Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
"Learning is a treasure that accompanies its owner everywhere." Chinese proverb.

YEAR 1/2S’S PUPPET PLAY
It was a pleasure to watch 1/2S present their puppet plays last term and to have so many parents and grandparents turn up to watch. The class made $93 which is going towards their gift to the school.

TERM 3 FUN DAY ACTIVITY
The children loved brushing and feeding the ponies from the NSW Mini-Trots. Thank you to Darryl Jackson for organising this for our students. If you are interested in learning more about the ponies, please phone Darryl. The information is on the back page of this newsletter.

PETE THE SHEEP PERFORMANCE
Next Friday 17th October, the whole school is going to Cessnock Performing Arts Venue to enjoy seeing the show, “Pete the Sheep.” We have this book in our library and it is a favourite. The cost will be $11 per child. This covers bus fare and the cost of entry to the show. Please come to the office to complete the permission note and pay. EFTPOS will be available. Money is due by Wednesday 15th October.

BOYS DANCE PERFORMANCE AT CESSNOCK TAFE
All our boys performed at Cessnock Tafe today. Thank you to the parents who assisted in providing transport. It is appreciated.

SONG ROOM EXCURSION TUESDAY 28TH OCT.
Our school has been invited to perform at Cessnock Performing Arts along with 8 other schools. The school is paying the bus fare. Please come to the office to sign the permission note. We leave at 9:15 and return at 2.30 pm.
### 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><strong>Every Thursday</strong></td>
<td>Delta dog reading program</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday 7th Oct –Fri 31st Oct</strong></td>
<td>Mr Hughes on 1/2S (Student from Newcastle University)</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday 7th Oct –Fri 10th</strong></td>
<td>3 work experience students here</td>
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<td><strong>Thurs 9th October</strong></td>
<td>Boys Dance Performance at Cessnock Performing Arts</td>
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<td><strong>Friday 10th and Thurs 23rd October</strong></td>
<td>Fire Safety talks (visits from Kurri Kurri Fire Brigade)</td>
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<td><strong>Monday 13th October</strong></td>
<td>Year 1 Buddy Training Day</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesdays 15th Oct, 22nd Oct, 29th Oct, 5th Nov, 12th Nov, 19th Nov</strong></td>
<td>Kindergarten 2015 Transition to School Programs, 12.00-2pm each Wed.</td>
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<td><strong>Mondays 27th Oct, Nov 3rd, 10th, 17th</strong></td>
<td>Special Interest Groups for Term 4</td>
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<td>P&amp;C meeting 6pm</td>
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<td><strong>Mon 27th October</strong></td>
<td>Responsible Pet Care Program here at SMIS</td>
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<td>Song Room Performance- Whole school excursion to Cessnock</td>
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<td>Whole school movie and Pizza night 5.00-7pm</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><strong>Wednesday 26th November</strong></td>
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<td>Year 2 Transition Parent meeting</td>
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<td>Parent Helpers Lunch</td>
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<td>School Presentation Day at Pelaw Main Hall at 1.30pm</td>
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<td>Final day of term. Water fun day for students</td>
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**GIRLS CRAFT ACTIVITY MORNING**

Today, while the boys are dancing, all the girls will have a special time doing a variety of crafts with Miss Humbles and Mrs Carr.

**WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS**

We also welcome two of our ex students who are now in Year 10. Hayley and India will be with us this week. Tiarn, Amber Offen’s sister will be here next week.

**YEAR ONE BUDDY TRAINING DAY**

Next Monday Mr Ping and Miss Humbles will spend the day with all the Year One students helping prepare them to be excellent buddies for our new kindergarten students for 2015.

**2015 KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM**

This program begins next Wednesday and will go for six weeks from 12 noon until 2pm each week. I encourage you to have your child here each week as this is the best opportunity for them to make friends, learn about the school and become comfortable with their teachers. I will be running parent information sessions for the first two weeks of these programs with guest presenters coming.

**WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION TO THE ZOO**

The note for this excursion will be sent home today. We are able to take 27 parents with us on the buses. The first 9 parents or grandparents from each class who sign and pay $43.50 will be able to come.

Anne Carr, Principal
ENJOY SEEING K/1P’S ART WORK OF THEIR HOMES.

By Jorja Harris

By Chase Cook

By Taylah Harris

By Kadence Carr

By Lacey Smith

By Vincent McDonald
They meet once a month on Sundays at the arena behind our school. Contact Daryl Jackson if you want further information.

NSW MINI TROTTING ASSOCIATION INC.

**Background:** To promote and develop Junior Harness events and to provide an introduction to the harness industry. Our association commenced in NSW in 1982 and has been overseen by the NSW Mini Trotting Association Inc. continuously since that date.

**Aims:**
- The aims of the organisation are: a) to foster the sport of Mini Trotting and Maxi Trots for children between the ages of 5 to 16, b) to promote friendly competition in an atmosphere of cooperation and good sportsmanship, c) to encourage social interaction for all concerned, d) to teach the art of horsemanship and all aspects of adult Harness Racing competition.

**Maxi Trots:** There was a need for greater exposure of Harness Racing and to develop and foster relationships between the NSW Mini Trotting Association and Harness Racing New South Wales with regard to the joint development of future participants, particularly in the 14 to 15 year age group. This is for the individual who is too large and experienced to drive Shetland ponies, while too young to compete in licensed trotting meetings. The Maxi Trots concept is for drivers that are 14 or 15 years of age that have graduated from the Mini Trotting Association having satisfied a certain criteria. Maxi Trots is to assist the void between when participants are too old for Mini Trotting and when they can be involved at senior level - a gap that needs to be bridged. It also promotes life after racing for deregistered Standardbreds.

**Mini Trots:** To be eligible to participate in Mini Trots children must have turned five (5) years of age. If turning sixteen (16) after the start of the season (1st Sep) a driver is eligible to compete to the end of that season or until that driver obtains a permit. Drivers licensed from Harness Racing NSW, which makes them ineligible to compete in any further Mini Trotting events.

Horses are to be no higher than 13 hands and compete under handicap conditions, they may be divided into different age divisions. Regular events are conducted at harness racing meetings, agricultural shows and community events.

**Clubs:** All clubs are affiliated with NSW Mini Trotting Association Inc. Most regions in NSW are involved in the sport of Mini Trotting.

**Further Information:**

**Contacts:**
NSW Association Secretary
Daryl Jackson
Phone: 0418 438 979
Email: [nswminitrots@hotmail.com](mailto:nswminitrots@hotmail.com)

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**Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way to get kids in the kitchen

Cooking in the kitchen is a great time to catch up with your kids, and get them involved in fruit and veg preparation. Try our top 10 tips for getting kids into the kitchen:

1. Washing vegies
2. Setting the table
3. Mixing the salad
4. Mashing potato
5. Putting toppings on pizzas
6. Choosing and adding fillings to sandwiches
7. Measuring frozen vegies before cooking
8. Picking fruit and veg from the garden
9. Unpacking shopping from the supermarket
10. Get older kids to help peel or chop fruit and vegetables.

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

Eat It To Beat It
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY!

There were no birthdays to celebrate this week, but to any family members we wish them many happy returns.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;
At the assembly on Friday 19th September 2014 these children all received awards.

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<td><strong>Nate Sneddon</strong></td>
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<td>For an exceptional effort in narrative writing</td>
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**READING AWARDS**

**BRONZE AWARD**
Madeline Nasr  Sam King

**SILVER AWARD**
Georgia Gamble

**GOLD AWARD**
Georgia Ross

**DOUBLE BRONZE AWARD**
Patrick Bartlett  DJ Stevens  Lauchlan Reynolds

**DOUBLE SILVER AWARD**
Lilly Winchester  Zali Bodo  Hunter Bodo  Lacey Smith  Alannah Winchester  Angelo Plumbe  Charlie Jones  Jayla Cameron  Curtis Conolly  Blayde Hoy

**DOUBLE GOLD AWARD**

**ROYAL**

**DOUBLE ROYAL**

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD**
Hannah Quinn

**STAR STUDENT AWARD**