

STANFORD MERTHYR Infants School

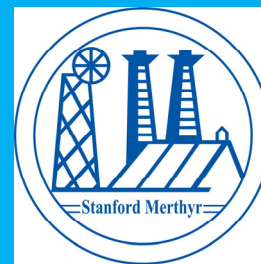
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Term 1 Week 4/5

Tuesday 18th February 2020

PRINCIPAL TALK

Dear families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants:

As you aware we are off to the new Sydney Zoo on Wednesday 11th March. This promises to be a great day and the children are very excited!

Look out for the note coming out this week with the newsletter. Please come into the office to complete the permission slip and payment for the bus fare. As this is a whole school excursion it would be lovely to see ***all of our students attending.***

I would like to say a very big thank you to the P&C who are kindly subsidising student bus fees. Thank you!

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Thank you to the parents who attended our Parent Information afternoon. I hope you were able to leave with many questions answered. If not please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself to arrange a time to chat.

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.*

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.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



FRUIT BREAK — Thursday 20th Feb **Kasie M.**

Thursday 27th Feb **Jenna B.**



Baker, Baker

Friday 21st Feb **Alyce McD., Cooper T., Hailee W., Patrick B.**

Friday 28th Feb **Malikye W., Marlie C., Aria VDMW., Travis G.**

P&C

Next meeting Monday 16th March at 1.15pm.

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 child's teacher to make a time to discuss.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION IN MORNINGS

Teachers are not on duty before 8:30am each morning. Please come and see me if your child has a reason to be dropped off before that time on occasions. They will need to be seated on a silver seat outside and remain seated until the teacher comes out on duty.

TERM CALENDAR ATTACHED

Please check as I have made some adjustments.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Parents please remember children are **not** to be on the school playground equipment in the mornings or after the 3.00pm bell of an afternoon. Thank you

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 girl's name and one boy's name and they receive a prize from me.

Wendy Moss

Principal Relieving

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 a younger age;
- *are over-represented in the juvenile justice system;
- *may be at risk due to wellbeing and possible child protection issues.

ABSENCE NOTES

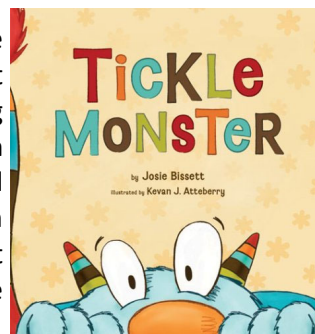
Please send in a note to the office to explain your child's absence from school each day they are away, or verbally phone to notify one of the office staff. I need to send letters to you for any unexplained absences. Thank you.

PERMISSION NOTES ARE AT THE OFFICE

Permission notes for excursions, barbeques and other events will not be printed in the newsletter. I will write to inform you what event is happening and ask if you would please come to the office to complete and sign the forms and pay at the office. This saves us printing out the same forms twice. Thank you.

HOMEREADING WORKSHOP

Mrs Warren Davey will be running our parent workshop on Home Reading on **Monday 2nd March 9:15am**. Come along and find out how you can support your child/ren at home with their home readers.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY FEBRUARY 28th

Year 2 are going to Stanford Park in Wallsend Street at 2pm on Friday **February 28th** to clean up any rubbish there. Please send a pair of gloves for your child to wear on the day. Kindergarten and Year 1 students will stay within our school grounds and clean up the playground.

CHILDREN BEGINNING KINDERGARTEN HERE NEXT YEAR 2021



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 31st**

March from 12:30-1:30pm.

EXTERNAL GATES NEED TO STAY CLOSED.

POOL GATE AND THE BACK GATE WILL BE LOCKED FROM 9:05AM –2:30PM EACH DAY

I ask for your assistance please to always close the external gates when entering and exiting the school. The **pool gate and back gates are 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.

PBL FOCUS



Week 4 Focus: Safe Hands Safe Feet

Week 5 Focus: Use Equipment Safely



BACK TO KURRI PRESCHOOL AFTERNOON TEA

We would like to invite all children who attended Kurri Kurri Preschool last year to attend our BACK TO PRESCHOOL AFTERNOON TEA on Thursday 27 February 2020, 3.30 to 4.00pm. Please RSVP on 49372110 or admin@kurripreschool.com.au or text 0437211544. We look forward to seeing you all!

We also have a few positions vacant for eligible children for this year. Please contact us on the above numbers if you are interested.



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

P&C

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2020

The first P&C meeting for the year was held last Monday.

I would like to thank and congratulate the following people on their roles for 2020

President: Amber Parry

Treasurer: Anne James

Secretary: Jessica Paynter

Canteen Co-ordinator: Leigh James

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PACKING AN EVERYDAY LUNCHBOX

Packing an everyday lunchbox does not have to contain fancy ingredients.

Make packing an everyday lunchbox easy by adding:

- **Crunch & Sip®:** 1 serve of fruit or vegetables
- **Recess:** 1 serve of fruit or vegetables + 1-2 everyday snacks e.g. rice crackers, yoghurt
- **Lunch:** Sandwich/wrap/roll or leftovers containing everyday ingredients e.g. pasta, fried rice
- **Drink:** Water and/or reduced fat plain milk
- Don't forget to add an **ice brick** to keep the food cool and safe

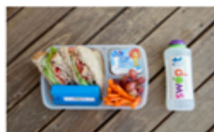
See our everyday lunchboxes below for ideas.



Crunch & Sip®: Capsicum sticks
Recess: Mini rice cakes, banana
Lunch: Multigrain wrap with chicken, cheese, carrot and lettuce
Drink: Water



Crunch & Sip®: Cherry tomatoes
Recess: Rice crackers, cucumber sticks and hummus
Lunch: Raisin bread sandwich with banana
Drink: Water, reduced fat plain milk



Crunch & Sip®: Carrot sticks
Recess: Yoghurt, grapes
Lunch: Whole meal sandwich with tuna, tomato and lettuce
Drink: Water

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WELCOME TO THE PLATYPUS CLASS FOR 2020. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR
WORK.



Blake



Zoey



Molly



Jace



Bella



Malikye

Term 1 2020 Calendar

3 February	4 February	5 February	6 February <u>Fruit Break</u> Pete J.	7 February Gymnastics <u>Baker, Baker</u> Lleyton P, Zoey G, Zane B, Shelbi S
10 February Canteen Commences P & C AGM Meeting 1.00pm	11 February School Photos	12 February Parent Meet & Greet Afternoon Tea	13 February <u>Fruit Break</u> Holly A. <i>School assembly 2.15pm</i>	14 February Gymnastics <u>Baker, Baker</u> Amelia D, Jacob D, Adelle McD, Cohen J
17 February	18 February	19 February	20 February <u>Fruit Break</u> Kasie M. <i>School assembly 2.15pm</i>	21 February Gymnastics
24 February	25 February	26 February	27 February <u>Fruit Break</u> Jenna B. <i>School assembly 2.15pm</i>	28 February Gymnastics Clean Up Australia Day
2 March Parent Workshop Home Reading	3 March	4 March	5 March <u>Fruit Break</u> Hailey S. <i>School assembly 2.15pm</i>	6 March Gymnastics
9 March Back to Stanford	10 March	11 March Sydney Zoo Excursion	12 March <u>Fruit Break</u> Pete J. <i>School assembly 2.15pm</i>	13 March Gymnastics
16 March P & C Meeting 1.15pm	17 March	18 March	19 March <u>Fruit Break</u> Tamara T. <i>School assembly 2.15pm</i>	20 March Harmony day Ice-Cream Day
23 March	24 March	25 March	26 March <u>Fruit Break</u> Barbara W. <i>School assembly 2.15pm</i>	27 March
30 March	31 March Kinder 2021 Teddy Bears Picnic	1 April	2 April <u>Fruit Break</u> Lee R. <i>School assembly 2.15pm</i>	3 April
6 April Easter Hat making	7 April	8 April	9 April Last day of Term 1 <u>Fruit Break</u> Shanelle G. Easter Hat Parade/ Raffle	10 April Good Friday

STUDENT AWARDS

For Assembly 13th February 2020

Kookaburras

Ashton B.

Settling into school
routine well

Kangaroos

Austin B.

Improved confidence
in the Kinder classroom

Platypus

Zoey G.

Using a growth mindset

Emu

Billie-Roze W.

For being a responsible,
organised and helpful class
member

QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK

Kookaburras

Louise H.

Kangaroos

Chelsea L.

Platypus

Blake H.

Emu

Felix C.

(PBL) POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS

Kookaburras

Right time, right place

Alana H.

Kangaroos

Right time, right place

Ruby A.

Platypus

Right time, right place

Grayson C.

Emu

Right time, right place

Logan D.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Billie-Roze W.

Thank you to *CSBM Real Estate* for their ongoing support of *Stanford Merthyr Infants School*.



Stephen McBeath from CSBM Real Estate

In addition to the donation of iPads to Stanford Merthyr Infants school, I'd like to offer the following to anyone in the Stanford Merthyr, Pelaw Main and Kurri Kurri area.

If you list and sell your property with CSBM Real Estate, I will donate \$250 on settlement of the property to the Stanford Merthyr School.