Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
“Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.” Martin Luther King.

BOYS DANCE NAIDOC WEEK PERFORMANCES
All boys will perform at Pelaw Main Public on Thursday 24th July after lunch. They will get changed over at Pelaw Main School. By the end of this performance our boys will have performed in front of over 3000 people. What an achievement and it shows how confident each boy is.

WHOLE SCHOOL NAIDOC DAY AT PELAW MAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL ON THURSDAY
This Thursday all our students are going to Pelaw Main Public School for the day. Kurri Kurri High School students are leading us in Aboriginal Traditional games before lunch. We will partipate in an assembly at which time our boys Dance Group will perform. The bus will be here at 9:00am.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wed  Kristy S & Toni
Fri  Tracey B & Dannielle
Mon  Emma S

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK
Thur 17th July  Toni & Lynne
Thur 31st July  Toni & Darrell

SPELL-A-THON FUNDRAISER
Spell-a-thon sponsor sheets and money were due back to school yesterday. Please send them in by Friday so I can go and buy the prizes the children have been working towards.

On Friday 1st August children will show case their skills by parents being invited to classrooms to watch students playing spelling games. After lunch three children from each class can enter a spelling competition in front of the whole school to determine the spelling champion of their class. I have attached the timetable of event that will be occurring on Friday 1st August. I hope you can keep that day free so you can come and see your child in the classroom and join in the other activities that will be on that day. A BBQ lunch order form is attached to this newsletter.
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<td><strong>Calendar of Events for Term Three 2014</strong></td>
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<td>Every Tuesday from 11th February</td>
<td>Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school</td>
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<td>Every Thursday</td>
<td>Delta dog reading program</td>
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<td>Monday 21st July</td>
<td>Spell-a-thon notes and money due to be handed in for prizes to be bought</td>
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<td>Whole school excursion to Pelaw Main Public School for NAIDOC Week Boys Dance Group to perform there</td>
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<td>Friday 25th July</td>
<td>School Tree Day- planting new trees here</td>
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<td>Tuesday 29th July</td>
<td>Ed Fest concert and viewing of arts works at Kurri Kurri High School 5:00</td>
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<td>Gus Gordon Author excursion at Kurri Kurri Public School</td>
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<td>Friday 1st August</td>
<td>Family Fun Day here with BBQ lunch for parents and Spell-a-thon activities</td>
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<td>Mondays 11th Aug, 18th Aug, 25th Aug, 1st Sep</td>
<td>Special Interest Groups—all parents are welcome to come and assist.</td>
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<td>Reading in the Streets excursion to Kurri for Book Week. (Children come dressed as a book character)</td>
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<td>Kullaburra Aboriginal Awards Kurri Kurri High School 4pm P&amp;C meeting here at 6pm</td>
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<td>K-2 Careers Day excursion to Kurri Kurri Public School</td>
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<td>Tuesday 26th August (to be confirmed)</td>
<td>Kurri Kurri Pre-schoolers visiting for transition to school session</td>
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<td>Year 2 sleep over here all night.</td>
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<td>Thursday 4th September</td>
<td>Father's Day Stall</td>
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<td>Combined Sports Carnival with Nillo Infants School at Maitland Park. Back up date is Friday 12th September if wet.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 9th September</td>
<td>Kindergarten Transition program for 2015 students 12:30-1:30pm</td>
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<td>Saturday 13th September</td>
<td>Car Club Rally luncheon here</td>
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<td>Tuesday 16th September</td>
<td>Mr Ping and Year 2 boys visiting Kurri Kurri Preschool to do Boys Dances</td>
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<td>Final day of term. Fun Day activities for students.</td>
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**GIRLS FUN DAY.** While the boys were involved in Aboriginal dance performances, our girls stayed at school and made coconut ice, snow flakes out of paddle pop sticks and bead necklaces. They thoroughly enjoyed these activities.

**LOCAL COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS DRUMBEAT PERFORMANCES.** Indyana Snow and Keeley Scott have been training with other students from Pelaw Main, Mulbring, Weston, and Kurri Kurri Public Schools. They performed here for us last week and did an amazing job.
SPELL-A-THON ACTIVITIES FRIDAY 1ST AUG.

Assembly: 11.15-11.45
BBQ Lunch: 11.45-12.45

Activities in the classroom related to spelling. All parents and visitors are invited to observe or join in with their children. 12.45-1.30

Recess: 1.30-2.00
Spelling Championships 2.00-2.30

Students from each class will compete to determine the class champion for their grade.

3 Year 1 students from 1/2S
3 Year 2 students from 1/2S
3 Year 1 students from K/1H
3 Kinder students from K/1H
3 Kinder students from K/1P

Hand out spell-a-thon prizes 2.30-3pm

SPELL-A-THON BBQ LUNCH ORDERS

The order form for the BBQ lunch is included in this newsletter. To help with catering, it would be appreciated if all orders could please be returned by next Wednesday 30th July by 3pm please.

GUS GORDON AUTHOR VISIT

K-2 have been invited by Kurri Kurri Library to go to Kurri Public School next Thursday 31st July to meet Gus Gordon and hear him share some of his children’s stories. The permission note for this excursion was included last weeks newsletter.

P&C COOKBOOK

P&C are asking for recipes for Stanford Merthyr Infants School Cook Book. Recipes can be emailed, faxed or handed in to the office. Children have been working on the front covers of the cook book in class and the P&C will vote on the one to be on the front of the cookbook.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOORE FAMILY

It is lovely news to report that David and Gemma have a new addition to their family with another little sister for Lily-Mae. We look forward to meeting her.

P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be in the library on Wednesday 20th August at 6pm. All welcome.
FREE FUN DAY ACTIVITY
The NSW mini trot association have contacted our school and have agreed to bring a few ponies to school on the last day of term for our Term 3 Fun day activity.

ED FEST 2013 TUESDAY 30TH JULY AT KURRI HIGH SCHOOL FROM 5.15 PM

What is EdFest?
EdFest is a Local Management Group (LMG) of schools coming together during Education week to celebrate and showcase students' creative and performing art talents: Kurri Kurri High School, Kurri Kurri Public School, Stanford Merthyr Infants School, Weston Public School, Mulbring Public and Pelaw Main Public schools. Its aim is to encourage young people to express themselves in the various art forms and give our local community a chance to see what fantastic things are happening in our local schools.

Ed Fest has an art gallery where our students show their art works; with awards given for outstanding pieces, awarded by the judging panel.

3 children from each class have their art chosen and will be on display in the high school hall for you to see.

Our students have been asked to perform at Kurri High School at 6.00pm. They need to meet outside the Kurri High School Gymnasium at 5.45pm. Our costume is to have them look like a hip hop dancer. They need to wear joggers. If they could wear a baseball cap and sun glasses if they have them. Our school will be the first to perform. We have been asked to stay and watch all the performances and awards, which will be of high quality. The concert will be finished about 7.15 -7.30pm. The girls will be singing "Count on Me" and the whole school are doing a Hip- Hop dance to the tune "Kungfu Fighting."

Anne Carr
Principal
ENJOY THESE FABULOUS FACES DESIGNED BY YEAR 1/2S

By Lilly Winchester

By Ronnie Conolly

By Lily Mae Moore

By Talon
PERMISSION NOTE

ED FEST CONCERT

TUESDAY 29TH JULY 2014

All girls are singing in the choir and are performing “Count on Me” and the whole school are performing a Hip Hop Dance.
We would appreciate as many children and parents as possible to support this event.

Participating in this concert will promote your child’s confidence and self esteem.

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

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Being able to attend the Ed Fest Concert

At

Kurri Kurri High School Hall

on

Tuesday 29th July 2014 at 5.45pm

I understand that parents will transport their child to and from Kurri Kurri High Cost of the Excursion is NIL.

Please return this form by Monday 28th July 2014

SAUSAGE MEAL DEAL SPELL-A-THON

FAMILY FUN DAY

FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST

PLEASE TICK WHICH OPTION YOU WOULD LIKE.

Sausage on 2 slices of bread with

☐ Tomato Sauce
☐ BBQ Sauce
☐ No Sauce
☐ Apple Juice Poppa Or
☐ Orange Juice Poppa or
☐ Paradise Punch Poppa or
☐ Packet of Chips
☐ Can of drink for adults only

Cost $5.00 for children
Cost $6.00 for adults
No Eftpos Cash only

Orders for this Meal Deal need to be handed in by 3pm Wednesday afternoon 30th July please.

Child’s /Adult’s Name______________________________

Class__________________________

Amount enclosed $__________