Week 6 Term 2

3rd June 2014

Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
“We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.”

George Bernard Shaw.

KINDERGARTEN’S FARM DAY
Mr Ping and Mrs Williams organised a wonderful day at school last Monday. The classroom was transformed into “Ping’s Farm” and all the students came dressed in their flannels, jeans and gumboots to engage in a fantastic day of “farm” related activities. I witnessed them enjoying a feed of bacon and eggs at lunch time that had been cooked in the classroom. Several children commented that it had been their first try at eating bacon and they loved it!! The paper mache pigs are hanging up to dry and will look fabulous when painted. I know they are all looking forward to the excursion to Oakvale Farm on 13th June.

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION TO OAKVALE FARM.
This will be a great experience for all the Kindergarten students from K/1P and K/1H. Please come to the office and fill out the permission notes as soon as possible please.
SCHOOL DISCO AND MCDONALDS NIGHT
I believe the children all behaved themselves very well at the Disco and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I decided to stay and go to the Kurri Kurri Bowling Club to do the club raffles before joining you at McDonalds. I would like to thank Lauren for being a great DJ and providing the children with a wide variety of entertainment. Thank you also to the ladies from the P&C who made up the lolly bags and bought the water and chips for the children. Thank you to all the families who supported us at McDonalds after the disco.

QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
School will be closed next Monday 9th June for Queens Birthday Holiday. I hope you all enjoy the long weekend.

KEVIN O’BRIEN BEHAVIOURAL OPTOMETRIST
I would encourage any parents who can spare an hour at 2pm on Wednesday 11th June to come to the Hall and listen to Kevin O’Brien. He will answer questions as well as explain the connection between the eyes and the brain. Please see the information on the next page.

RUGBY LEAGUE COACHING
Casey Drummond will be here at school for the next three Wednesdays to give free half hour training sessions per class. She provides all the equipment and teaches skills that encourage hand eye co-ordination in a fun way.

STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL
Dear Parent/Caregiver,
There has been another outbreak of head lice at the school. We ask that you check your child’s hair on a regular basis and treat it accordingly. If everyone does this routinely, we can eliminate this ongoing problem. Head lice are very common so there is no need to be alarmed, however they should be treated quickly to prevent them from spreading:
- Persistent scratching, particularly behind the ears and the nape of the neck accompanied by a red rash
- Tiny silver white eggs at the base of the hair shaft
- Small pale brown lice. You may wish to use a magnifying glass and a fine tooth comb under strong light to help identify lice

Head lice can be treated quickly and effectively by simply following these steps:
1. Purchase a specialist head lice treatment and apply it according to the directions on the pack.
2. Examine all family members’ hair, and treat everyone found to have head lice at the same time.
3. Wash out treatment and use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice and eggs.
4. Repeat the treatment in 7—10 days if lice are still present or eggs are found within 1 cm of the scalp.

As a precaution, any items which may harbour lice such as bed linen, towels and combs should be washed in hot soapy water. To prevent head lice in the future, all family members should avoid sharing items such as clothing, brushes or hats from each other or from friends.

Yours sincerely,
Anne Carr
Principal

The simplest way
to make shopping fun
Grocery shopping is an important time for kids to learn about storage, selection and preparation of fruit and veg.
Try these games next shopping trip to challenge your kids’ fruit & veg knowledge:
1. Play fruit & veg ‘I spy’ - name a colour and get your kids to find all the fruit and veg they can in that colour.
2. Fruit or veg of the week - let your kids select a new fruit or veg to try for that week. Brainstorm together what meals you could create with this new ingredient.
3. If you’re stuck for variety - set your kids a challenge to pick a furry fruit, an odd coloured vegie or a vegie that grows in the ground.

Try different ways of approaching fruit and veg: you’ll be surprised at the difference it makes to your child’s eating habits.

For more information visit
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Kevin O’Brien

**Behavioural Optometrist**

Will be speaking at

**Stanford Merthyr Infants School**

**Wednesday 11th June**

at **2:00pm**

Kevin will be speaking about the importance of having children’s eyes checked to support their development and learning at school.

Correct vision can also have an impact on a child’s behaviour and attitude to learning.

Everyone is welcome to attend and we ask you ring Wendy on 49371192 by Tuesday 10th June to let us know you are coming.
ENJOY K/1H'S AMAZING FRUIT BOWL SKETCHES
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY!

Rani Oirbans                K/1P               25/05/14

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

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READING AWARDS

BRONZE AWARD

SILVER AWARD

GOLD AWARD
Alannah Winchester  Lilly Winchester  Chayse Cook  Callie Armitage

DOUBLE BRONZE AWARD
DOUBLE SILVER AWARD
DOUBLE GOLD AWARD
ROYAL
DOUBLE ROYAL
PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

STAR STUDENT AWARD