If you see trespassers in the school out of school hours we would appreciate a call to school security. You can do this without stating your name.

1300 880 012
24 Hours.

Week 8 Term 1
18th Mar 2014

Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
“You may say I’m a dreamer, but I’m not the only one. I hope that someday you’ll join us and the world will live as one.” John Lennon.

P&C MEETING TONIGHT AT 6PM
Please feel welcome to come and join us in the library tonight at 6:00pm in the library.

BOYS DANCE GROUP PERFORMANCE AT CESSNOCK PERFORMING ARTS ON FRIDAY
Parents are asked to please bring your sons at 5pm so they can get changed ready for their performance at 5:30pm.
Mr Ping and Mrs Carr will meet you there at 5pm. Address: 198 Vincent Street Cessnock.

BEST BUDDY DAY THIS FRIDAY
The Kid’s Counsellors have decided to hold a “Best Buddy Day this Friday at school in recognition of National Anti-Bullying Day. Our school is a place where bullying is not tolerated and we are all buddies. Children can wear a coloured shirt on Friday along with the remainder of their school uniform. There is no cost.

EASTER RAFFLE
We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs please, to come to the office by Friday 28th March. The P&C are giving families 10 raffle tickets each to sell. Tickets will cost 50c. Please return tickets and money to the office by Wednesday 9th April. We are hoping that the more donations we receive means more children have more of a chance of winning. Prizes will be drawn after the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April.

BACK TO STANFORD DAY
Tomorrow is our Back to Stanford Day, when last year’s Year2 students are invited back to our school to visit us and tell us all the good things they have been doing at their new school. This will begin at 3:15pm. We are looking forward to seeing these children again and hope as many as possible are able to attend. Invitations have been mailed to students.

MONDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB
I know how much the children look forward to our volunteers coming from the Kurri Rotary Sunrise Club on Monday mornings. We thank Les and Susan Bingham, Bob Apthorp and Diane Stanbridge for helping get our week off to such a good start.
3 WAY INTERVIEWS FOR PARENTS
Teachers conduct 3 way interviews with parents and their child twice during the year in term 1 and again in term 3. These interviews are when academic, personal and social goals are decided for each child. Children, parents and teachers all have input into reaching agreement on the goals. I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend these sessions. Each interview lasts for 15 minutes and your child attends the interviews with you.

The teachers each have a day off class to conduct these interviews. Teachers have a sheet asking you to fill in your preference for interview times.

Friday 21st March- Interviews with Mr Ping.
Tuesday 8th April- Interviews with Mrs Sellens.
Wednesday 9th April- Interviews with Miss Humbles

EXCURSION TO NOBBYS BEACH AND BLACKBUTT
We only have one week to go before our whole school excursion. Could you please check you have signed the permission note and sent in the $9 bus fare by this Friday 21st March. Thank you.

NEW BABY BORN
Congratulations to the Nasr family with the birth of a healthy little girl, Sophie, weighing in at 7lb. Both Mother and daughter are well.

MR PING ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE
We wish Mr Ping a happy holiday as he goes to America. His last day for this term will be Monday 24th March. He returns in time for the start of term 2. Mrs Sonja Ardesch will be replacing him while he is away. Sonia worked here frequently last year and knows the school staff, most students and our routines very well.

 STEWART HOUSE DONATIONS
Envelopes have been sent home with this newsletter for Stewart House. This organisation supports children who do not have the same opportunities as most children. Please send the envelope back to the offices should you decide to contribute. Thank you.

PARKING AT SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS
It has been noticed that some parents are double parking and letting their child out of the car and letting them come in by themselves. I would ask you to please take the time to park properly and escort your child inside the gate. This is to ensure the safety of all of our children.

HIP HOP PROGRAM HAS BEGUN
Last Friday the children enjoyed their first of four sessions with Samantha. The photos show how much the children enjoyed their first session.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC FOR 2015 KINDGARTEN CHILDREN
Each term I will be holding a special event to help our pre-school students transition easily to the school setting. I have handed out invitations to children who are enrolled for Kindergarten in 2015 to attend a Teddy Bears Picnic here at school on Tuesday 1st April from 12:30-1:30pm. If you know of any families who have children who may be coming to Stanford, please ask me for an invitation to give to them.

CANTEEN
There is no small pies available at the canteen until further notice.

Anne Carr
Principal.
ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL ART WORK BY K/1H
## Calendar of Events for Term One 2014

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<td>Special Interest Groups at 2pm. Parents and Grandparents welcome.</td>
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<td>Whole school participate in a Hip-Hop exercise program.</td>
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**Nutrition Snippet**

A well packed lunch box will provide your kids with the energy they need to learn and play. Remember to include lunch box items from the 5 food groups:

- **Breads and cereals:** Try wholemeal bread, wraps and pita, or try pikelets, rice cakes or homemade muffins and slices.
- **Fruit:** Should be a lunch box staple as it is high in fibre, vitamins and minerals. Serve fruit in fun ways: try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly.
- **Vegies:** Pack carrot and celery sticks with hummus or salsa, or a cold zucchini slice.
- **Low Fat Dairy:** Cheese slices, yoghurts and custards are all great lunch box items.
- **Lean Protein:** Include a variety of sandwich fillings: cooked chicken, tuna, egg or roast meat. Legumes like red kidney beans and chickpeas are a good source of protein and fibre.
There were no birthdays to celebrate this week, but to any family members we wish them many happy returns.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:
At the assembly on Friday 14th March 2014 these children all received awards.

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READING AWARDS

BRONZE AWARD
Ronnie Connolly, Curtis Connolly, Jackson Ferry, Isaac Ferry, Andrew Anderson
Lacey Smith, Lilly Winchester, Caleb Jenkins, Jayla Cameron, Samuel Batty
DJ Stevens, Tayah McIntyre, Caitlyn Tait, Rani Oirbans, Callie Armitage, Chayse Cook
Zalii Bodo, Hunter Bodo, Alannah Winchester, Cooper Harris

SILVER AWARD

GOLD AWARD

DOUBLE BRONZE AWARD

DOUBLE SILVER AWARD

DOUBLE GOLD AWARD

ROYAL

DOUBLE ROYAL

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Rylan Johnstone

STAR STUDENT AWARD

Congratulations!