

STANFORD MERTHYR Infants School

Working together, making a difference with every child.

Maitland Street, Stanford Merthyr NSW 2327

T: (02) 4937 1192 F: (02) 4936 1178 E: stanmerthi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

W.stanmerthi-p.school.nsw.edu.au

www.facebook.com/stanfordmerthyr



Term 3 Week 4

Tuesday 3rd August 2021

Ms Moss's Memo

Dear families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants:
Congratulations to our Education Week Award Winners!

Grayson C ~ Student Award

Naomi Foster ~ Staff Award

Graham & Maree Peters ~ Community Award

Life-long Learning:

The theme for Education Week. We never stop learning! Each day brings new learning opportunities for us all, no matter what our age or personal circumstance. This Education Week, we embrace our parents and carers as partners in life-long learning. I encourage parents and carers to foster, encourage and promote high expectations of life-long learning for your children! In-still in your children a love of learning, the desire to be curious, to ask questions and to want to know more. Let them know every day that they can strive to be the best they can be, celebrate their successes and support them to learn and grow from the challenges and to never give up!!

Wendy Moss,

Principal

School News:

3 Way Interviews:

3 Way face to face interviews this term are unavailable due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, parents will be able to have a **phone interview** with their child's teacher.

Class teachers will post a schedule on Seesaw this week for parents to book in a time slot. For those parents unable to participate in the phone interview on their child's allocated day due to other commitments please let the class teacher know (Seesaw or phone call to school office) and the teacher will work with you to arrange another suitable time.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



5 August Jeans for Genes Day



9 August Pie Drive Orders Due



24 August Pie Drive Collection

Notes sent out:



The Great Book Swap via Seesaw & Skoolbag

Year 1 Phonics Screener:

In Week 5 each child in Year 1 will sit with their class teacher to participate in a short assessment which will provide information on how your child is progressing in phonics. Each student will be asked to read 40 words aloud which include 20 real words and 20 nonsense words. The assessment includes pseudo or nonsense words to see if the student can use their knowledge of blending to read a word rather than their memory of having seen that word before. If you have any further questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.

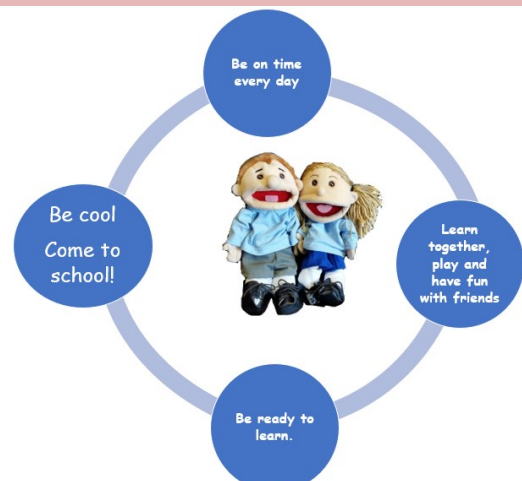
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

LET'S MAKE IT 95%!

WEEK 1 - 93%

WEEK 2 - 93.11 %

WEEK 3 - 92.86 %



PBL Focus:

Week 4 ~ Safe hands and feet

Week 5 ~ Walk on hard surfaces



5 cent drive—supporting our P&C and our school:

Now's the time to start gathering up those pesky 5 cent coins. Why not give those lonely 5c coins we always have hanging around a purpose and donate to our 5c collection drive. Send them into school with your child.

On Thursday 16 September our P&C will weigh each jar to determine which class has brought in the most coins. The class with the most 5 cent coins will have a special reward lunch with their teacher on **Friday 17 September**.

Thank you for your support!

Morning Circle: School Wellbeing Focus:

Week 4 Focus: Teamwork

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aU6e33FYgg0>

What does a great team look like/sound like/feel like?



Week 5 Focus: Gentleness

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgZ-uP9Axc>

Being active doesn't always have to be crazy! Brainstorm some gentle ways that you can move around, like yoga.



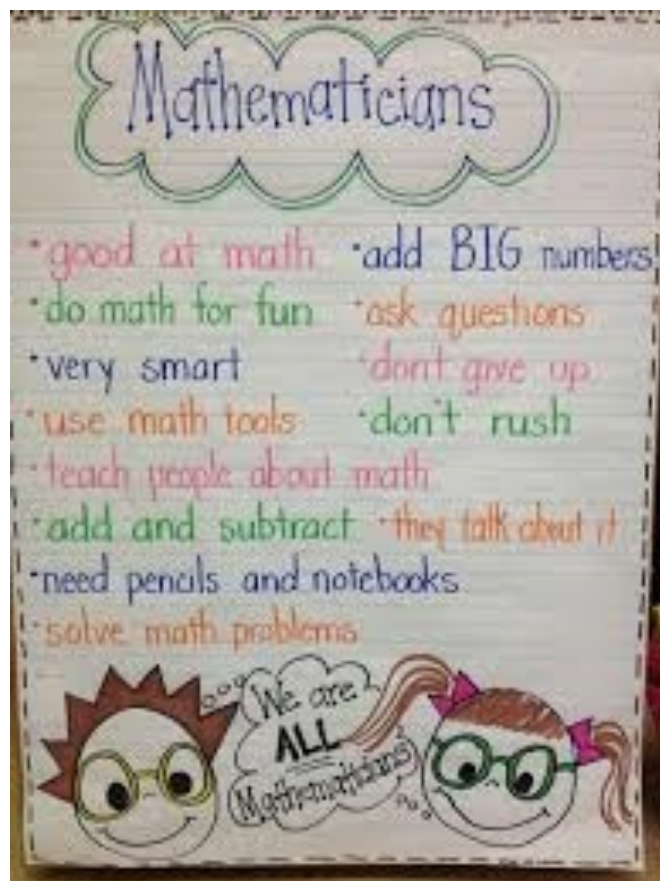
Kindergarten Enrolment for 2022:

Stanford Merthyr Infants School is now taking enrolments for 2022. If you have a child or know of a family with a child who will turn 5 years old before 31st July 2022 and wish to enrol them in Kindergarten please contact the school and collect an enrolment pack.



P&C Donation:

A big thank you to the P&C and the community, as through your past fundraising efforts the P&C are generously funding the purchase of full sets of decodable readers for our students. These will supplement the readers given to the school through the Department of Education's Decodable Readers roll out.





Jeans for Genes Day:

Wear your jeans to school on **Thursday 5th August** to raise awareness for **Jeans for Genes Day!**

Please bring a Gold Coin Donation if coming out of uniform

Staff will be busy baking "BLUE"!

Our baked Blue goodies will be available to purchase for a gold coin at recess!



Father's Day Stall:

Thank you for the donation of bottles for Lolly Jars. They are all ready to go. We now

need donations of wrapped lollies to fill the jars! If you can help please send in some wrapped lollies with your child to the class teacher. Thank you P&C



Thompson's Pie Drive:

The perfect weather for a delicious pie followed by a lamington!

The P & C are holding a Pie Drive fundraiser this term with Thompson's Pies.



Order forms were sent out with the Newsletter in Week 2 and are also available on the Skoolbag App.

Order forms along with payment need to be back into the school no later than **Monday 9 August**.

Orders will be available for pick up on **Tuesday 24 August**.

Close to the pick up date parents/carers will be notified of the collection point and process.



5 CENT FUNDRAISER

Please bring your 5 cent coins to school. Coins will be collected over the term and the final tally will be counted on Thursday 16 September. Each class has a special collection jar!

The class that collects the most coins will have a surprise reward!

Proudly brought to you by your P&C Committee.



P & C News

Term 3 Fund Raising

- ◆ 5c Collection Drive will run for the whole of Term 3;
- ◆ Thompsons Pie Drive;
- ◆ Father's Day Stall Friday 27 August;
- ◆ Colour Run scheduled for Friday 10 September.



Library Olympics:

The Library Olympics have begun!!! The aim of the Library Olympics is to recognise students who borrow and read school library books each week. A sign-off sheet has been sent home for parents/caregivers to record the **SMIS library books** that students have borrowed and read.

Please ensure your child has their library bag each Thursday as they need this to borrow books!

Book Week:

We will celebrate the magic of books on **Thursday 26th August (Week 7)**. This year's theme is '**Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds**'. We have some fun events planned for the day, including a Book Parade, a visit from Sandy (Cessnock Library) and the Great Book Swap (supporting the Indigenous Literacy Foundation). Further details will be sent home at the end of this week!

The Great Book Swap:

Donations of second-hand children's books in good condition will be accepted each **Thursday in weeks 4, 5 and 6**. These donations will be displayed during our Book Week celebrations and students will be able to 'buy' a book by donating a gold coin to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The Great Book Swap will replace a traditional book fair this year.

Poetry Group - Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards:

Over the term, I will publish the poems (in no particular order) that were entered in the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. Here are another couple of wonderful poems:

The Wishing Moon by Winslow

The wishing moon is out tonight.
What shall I wish with all my might?
I wish for a farm under the sun
With space for my dog to run and run.

The Tip of the Feather by Aleigha

The tip of the feather
smoothly
gently
drifted down on the breeze
and landed on the baby's nose.

'A-choo!'

The baby's wish
smoothly
gently
drifted off on the breeze
and the moon shone more brightly that night.

Happy reading,
Mrs Wilks

STUDENT AWARDS for Assembly 23 July 2021

Kookaburras

Tyler C

Enthusiasm during this week's maths lessons!

Ayla C

Persisting with all writing tasks!

Kangaroos

Kade P

Improvement in hearing and recording sounds when writing sentences!

Adilyn S

Working hard on her reading skills!

Platypus

Zane B

For his enthusiasm for learning about different Aboriginal cultures!

Grayson C

For outstanding imaginative writing!

Emu

Amelia D

Working hard on understanding using numbers to 20!

Abel F

Positive attitude & motivation to learning!

QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK

Kookaburras

Asha K

Austin B

Kangaroos

Josie T

Chayse T

Platypus

Tyler T

Zaine P

Emu

Madison R

Lily K

(PBL) POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS

Kookaburras

Evaleen S

Right time, right place

Zane P

Hands up to talk

Kangaroos

Indiana P

Right time, right place

Abby B

Hands up to talk

Platypus

Alyce McD

Right time, right place

Braiden G

Hands up to talk

Emu

Rocket S

Right time, right place

Alirra B

Hands up to talk

HOME READING AWARDS

Double Silver (125 nights reading)

Adelle McD, Alyce McD

Double Bronze (100 nights reading)

Austin B, Zane B, Mia W, Winslow C

Gold (75 nights reading)

Ayla C, Louise, Madison R, Samuel H, Sakura G, Mia W

Silver (50 nights reading)

Alirra B, Rocket S, Ashton B, Madison R, Lily K

Bronze (25 nights reading)

Abel F, Evelyn H, Izzy G, Avery R, Georgah P



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Adelle McD, Austin B

Term 3 2021 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	2 August	3 August	4 August	5 August Jeans for Genes Day	6 August Assembly 2.15
5	9 August Pie Drive Orders Due	10 August Speaking in colour incursion	11 August Emu Parent Interviews	12 August Kookaburra Parent interviews	13 August Platypus Parent Interviews
6	16 August Kookaburra parent interviews	17 August	18 August	19 August	20 August Crazy Hair Day/Ice Cream Day Assembly 2.15
7	23 August Book Week	24 August Pie Drive Collection Kangaroo Parent Interviews	25 August	26 August Book Week Parade P&C Meeting 3.15pm	27 August Father's Day Stall
8	30 August	31 August	1 September	2 September	3 September Assembly 2.15
9	6 September	7 September	8 September	9 September	10 September Colour Run
10	13 September	14 September	15 September Principal Lunch	16 September Class end of Term Party	17 September Footy Fun Day

Bringing Up Great Kids

Bringing Up Great Kids is a reflective parenting program to support parents to review and enhance patterns of communication with their children. *Australian Childhood Foundation: www.childhood.org.au*

Topics covered include:

- Messages from the Past
- The Message Centre
- Giving and receiving messages
- The Message Behaviour
- Messages about me
- Passing on messages



Where: Cessnock Family Support Service
Via ZOOM ☺

When: 4 Thursdays
12th August, 19th August, 26th August, 2nd September
Time: 10am am to 12.00pm



Contact:

Cessnock Family Support Service
by phone **02 4990 4507** (Mondays-Thursdays 9am-4pm)
for further information if you are interested in attending –
Registration is essential.

Cessnock Family Support Service is funded by NSW Department of Communities & Justice