Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
"We never know the love of a parent until we become parents ourselves." Henry Beecher

YEAR 2 TRANSITION TO PELAW MAIN
These are the dates of the remaining sessions. Please make sure you don't arrive until the times below.
Friday 31st October 1:40-3:15pm
Friday 21st November 11:30-3:15pm

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
Our fourth rotation of Special Interest Groups began yesterday.

GRANDPARENTS DAY FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
Please remember to invite all grandparents to school this Friday 31st October to join in activities with the students.
10:30-11:15 Assembly
11:15-12:15 BBQ Lunch Order forms at the office
12:15- 12:45 Traditional dancing and Hip hop dancing. (The children are learning 2 dances to perform for you.)
12:45- 1:30 We are asking grandparents to bring in an item from their childhood to share with the children.
It could be old coins, a childhood toy, or a memory you could share as examples.
1:30-2pm Recess.

MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT TOMORROW
Children are asked to be here at school at 5pm dressed in their pyjamas. They are able to bring their teddy or soft toy if they would like to. We will serve pizza and a drink first, before going to Mr Ping’s room to watch the movie. We would appreciate all children being picked up by 7.30pm please. The permission note and pizza order form is available at the office. Please indicate whether your child will be participating and pay by first thing tomorrow please. Cost $6.

DAY FOR DANIEL MORCOMBE AND ERADICATION OF POLIO THIS FRIDAY
Children are invited to wear a red shirt on Friday 31st October. We ask if students could bring a gold coin donation to send to the Morcombe Foundation. This foundation supplies schools with resources to assist us in teaching about Stranger Danger.
Rotary Clubs around Australia have the eradication of polio as one of their aims. The gold coin you send, half will go to the Morcombe Foundation and half to Rotary.
### Calendar of Events for Term Four 2014

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<td><strong>Every Tuesday from 11th February</strong></td>
<td>Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school</td>
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<td>Delta dog reading program</td>
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<td>Kindergarten 2015 Transition to School Programs. 12.00-2pm each Wed.</td>
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<td><strong>Fri 31st Oct, Fri 21st Nov</strong></td>
<td>Year 2 Transition programs at Pelaw Main Public School</td>
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<td>Grandparents Day and Day to remember Daniel Morcombe</td>
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<td>Whole school excursion to Taranga Zoo in Sydney</td>
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<td>Whole School Family Fun Afternoon and Picnic Tea 5.00-7pm</td>
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<td><strong>Monday 24th Nov-Fri 5th December</strong></td>
<td>10 days whole school swimming program at Kurri Aquatic Centre</td>
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<td>School Presentation Day at Pelaw Main Hall at 1.30pm</td>
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<td>School reports handed out</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday 16th December</strong></td>
<td>School party Day at Speers Point Park</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday 17th December</strong></td>
<td>Final day of term. Water fun day for students.</td>
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### FIRE SAFETY VISITS
We thank Jamie from Kurri fire Station for the fire safety talks he delivered and for coming with the truck to demonstrate the equipment to the children.

### ZOO EXCURSION 7TH NOVEMBER
Please remember our excursion to Taranga Zoo is coming up soon. Permission forms are available at the office to fill out.

### FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT WEDNESDAY 19TH NOV
The staff would like to invite every family to come to school for a picnic tea and games at 5pm -7pm on Wednesday 19th November. We are also inviting the families of our new students who will be coming to Kindergarten next year. This is a great night to relax, have fun and make new friends. Mr Ping assures me he will have some fabulous games for us to join in with after our picnic tea. Please see the attached note. We have invited our friends from Rotary to attend.

### FACE IN AN URBAN LANDSCAPE EXHIBITION
Congratulations to our students, Cooper Harris, Charlotte Lloyd, Jayla Cameron, Mikey Stackman, Taylah Harris and Talon Lovett, who have their works above hung at the C Studio Art Gallery 738 Hunter Street until 3rd November. Open hours: Wed-Sun 12pm-4pm.

### DONATIONS FOR A XMAS HAMPER TO RAFFLE
The P&C are wanting to do a Christmas Raffle . One of the prizes will be a Christmas Hamper. They are requesting parents to please donate goods suitable for a hamper, such as tinned goods, cakes, mince tarts, lollies, drink. Please ensure items have not gone past their use by date. Please send items into the school office.
ENJOY K/1H’S AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS INFORMATION REPORTS

So we know how many are coming and so we can prepare games.

Wednesdays 12pm November

Please return this form by

We hope you can all join us and meet the teachers and make new friends.

All the staff have arranged some fun games to play after tea.

Please bring a picnic rug, food and fold up chairs.

The night will commence at 5:00pm and conclude at 7:00pm

Wednesday 19th November 2014

| I will be attending the Family Picnic Night on

| Wednesday 19th November 2014

| Stanfort Merther Infants School

| All current students and their families

| For new students and their families and

| Family Picnic Night

| Stanford Merther Infants School

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**Echidna**

- The Echidna is a spiny anteater.
- They have sharp teeth and can defend themselves with a spiny quill.
- They are known for their long snout.
- They are found in eucalyptus forests.

**Emu**

- The Emu is the world's largest bird.
- They have long necks and legs.
- They have long, powerful wings.
- They are known for their ability to fly, although they use their wings to keep themselves balanced.

**koala**

- The koala is a marsupial that lives in eucalyptus trees.
- They have a distinctive grey fur and a large, flat head.
- They are known for their ability to climb trees.
- They have soft plumes on their feet to help them climb.

**blue tongue lizard**

- The blue tongue lizard is a reptile that lives in eucalyptus forests.
- They have a long, blue tongue.
- They are known for their ability to spread their tongue to catch insects.
- They are found in the outback.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE
CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY!

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;
At the assembly on Friday 24th October 2014
these children all received awards.

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<td>Consistent application to her learning</td>
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<td>Enthusiastically settling in to our new school</td>
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READING AWARDS

BRONZE AWARD
Vincent McDonald

SILVER AWARD
Abby Stauffer

GOLD AWARD
Kadence Carr  Eliza Summerville

DOUBLE BRONZE AWARD
Jorja Harris  Cooper Harris  Quinn Cousins

DOUBLE SILVER AWARD
Angelo Plumbe  Liily Winchester  Hunter Bodo  Zalii Bodo

DOUBLE GOLD AWARD
ROYAL
Taylor Wells  Brayden Ling

DOUBLE ROYAL

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

STAR STUDENT AWARD