Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
"One day, in retrospect, the years of struggle will strike you as the most beautiful."
Sigmund Freud.

SCHOOL SECURITY FENCE
I received a very exciting phone call last week informing me that the Department of Education’s Asset Management Unit are going to fully fund our school security fence for us. It will be done this year. That means all the proceeds from the Bunnings Barbecue from last Sunday and the profits from the Kurri Kurri Bowling Club raffles will go towards educational programs for our children. The staff are thrilled at this result.

BOYS DANCE GROUP PERFORMANCE AT CESSNOCK PERFORMING ARTS ON FRIDAY
The Year 1 and Year 2 boys danced very well again on Friday night in front of a large crowd. Thank you to Mr Ping and to our parents for providing transport on the night. Our boys are becoming very confident performing in front of large audiences.

BUNNINGS BARBECUE
We had an amazing group supporting the school last Sunday. We sold 50 kilos of sausage sandwiches and went through 18 kilos of onions. The profit made was $827. I will inform you soon as to how this will be spent. Thank you so much to every parent and staff member who gave up some of their Sunday to help.

SPECIAL BARBECUE LUNCH THIS THURSDAY
A lunch order note went home yesterday with all children. Darryl Smith and Toni Ling have kindly offered to cook and serve a sausage sandwich on 2 slices of bread with onion and sauce with a poppa or chocolate or strawberry milk for $2.50. Please send in money by 9am Thursday.
**EASTER RAFFLE**
We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs please, to come to the office by **this Friday**. Prizes will be drawn after the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April.

**MAKING EASTER BONNETS**
Children will be making their Easter bonnets in class on Monday 7th April. Bell times will be changed so they can begin at 1:30pm. We would appreciate any parents and grandparents who may be available to come and assist teachers and children to make these. Please send in any items that you may like to see on your child’s hat, eg feathers, ribbons, cottonwool, eggs, straw.

**EASTER HAT PARADE AND BBQ LUNCH**
The Easter celebrations will be held on Friday 11th April beginning at **12:30pm with a special lunch for parents and children. Please note that today recess and lunch are changed**. Lunch order sheets will be sent home next week.
- 12:30-1:30pm Special lunch with parents
- 1:30-2:00pm Parade of Easter Hats and Easter Song
- 2:00-2:20pm Drawing the Easter Raffles
- 2:20-2:45pm Easter Egg hunt

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**
Special interest groups went well this term with the assistance of several parents and grandparents. Mrs Sellens has been making key holders with her group.

Mr Ping is doing a variety of different hand crafts with his first one making these decorative crowns.

Miss Humbles group have been making clay pots and these will be dried and then painted.

Mrs Carr’s group are doing French knitting and will turn this into a placemat or a little hat for a special toy.

**MINI-LIT PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**
All parents who have students on the Mini-lit program this year with Mrs Capstick and Mr Hong, have been invited to an information session this Thursday at 2pm in the hall. A progress report will be given and an explanation of the program. I hope you will be able to attend.

Anne Carr
Principal.

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**Nutrition Snippet**

**The simplest way to make a healthy brekky!**

Breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day, but did you know that many Aussie families skip it?

A healthy brekky improves energy levels, alertness and concentration, plus it’s an easy way to throw in an extra serve of fruit & veg.

Here are some quick brekky ideas:
- Sliced bananas or avocado on toast
- Add chopped vegies to an omelette or savoury pancake
- Create a warm porridge or cereal with canned or fresh fruit
- Top a wholemeal muffin or toast with cooked tomato, mushrooms, baked beans or creamed corn

For more information visit [www.eattitobeatit.com.au](http://www.eattitobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eattitobeatit](http://facebook.com/eattitobeatit)
KINDERGARTEN ARE LEARNING ABOUT COLOURS. HERE ARE THEIR WARM HANDS ON A COOL BACKGROUND.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY!

Taylah Harris  K/1HP  15/3/14

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;
At the assembly on Friday 21th March 2014 these children all received awards.

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READING AWARDS

BRONZE AWARD
Lily-Mae Moore  Paige Soper  Charlie Jones  Blayde Hoy  Kadence Carr  Blair Walters  Mikey Stackman  Talon Lovett

SILVER AWARD

GOLD AWARD

DOUBLE BRONZE AWARD

DOUBLE SILVER AWARD

DOUBLE GOLD AWARD

ROYAL

DOUBLE ROYAL

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

STAR STUDENT AWARD
## Calendar of Events for Term One 2014

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<td>Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school</td>
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<td>Fridays 14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 4th April</td>
<td>Whole school participate in a Hip-Hop exercise program.</td>
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<td>Mr Ping on Long service leave.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 1st April 12:30-1:30pm</td>
<td>Teddy Bear Picnic at School for Kinder students beginning in 2015</td>
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<td>Wednesday 26th March 2nd April as a back up date if wet.</td>
<td>Whole school excursion to Blackbutt Reserve and Newcastle Beach.</td>
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<td>3 way conferences with teacher, child and parents for 1/2S</td>
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<td>Friday 11th April</td>
<td>Easter Hat Parade Water fun day. Final day of term.</td>
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**It's a Bun-Raiser!!!**

**Packets of 6 Hot Cross Buns are just $5.50**

There are 3 flavours to choose from:

*With Fruit – No peel  *Without Fruit  *Chocolate Chip

**Packets of 6 lamingtons are just $6.50**

There are 2 flavours to choose from:

*Plain  *With Cream

Please pick your order up at the Easter Hat Parade Friday 11th April 2014. Fill in the order below and return it to P&C Money Box in the office foyer with the correct money in a clip lock bag no later than Friday 4th April. Thankyou!!

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