

STANFORD MERTHYR Infants School

Working together, making a difference with every child.

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Term 1 Week 2

Tuesday 4th February 2020

PRINCIPAL TALK

Dear families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants:

Welcome Back!

I am very excited to be here at Stanford Merthyr Infants School. Thank you to the community for making me feel so welcome. If you have not done so already please come and introduce yourself. I am looking forward to getting to know the students, and community and working alongside the wonderful staff. We hope everyone enjoyed the long hot Summer break. We hope that not too many in our school community have been directly affected by the devastating bushfires. Our thoughts are with those that have. We look forward to another great year at Stanford Merthyr Infants School! Our Year 1 & 2 students began last Wednesday with smiles on their faces excited to be back at school. Kindergarten started on Monday with nervous excitement! What a big day for them and their families! Their year 2 buddies have eagerly assisted, ensuring that they guide them and keep them feeling safe and happy.

SCHOOL PHOTOS






Save the date! School photos will be taken **Tuesday 11th February** here at school. Payment envelopes and cost explanations are attached to this newsletter.

CANTEEN

Canteen days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Our school is very fortunate to have Mrs Leigh James who co-ordinates the smooth operation of our canteen. She has worked hard with the Healthy Kids Assoc to ensure the healthiest choices of food possible is available for our students. The canteen needs your support please to ensure we can provide this service for you. If you would have a free two hours once a month, please see Leigh or myself. Leigh will put a canteen roster in the notice box opposite the canteen for you to write your availability. Thank you. **A price list for the canteen is included in this newsletter.**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

-  Monday 10th February—Canteen Commences
-  Tuesday 11th February—School Photos
-  Wednesday 12th February—Parent Meet & Greet afternoon Tea
-  **FRUIT BREAK** — Thursday 6th Feb ***Pete James***
Thursday 13th Feb ***Holly Avery***
-  **Baker, Baker**
Friday 7th Feb ***Lleyton P, Zoey G, Zane B, Shelbi S***
Friday 14th Feb ***Amelia D, Jacob D, Adelle McD, Cohen J***

P&C AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the P&C occurs on Monday 10th Feb from 1:00pm. Feel free to come along!

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

On Wednesday 12th Feb at 3:15pm there will be the opportunity to meet the staff and hear about the programmes we are running for your children this year. It will also give parents an opportunity to meet new people. We explain the academic, sporting and cultural activities as well as our excursions for 2020. There will be time to ask questions. ***Afternoon tea will be provided for parents in classrooms while the children enjoy an ice-block with teachers under the COLA.*** We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have.

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

The P&C kindly purchase fruit for all our students each Thursday. Parents do not need to send fruit in with their child on Thursdays. This is cut up by a parent any time from 8:30-9:30am and usually takes about 20 minutes to get four trays prepared for our four classes. I will ring you during the year to ask if you are prepared to help with this. You would only be asked about twice during the year if everyone is prepared to take a turn. I would like to thank Erin Burnside who is prepared to purchase the fruit from Coles each week for fruit break.

BAKER, BAKER EACH FRIDAY

Each Friday, a student from each class is rostered to be a baker at recess. This requires the child to bring some cakes or biscuits to sell which can be either homemade or purchased. All students are encouraged to bring 10c or 20c to school to purchase a treat from the bakers. If it is your turn, you will be notified in advance by the newsletter. Special baker outfits are provided by the school. The bakers practice financial literacy skills through selling and giving change. The total of their sales is calculated with teachers and sent home with them at the end of the day. **NB We do not allow any foods made with peanuts or peanut butter.** This program will begin this Friday 7th February.



P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I would like to invite all parents, grandparents and interested community members to our AGM for the P&C which will be held in the library on **Monday 10th February** starting at **1:00pm**. It would be fabulous to have some new faces as well as the parents who have been willing to assist the school in 2019.

LIBRARY BORROWING FOR 2020

Mrs Ceccato, our librarian has requested that all children please provide a bag to use for borrowing library books, she asks that these books are returned each Tuesday.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FEES FOR 2020

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.

CLASS RESOURCES

This year, we are again asking for \$60 per child to go towards your child's class resources for the year. These resources will provide your child/ren with consistent and quality stationery resources for the year. 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 in advance for paying for this pack quickly.

BOOK CLUB LOOP order is due by 17th February.

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

Parents could you please ensure all of your contact details are up to date with the school office. If not please come in and update. It is important we have your current contact details in the event of an emergency.

CORONAVIRUS

Please refer to our school Facebook page for the latest information regarding the Coronavirus. The Department of Education will directly post the latest information that parents will need to be aware of on our school page.

CODE OF CONDUCT LETTER

This newsletter contains a copy our School's Code of Conduct which is for staff, students and parents. I am asking each family to please sign this letter and return it to school. Thank you.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are **published fortnightly** on Tuesday afternoons. They will be handed to the oldest child in each family. If you do not receive one because your child is absent, please see Classroom teacher to collect your copy. They are also emailed if we have your address and are available on-line. Just type in the school web address as written at the top of page 1.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES EACH THURSDAY AT 2:15pm

Every Thursday at 2:15pm commencing on 13th February, the children come to the hall for our weekly assembly. Parents are most welcome to come and join us in congratulating the students on their achievements each week.

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking has commenced and is conducted every Wednesday this year. Just bring your completed student's bank book to the office on Wednesday mornings and it can be collected in the afternoon.

EXTERNAL GATES NEED TO STAY CLOSED.

POOL GATE LOCKED FROM 9:05am –2:30pm

I ask for your assistance please to always close the external gates when entering and exiting the school. The pool gate is locked daily as an extra precaution to keep our children safe. Please always enter the school via the office if you arrive at school after 9:00am.

HOME READING PROGRAM

Home reading will begin this week for Year 1 and 2 students. Staff will assist you Monday-Friday before the bell rings at 9.00am and provide you with a new home reading folder. Please go there as soon as you arrive at school and before your child puts their bag outside their classrooms. Children are encouraged to read at home each night. If your child loses a book at home, they will not be given another one to take home as each book costs at least \$9.00. Grandparents can also change home readers if parents are not available. Kindergarten students will begin reading in a month's time.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Our school has an active Facebook page! www.facebook.com/stanfordmerthyr or search Stanford Merthyr Infants School and give it a like! Stay updated with all our school and P&C news and events.

Please be mindful that this is an information page for our school community. Any personal, negative, or inappropriate posts will be deleted. We ask you to live by our school values when using our Facebook page. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school directly.

If you wish to view our Facebook Policy, please contact the school office or ask me. We also request that you do not upload or tag any photos on our page.

Please inform me if you do not wish to have your child's photo on any post. Sometimes small videos are also uploaded. Be assured no child is identified by name.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

We would like to acknowledge and thank Mr Stephen McBeath from CSBM Real Estate for his generous donation of **8 I pads to the school**.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Amanda Guy for **donating cases** for each of the I pads.

This generous donation is much appreciated by the staff and students and will greatly support the technology component of all teaching and learning programs.

THANK YOU!



Term 1 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm

Platypus Class will run assembly Term 1

13th February	Platypus class present work
20th February	Emu class present work
27th February	Kangaroo class present work
5th March	Kookaburra present work
12th March	Platypus class perform item
19th March	Emu class perform item
26th March	Kangaroo class perform item
2nd April	Kookaburra class perform item

P & C News

Canteen

The canteen is run by volunteers and opens Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8.30 am

Second hand uniforms

We have lots of good quality uniforms available. Come and see Leigh on her canteen days if you are seeking more uniforms.

We ask for a Gold Coin Donation which goes towards our P & C Fundraising.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8.30 am

Wendy Moss
Principal Relieving

INTRODUCING THE P&C.

HOW CAN PARENTS GET INVOLVED?

THE PARENTS AND CITIZENS COMMITTEE

What is a P&C?

A P&C Association is a school-based organisation with membership open to parents, teachers, students and interested citizens.

What does the P&C do?

- Promotes the interest of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation.
- Assists in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promoting the welfare of the students at the school.
- Encourages parent participation in extra-curricula activities and other educational events in schools.

P&C Meetings

Stanford Merthyr Infants School P&C meetings are held either the **2nd or 3rd Monday** of each **month** at 2:00 pm during the school year. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

These meetings provide a forum for parents to discuss the school's operation with the school's Principal. These meetings provide an opportunity to meet in an informal, friendly atmosphere.

P&C Activities

Stanford Merthyr Infants School P&C activities range across a number of areas. In prior years, the P&C has been involved with:

- Fundraising activities
- Upkeep of gardens and grounds
- Assistance with lobbying and applications to obtain additional funding through grants etc
- Organising parent- school functions to welcome new families and students

Fundraising

One of the main functions of the P&C is to raise funds to help finance school needs that are currently under resourced. The P&C's funds have been used in previous years for obtaining:

- Upgraded sun shade over the fixed equipment in the playground area
- New literacy and numeracy resources for children
- Paying for the bus for the school swimming program.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting is held once a year. At this meeting, the P&C executive are elected for the forthcoming year, by attending parents that are financial members of the school P&C. It cost \$2 annually to be a member of the P&C.

Make a difference, come and join the Association. Please see me if you have any questions about the P&C.

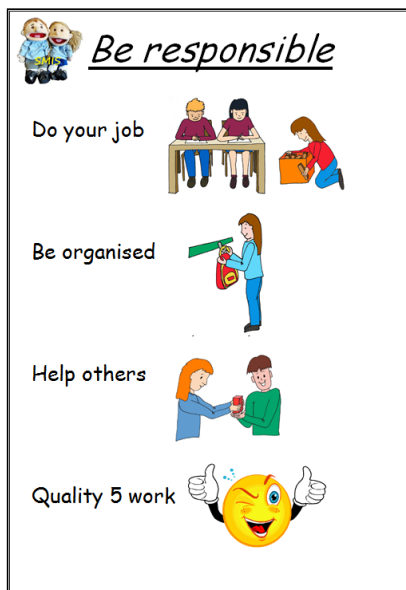


Term 1 2020 Calendar

3 February	4 February	5 February	6 February <u>Fruit Break</u> Pete James	7 February Gymnastics <u>Baker, Baker</u> Lleyton P, Zoey G, Zane B, Shelbi S
10 February Canteen Commenc- es P & C AGM Meeting 1.00pm	11 February School Photos	12 February Parent Meet & Greet Afternoon Tea	13 February <u>Fruit Break</u> Holly Avery <i>School assembly</i> <i>2.25pm</i>	14 February Gymnastics <u>Baker, Baker</u> Amelia D, Jacob D, Ad- elle McD, Cohen J
17 February Parent Workshop Home Reading	18 February	19 February	20 February <u>Fruit Break</u> Kasie Moffitt <i>School assembly</i> <i>2.25pm</i>	21 February Gymnastics
24 February	25 February	26 February	27 February <u>Fruit Break</u> Jenna Blayden <i>School assembly</i> <i>2.25pm</i>	28 February Gymnastics Clean Up Australia Day
2 March	3 March	4 March	5 March <u>Fruit Break</u> Hailey Sharp <i>School assembly</i> <i>2.25pm</i>	6 March Gymnastics
9 March Back to Stanford	10 March	11 March	12 March <u>Fruit Break</u> Pete James <i>School assembly</i> <i>2.25pm</i>	13 March Gymnastics
16 March P & C Meeting 2.00pm	17 March	18 March	19 March <u>Fruit Break</u> Tamara Toole <i>School assembly</i> <i>2.25pm</i>	20 March Harmony day Ice-Cream Day
23 March	24 March	25 March	26 March <u>Fruit Break</u> Barbara Wells <i>School assembly</i> <i>2.25pm</i>	27 March
30 March	31 March	1 April	2 April <u>Fruit Break</u> Lee Reynolds <i>School assembly</i> <i>2.25pm</i>	3 April
6 April Easter Hat making	7 April	8 April	9 April Last day of Term1 <u>Fruit Break</u> Shanelle Giles Easter Hat Parade/ Raffle Colour Fun Run	10 April Good Friday

SCHOOL WELFARE AND DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES; POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING.

To ensure we are consistent when managing behaviour we follow the PBL Program. This is also consistent with practices used by schools in our Kurri Kurri learning community. The following posters show our current school rules and reward systems.

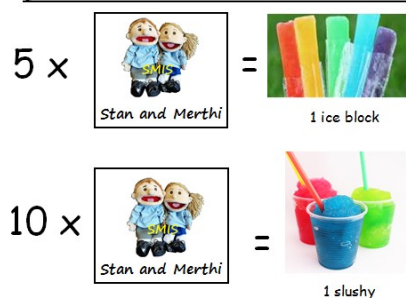


Each week we will address **one** expectation. You will be notified on the door to the school office as to what expectation we are addressing that week. Every Thursday after assembly the whole school will be participating in a PBL lesson addressing the expectation for the following week.

Each PBL school has a mascot. Ours are 'Stan and Merthi'. Children will receive 'Stan and Merthi' tickets for following the weekly expectation. It is the responsibility of the children to keep these in their tote trays until they have enough for an ice block or a slushy.

Stan and Merthi rewards!

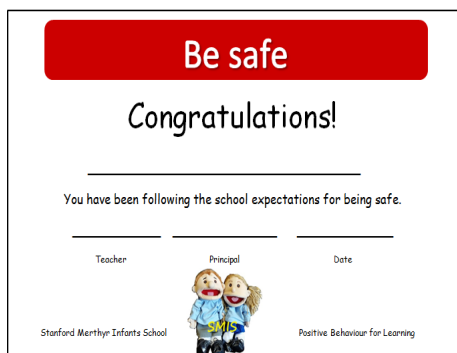
Positive Rewards: Tickets awarded each day



- Dojo points will be awarded in class for following expectations
- 20 Dojo points = 1 stan and merthi ticket
- Each playground teacher will award 3 tickets each play time
- Mrs Cecatto will award 1 ticket each library lesson

Assembly Awards

On a Thursday one child from each class will receive a PBL certificate for following the weekly expectation.



Stanford Merthyr Infants School

2020 Menu

MENU ITEMS

GREEN – EVERYDAY ITEMS

AMBER – OCCASIONAL ITEMS

BEST CHOICE		SELECT CAREFULLY
SANDWICHES AND WRAPS See salad Bowl for listing for salad sandwiches and wraps – Beetroot optional for Salad sandwiches and wraps. Wraps are made with Mountain Bread which is Gluten Free	Cheese \$1.20 Cheese and Tomato \$1.80 Vegemite \$1.00 Deli Ham \$1.80 Deli Ham and Cheese \$2.00 Chicken (CM) \$2.00 Salad Sandwich \$3.00 Cheese, Ham and Tomato \$2.50 Deli Ham Salad Sandwich \$4.00 Chicken Salad Sandwich \$4.30 Caesar Wrap – includes lettuce, bacon, Caesar sauce \$4.40 Chicken Caesar Wrap – includes Chicken (CM) lettuce, bacon, Caesar sauce \$5.50 Deli Ham Salad Wrap \$5.00 Chicken Salad Wrap \$5.50	
	Salad Bowl includes: Carrot, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, cheese & Beetroot pineapple extra \$3.00 (CM) Caesar Salad – includes lettuce, bacon, croutons, Caesar sauce \$0.50 (CM) Chicken Caesar Salad – includes Chicken lettuce, bacon, croutons, Caesar sauce \$4.00 (CM) Deli Ham Salad \$5.00 (CM) Chicken Salad \$4.00 (CM) \$4.30	
	(CM) Garlic bread \$0.80 Tradition Fried Rice (G/F) \$3.70 Lasagne \$3.50 Twista Pasta Bolognese \$3.50 Nachos (CM) taco mince, plain corn chips & Cheese – sour cream optional \$3.50 Smashed Tacos (CM) taco mince, plain corn chips, cheese, lettuce, tomato – sour cream optional \$4.00 Chicken Burger \$3.50 Lettuce, CM crumbed chicken thigh, mayo Potato Nuggets – price per nugget \$0.10 Max of 10 Toasted sandwiches See sandwich options above. Please specify 'toasted' on order.	(LF) Party pies \$2.00 (LF) Sausage rolls \$2.00 Ham & Pineapple Pizza \$2.50 Cheese & Bacon Pizza \$2.50 Chicken Breast Fingers x 6 \$3.60 Chicken Breast Fingers x 1 \$0.60
	Everyday items have a HSR of 4 or above	Amber or Occasional items have a HSR of 3.5



Stanford Merthyr Infant School ~ Canteen Menu 2020

MENU ITEMS	GREEN – EVERYDAY ITEMS	AMBER – OCCASSIONAL ITEMS
	BEST CHOICE	CHOOSE CAREFULLY
    SNACKS	Bag of Popcorn CM \$0.60 Banana Bread CM G/F \$1.00 Brownie Bites CM G/F L/F \$0.30 Ham and cheese bread roll \$1.50	Anzac Biscuit \$0.50 Red Rock Deli plain chips \$1.50 Tomato Sauce \$0.30 BBQ sauce \$0.40 Mayonnaise \$0.40
  DRINKS	Water 250ml \$0.70 Norco Chocolate or Strawberry Milk \$2.00 99% Fruit Juice Poppers \$1.50 Apple, Apple/blackcurrant, orange Sunshine punch	Slushies \$2.00 Strawberry or Orange & mango
  FROZEN TREATS	Quelch fruit Sticks – Various flavours \$0.50 Juicy Tubes – Tropical, Wild Berry, Lemonade \$1.00 Frozen Juice Cup – Apple & blackcurrant \$0.50	 Moosies – Chocolate or Strawberry \$1.20  LF Bulla Light Vanilla Ice cream cups \$1.50 Twisted Frozen Yoghurt \$2.00 (G/F) – Strawberry & Vanilla Bean
  SEASONAL FRUITS	Seasonal fruits are available to order and may include – watermelon, strawberries, grapes or oranges Prices will vary for the fruit between \$0.50 - \$1.00 depending on size and availability	  
AVAILABLE TERMS 2 & 3 ONLY		Hot Chocolate \$1.00
SPECIALS TO BE ADVISED	Coming soon – Mini Lasagna cups & Mini Turkish bread Pizza Skewers	LF = LOW FAT CM = CANTEEN MADE G/F = GLUTEN FREE L/F = LACTOSE FREE
Prices are subject to change		
Orders are to be placed in the blue box in the canteen before 9am Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thankyou		





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STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Code of Conduct for Stanford Merthyr Infant School

At the beginning of each year it is my responsibility to inform all families in our school community about our school Code of Conduct for teachers, children and parents.

Stanford Merthyr Infants School has always embraced partnership with families and the school community. We welcome this involvement based on mutual respect and acknowledgement of both the staff and parents.

The benefits of such involvement include better attendance, children excited about being at school and having positive attitudes and behaviour.

We are a school of inclusion, where staff makes a commitment to do all that we can to provide each student in the community and each parent with the right to belong, feel accepted and not to be excluded.

Inclusion means that living and learning together is a better way that benefits everyone, not just children who are labelled as being different. We accept children who have learning and behavioural difficulties, knowing that it not only helps those children achieve great results, but helps all children develop understanding and tolerance of those with differences. The children at this school all display these qualities and are very accepting, welcoming and tolerant of their peers.

All members of the school community have the responsibility to:

- model and promote positive relationships that respect and accept individual differences and diversity within the school community
- support the school's Anti-bullying Plan through words and actions
- work collaboratively with the school to resolve incidents of bullying when they occur.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities rejects all forms of bullying. No student, employee, parent, caregiver or community member should experience bullying within the learning or working environments of our school.

I am asking you to please be mindful of the comments you make to one another about any children who are at our school. If any of you have a problem about a child, then I would ask you to please come and talk to me as soon as possible, so it can be addressed.

To ensure you have read this letter, I am asking that you please sign it and return it to the school office. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Moss

Principal-relieving

04/02/2020

I _____ (parent/guardian) sign to say I have read and understood
Stanford Merthyr Infants School Code of Conduct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____