safety considerations for participants:

Students must have or do the following to participate:

Wear enclosed shoes.

Wear sunglasses or goggles for eye protection.

Wear a P2 or P3 mask if they have an underlying respiratory condition, (asthma,) or wear a bandana to cover their face.

Apply hair conditioner or coconut or olive oil to their hair if they have light coloured hair.

Please note we are using non toxic coloured powder comprising only of corn starch, baking soda and FD&C or D&C grade dyes that are approved by the Department of Education. We will be aiming to have the powder colour hitting the children's white tee shirt. Please come and see me if you have any concerns. Thank you.

### PHOTOS FROM THE SPORTS INCLUSION DAY AT NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Thank you to Mrs Williams and Mrs Forster for organising to take some of our students to Newcastle University to participate in a sports day where they joined in with many students from across our region to do a wide variety of sporting activities.



Thank you to Anna Yildirim and Hailey Sharp who provided transport for the students.



Week One - Please note the program may be subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances

Monday 15-04-19	Tuesday 16-04-19	Wednesday 17-04-19	Thursday 18-04-19	Friday 19-04-19
<b>Easter Crafts</b> 	<b>Easter Sand Art</b> 	<b>Egg hunt &amp; Hat parade</b> 	<b>Hunter Valley Chocolate Factory &amp; Picnic Lunch</b>  Depart: 11:00am Return: 1:30pm <b>* COMPULSORY *</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY</b>
FREE	FREE	FREE	\$6	---

Week Two - Please note the program may be subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances

Monday 22-04-19	Tuesday 23-04-19	Wednesday 24-04-19	Thursday 25-04-19	Friday 26-04-19
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY</b>	<b>Gymnastics</b>  Kurri Kurri Community Ctr Depart: 10:40am Return: 12:50pm <b>* COMPULSORY *</b>	<b>Anzac Day Activities</b> 	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY</b>	<b>Chinese Lunch</b>  Take Out lunch, <b>MUST</b> have choices returned by Wednesday 24/04/19
---	\$7.50	FREE	---	\$10

Week Three - Please note the program may be subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances

Monday 29-04-19	Tuesday 30-04-19	Wednesday 01-05-19	Thursday 02-05-19	Friday 03-05-19
<b>Kids Choice</b>  Children decide their activities to do for the day at Vacation Care	<div>  <div>Term 2 2019</div> </div>			
FREE				

Please don't forget to:

pack a water bottle

wear sun smart clothes

have good walking shoes

