Week 2 Term 2

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.

Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
"Learning without thought is labour lost; thought without learning is perilous." Confucius.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE
Last Tuesday Mr Ping led the school in our Anzac Day Remembrance Service. The children were very respectful as they thought about the sacrifice families made during WW1.

LIFE EDUCATION EXCURSION
All children enjoyed the lessons last week at Life Education. Kindergarten studied healthy foods and looked at how the brain works as well as meeting Happy Harold the giraffe. Year One studied how to keep the air clean, what road signs mean as well as the importance of wearing helmets. Year 1/2 studied how to keep safe if they find sharp objects, how to safely store medicines, what to do if people are smoking around you as well as the effects of such things on our bodies.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
The mothers day stall will be held in the hall following assembly this Friday. The fund raising committee have requested that all order forms please be returned to the office with money by tomorrow please.

RAFFLES AT KURRI KURRI BOWLING CLUB
The P&C decided last night the money raised from the raffles we are holding at Kurri Kurri Bowling Club this year, as well as the profit from the Bunnings Barbeque earlier last term will go towards funding the Mini-lit Program for Mr Hong to be able to be employed for 2 days a week for all of 2015.
NEW BUS ROUTE FROM HEDDON GRETA
I have had a few parents express interest in wanting their children to use this new Rovers bus service. I have included the information again for you.

Students will be picked up and dropped off at any normal bus stop along the main road at Heddon Greta. Students can get free travel from home to school & return, but not going to OOSH. You can get the forms from the office. There is a 2 week period of free travel for all students while they are waiting for bus passes.

The following bus times:
8:10am Heddon Greta arrives Stanford Merthyr Infants at 8.20am, then Pelaw Main Primary at 8.25am approx.
3:20pm from Pelaw Main Primary, then 3.25pm from Stanford Merthyr Infants arriving Heddon Greta approx. 3:35pm. Staff will collect children from the bus stop.

If you are wanting your child to catch this public bus either morning or afternoon, it is vital you inform the office please. See me if you have any questions.

PRIZES AWARDED TO BEST LIBRARY BORROWERS FROM EACH CLASS
Congratulations to Jorja Harris from K/1P, Zalii Boddo and Allannah Winchester from K/1H and Talon Lovett, Cooper Harris and Keeley Scott from 1/2S. These were the children who were the most consistent at borrowing library books during term 1. More prizes will be awarded at the end of this term. Our library has fabulous books and children are able to borrow two books each week.
K/1P’s library day is Tuesdays
K/1H’s library day is Tuesdays
1/2’s library day is Wednesdays.

BEHAVIOURAL OPTOMETRIST VISIT
Parents are invited to listen to Kevin O’Brien, Behavioural Optometrist who is coming to Stanford Merthyr Infants School on Wednesday 11th June 2014 at 2:00pm. A general eye check does not pick up on how our eyes function with our brain. Please phone the school on 4937 1192 if you would like to attend.

The function of our eyes is to collect information. In order to do this efficiently we need to be able to see well in the distance and at near. We must be able to change focus efficiently from distance to near and back again.
We also must have good eye movements so we can get our eyes pointed at what we are obtaining information from and then be able to track this object. One in three children has problems in one or more of these areas that could impact on their learning.
If you are thinking about getting your child’s eye sight tested, I would encourage you to come and to listen to Kevin’s talk.
Child minding is available.

GIRL’S CHOIR AND BOYS DANCE LESSONS
Every Tuesday during Terms 2 and 3 the girls will be having choir lessons with Mrs Carr, while the boys go with Mr Ping to learn the Aboriginal dances. This will happen at second lunch. The school provides the costumes for the Boys Dance Group to wear when they perform.

SPEECH THERAPY INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS AT SCHOOL THURS 15TH MAY AT 9AM IN THE LIBRARY.
The Speech Therapists who have been at school each Thursday this year are preparing an information session for all parents who have received a letter stating their child would benefit from Speech Therapy interventions. I would encourage you to attend. This will be very informal and there will be plenty of time to ask questions. Child minding will be available.

SMALL SCHOOLS CARNIVAL TUESDAY 20TH MAY
A permission note has been attached to this newsletter for all children to participate in the Small Schools Carnival which will be Tuesday 20th May. We join in with all other small schools in the Cessnock area. Our whole school will be going to this. A back up date will be the 27th May should it be wet. There is no cost for this excursion.

Anne Carr
Principal.
SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK MEETING
All carers of children with special needs are welcome
Where: Abermain Public School - Goulburn Street, Abermain
When: Last Thursday of the month during School Terms 12-3pm
Bring a plate of food    All enquiries to Cheryl Ann 0414 625872    Next Meeting Thursday 29th May

KINDERGARTEN GROSS MOTOR PROGRAM
The P&C kindly voted to support Kindergarten parents by paying half the cost of the Gross Motor program that is running for 4 Fridays. The cost for the 4 sessions is now only $6.50 per student. We would appreciate payment this week if possible.

SMALL SCHOOLS CARNIVAL 20TH MAY AT TURNER PARK
Thank you for returning your expression of interest letting me know about the best way to provide transport to Turner Park for this carnival. I have collated these notes and now have sent home the official permission note for this carnival. It is included in this newsletter.
ENJOY K/1P’S SELF PORTRAITS MADE FROM MODELLING CLAY.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY!

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS;
At the assembly on Friday 2nd May 2014 these children all received awards.

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READING AWARDS

BRONZE AWARD
Abby Stauffer

SILVER AWARD
Alannah Winchester, Lilly Winchester, Curtis Connolly, Paige Soper, Lacey Smith, Quinn Cousins, DJ Stevens, Jackson Ferry, Isaac Ferry, Andrew Anderson, Hunter Bodo, Zalii Bodo, Tayah McIntyre, Blayde Hoy

GOLD AWARD

DOUBLE BRONZE AWARD

DOUBLE SILVER AWARD

DOUBLE GOLD AWARD

ROYAL

DOUBLE ROYAL

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Jorja Harris

STAR STUDENT AWARD
Eat It To Beat It

Get a free recipe book simply by attending!
Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
Save time and money making healthy meals

WANTING WW CANCER COUNCIL OF NSW/EOH IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE REGISTER NO LATER THAN 16/05/14 BY:

Don’t miss out – registration is essential to book your place. Please register no later than 16/05/14 by:

FREE FUN Nutrition Workshops for every family

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Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Workshop

The Simplest Way to Improve the Health of your Family and Save Money

Send your email: kurt@kunw.com.au

Date: Wed 14 May 2014 Time: 9:30am-1:00pm

Venue: Kurni Public School

Parents, Grandparents, Carers

Eat Move Live

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To help you to Eat more and Live Healthier
Free Family Bags Packed with goodies

Simple, Healthy, cheap, delicious snacks

Parents and parents to be active plus easy fun ways for kids

Email: Nutrition@Schools.det.nsw.edu.au By Monday May 12 2014

Please RSVP: Phone the school on 43971235 or

When: Thursday 15th May 2014 Time: 10:45am-12pm

Where: Kurni Public School

Bring a Friend

Come along to a free Eat Move Live Parent Workshop
STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL
Maitland Street
STANFORD MERTHYR 2327
PO Box 57
KURRI KURRI 2327
PH: 4937 1192
Fax: 4936 1178

PERMISSION NOTE

SMALL SCHOOLS’ ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Tuesday 20th May 2014
Back up Date—Tuesday 24th May 2014

I hereby consent to ........................................ of class..................

......................................................... of class..................

participating in an excursion to

Turner Park, Cessnock

on

Tuesday 20th May 2014.

Travel to and from Turner Park will be by car

The children will meet at Turner Park at 8.45am to have their names marked off.
Please ring the school by 8.00am on the 20th May if your child is sick.

I will transport my child to the carnival and home again from
Turner Park Yes ☐ No ☐

I can transport — extra children

I give permission for my child ............ to be transported by a parent or teacher

Please return this form by Friday 16th May 2014

Please note there is no cost for this excursion.
A canteen will be available for food and drinks at the carnival.

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Signature of Parent / Guardian                     Date