Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
"To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides." David Ascott.

SCHOOL SURVEYS FOR PARENTS
It is the time of the year when I need to evaluate our School Plan in order to begin planning for next year. I would very much like to know your opinions on the things you think are working well at Stanford Merthyr Infants and your suggestions for what we can do to for the future.

I am handing you out two brief surveys soon, that I would appreciate you completing and putting in a survey box at the front office. The surveys will be anonymous. I would appreciate you returning them as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

KULLABURRA AWARDS LAST WEEK
Three of our Aboriginal students received special awards last week at Kurri Kurri High School.

Congratulations to Joel Wells, Jackson McEwan and Charlotte Lloyd.

YEAR 2 SLEEP OVER THIS THURSDAY
What an exciting time is planned for Year 2 this Thursday with team building activities during the day. They return to school at 5pm and get picked up by 9am Friday morning.

VOLUNTEERS WORKING AT OUR SCHOOL
I have been asked to ensure that all volunteers who work in our school canteen or as a parent helper in the classrooms have a Working with Children Check completed. This is an easy process and does not cost anything. Please use the computer and google "Working with children check." You will need a current drivers licence as you need to go to the NSW Motor Registry Office to show your photo ID on your licence. Then they will send you a form that you would then bring into the school office. If you do not have a computer at home, please come and see me and I can help you fill in the form on one of our computers. I would appreciate you all doing this as soon as possible please. Thank you for your assistance.

P&C MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT AT 6PM.
Please note a change of date for this meeting.

NO PARKING SIGNS ERECTED
The council erected 2 No Parking signs on the corner of the park across from the school last Friday. Please be careful not to park there.

SPEED HUMPS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL
Please note this speed hump is not a pedestrian crossing. The road markings are to warn cars to slow down.
**Calendar of Events for Term Three 2014**

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<td><strong>Every Tuesday from 11th February</strong></td>
<td>Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school</td>
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<td><strong>Every Thursday</strong></td>
<td>Delta dog reading program</td>
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<td><strong>Mondays 11th Aug, 18th Aug, 25th Aug, 1st Sep</strong></td>
<td>Special Interest Groups—all parents are welcome to come and assist.</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday 28th August</strong></td>
<td>Year 2 sleep over here all night.</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday 4th September</strong></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>Kindergarten Transition program for 2015 students 12:30-1:30pm</td>
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<td><strong>Saturday 13th September</strong></td>
<td>Car Club Rally luncheon here</td>
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<td>3 way interviews for K/1P</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday 16th September</strong></td>
<td>Mr Ping and Year 2 boys visiting Kurri Kurri Preschool to do Boys Dances</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday 17th September</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Friday 19th September</strong></td>
<td>Final day of term. Fun Day activities for students.</td>
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**CLASS SPEECHES FOR TERM 3**  
All children are asked to participate in Public Speaking this term. They are asked to prepare a 60 second speech about their favourite movie, book or TV character. Please see your class teacher if you did not receive the speech topic sheet. Three children from each class will be selected to present their speech at our final assembly on Friday 19th September.

**TOWNS WITH A HEART COLOURING IN COMPETITION**  
As part of Kurri Kurri Mural Month, children up to 12 years of age are invited to enter the Mural Month Competition. I have sent home the entries to be done at home if you would like your child to enter. There is an under 6 year old category and a 7-8 year old category. 1st prize is a $50 gift voucher, 2nd prize is a $30 gift voucher and 3rd prize is a $20 gift voucher. Entries need to be back at the school office please by tomorrow please.

**FATHERS DAY STALL THURSDAY 4TH SEP.**  
We will be selling Father’s Day presents at school on Thursday 4th September. If you did not return the form indicating how many presents you would like, please can you do this by tomorrow.

**BOOKCLUB**  
The book club orders are due back by 27th August.

**CAREERS WORKSHOPS AT KURRI PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
The whole school really enjoyed the workshops at Kurri Public School last Thursday, where they were exposed to a variety of professions. It is important to get children thinking about career choices early in their education.


ENJOY YEAR 1/2'S DESCRIPTIONS OF CHINESE NEW YEAR DRAGONS.

**Chinese New Year dragon looks like**
- Scary colourful dragon

**Chinese New Year dragon is the sound of**
- Thump thump thump thumping

**Chinese New Year dragon is the smell of**
- Beautiful Chinese food

**Chinese New Year dragon is the taste of**
- Hot fresh red blood

**Chinese New Year dragon is the feeling**
- Happiness in Chinese

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**Chinese New Year dragon looks like**
- Scales in magnificent colours

**Chinese New Year dragon is the sound of**
- People's feet thumping

**Chinese New Year dragon is the smell of**
- Delicious food

**Chinese New Year dragon is the taste of**
- Fish with sour sauce

**Chinese New Year dragon is the feeling**
- Of celebrating the New Year

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**Chinese New Year dragon looks like**
- A big soft teddy bear

**Chinese New Year dragon is the sound of**
- Bang clash boom clash

**Chinese New Year dragon is the smell of**
- Gross slimy fish

**Chinese New Year dragon is the taste of**
- Terrible duck stuffing

**Chinese New Year dragon is the feeling**
- Of very soft fur

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By Chloe Smith

By Lilly Winchester

By Hannah Quinn
REQUEST FROM HUNTER VALLEY REAL ESTATE IN LANG STREET

Hunter Valley Real Estate support our school by donating our School Spirit Awards each month. Cheryl Ann Leggart comes to our assemblies and presents two children with a certificate, a pen and a $15 Scholastic Book Club voucher. They also helped sponsor our excursion to Hunter Life Education this year, by subsiding the cost, making it cheaper for you all to attend the lessons. Hunter Valley Real Estate also read to the students each year during our “Reading in the Street” program during Book Week. They donate a short listed book to our school each year for our library.

If you have time to vote for them for the Business Awards, it would be appreciated.

Entries are now open for the 2014 Hunter Local Business Awards!
To cast a vote for Hunter Valley Real Estate follow these instructions


2. Then under Local Business Awards - area (List on the right) >> click on HUNTER

3. Go to the Gold VOTE button on the bar and a drop down box will appear - >>click on "Vote Now"

4. Please complete the Voter Information - All spaces must be completed before you can click on the red “VOTE 1” icon, it will take you to another screen

5. Select the Category >Real Estate Agency

6. Scroll down to the bottom to select >> Hunter Valley Real Estate (No. 14 on the list) - it will bring you back to the Voter Information Page

7. Scroll down to the bottom of the page >> click on the Submit button to cast your vote.

It’s that easy and you could win something too!

OR Come into the office and pick up an entry form! Thank you.
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 22nd August 2014 these children all received awards.

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<td>Outstanding performance during reader’s theatre</td>
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READING AWARDS

BRONZE AWARD
SILVER AWARD
GOLD AWARD
DOUBLE BRONZE AWARD
Paige Soper, Caitlyn Tait, Jorja Harris, Mikey Stackman-Vrckoff, Cooper Harris
DOUBLE SILVER AWARD
Andrew Anderson, Tayah McIntyre
DOUBLE GOLD AWARD
Brayden Ling
ROYAL
DOUBLE ROYAL
PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Talon Lovett
STAR STUDENT AWARD
You are invited to our

**Open Day**

**Thursday 18th September 2014**

**10.30am – 1.00pm**

We would love to see you there!

We are currently taking names on our waiting list for 2015 for children aged 3–5 years.

We are also preparing a waiting list for children requiring preschool education for children eligible to attend preschool up to 2017. I.e. Born before 31/7/2013.

For any enquiries, please contact the preschool on 493721110.

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**Aaron Blabey—author/illustrator**

at Kurri Kurri Library

**Who?** Aaron Blabey is a well known picture book author and illustrator, as well as a former actor. Aaron’s first book, *Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley* won the Children’s Book Council Early Childhood Book of the Year category in 2008. Aaron is also an ambassador for the Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

**What?** Literary evening - author talk followed by refreshments, book sales (cash only) and signing.

**When?** Wednesday 17th September 6.30pm to 8pm

**Where?** Kurri Kurri Library, 251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri (cnr Lang and Allworth Streets)

Ph 4937 1638
email karen.brucexcessno.uk.govxu

**How?** This is a FREE event, but bookings are essential and places are limited. Please contact the library.

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