Dear Families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
“It is always wise to look ahead, but difficult to look further than you can see.” Winston Churchill.

ED FEST ENTRIES FROM OUR SCHOOL

Last Tuesday evening our school choir, gave an energetic polished performance at EDFEST, the annual Education Week Celebration held at Kurri Kurri High School and our whole school performed a Hip Hop dance. At the completion of their performance the students received a huge applause from the very large audience to acknowledge their outstanding performance. EDFEST has continued to grow over the past few years with this year 11 of our students had their art displayed in the gallery. Once again three of our students were recognised for their artistic talent. Tayah McIntrye received one of the three awards for Kindergarten students. Keeley Scott won the K-2 award for Aboriginal artworks and Angelo Plumbe won the judges Choice award for K-2 students. A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AND RECOGNITION. Thank you to all the parents for your support in bringing your children to perform. I’m sure you were very proud of your children. I commend Chloe Smith and Indyana Snow for leading the girls choir in the song “Count on Me.”
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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>Delta dog reading program</td>
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<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>Thursday 21st August</td>
<td>K-2 Careers Day excursion to Kurri Kurri Public School</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>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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**SPELL-A-THON Fun Day Last Friday**

What a fabulous day! Thank you for your support of this program. All children have improved in their ability to spell the words that they were given to learn. We had very brave children who were prepared to demonstrate their ability in front of the whole school, parents and community members.

K/1 P had Tayah McIntrye, Jorja Harris and Mikey Stackman representing their class, with Jorja Harris winning by a narrow margin.

K/1H had 3 kinder students representing their class: Jayla Cameron, Charlie Jones and Alannah Winchester. We ended up with 2 champions; Jayla and Charlie.

They had 3 Year 1 students representing their class: Izaak Snow, Hannah McDonald and Paige Soper; with Hannah just sneaking in front.

1/2S had 3 Year 1 students who competed: Talon Lovett, Jackson McEwan and Ronnie Conolly. Talon ended up just in front.

They had 4 Year 2 students who competed: Indyana Snow, Cooper Harris, Jesse O’Brien and Eliza Summerville. We couldn’t separate Eliza from Cooper. Congratulations to all students who have all improved in their spelling abilities.
**GUS GORDON EXCURSION**

We appreciate Karen Bruce, Librarian at Kurri Kurri library who arranged this author visit. We all enjoyed meeting Gus Gordon and hearing him read his books and answer questions.

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**TERM 3 SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

Special Interest Groups begin again next Monday at 2pm and will continue on Mondays 18th Aug, 25th Aug and 1st Sep. Parents are very welcome to come and assist.

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**READING IN THE STREETS FOR BOOK WEEK**

Week 6 is Book week and to celebrate book week, the school is going to the main street of Kurri Kurri to be read to by several businesses. Children and staff can dress up as their favorite book character. The permission note is attached to this newsletter and is due back Tuesday 19th August. It is a wonderful day for everyone. Parents are welcome to join us and meet us at the Kurri Kurri Library.

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**RECIPES NEEDED FOR SCHOOL RECIPE BOOK**

We would appreciate each family sending in their favourite recipe please so we can make a school recipe book. The students have all designed a front cover and the art work is wonderful.

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**P&C MEETING 20TH AUGUST 6PM**

Please keep this date in your calendars for our next Meeting. All very welcome.

Anne Carr

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**EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS 2014**

Congratulations to Daryl Smith on his commitment and dedication to helping staff and students at Stanford Merthyr Infants School.

Congratulations to Indyana Snow and Cooper Harris for Academic excellence, school citizenship and aptitude to learning.

Thankyou Jennifer for painting the three lovely paintings that were raffled last Friday. Congratulations to Kayde Macdonald and Zali Bodo who won the paintings.

Thankyou Barbara Wells for the generous donation of slope boards for K/1P it is much appreciated.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY!

Jesse O’Brien 1/2S 30/07/14

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:
At the assembly on Friday 1st August 2014 these children all received awards.

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READING AWARDS

BRONZE AWARD
Lily Dobing, Amber Offen, Charlotte Lloyd

SILVER AWARD
Rylan Johnstone, Amber Offen, Charlotte Lloyd

GOLD AWARD
Eliza Summerville, Kadence Carr

DOUBLE BRONZE AWARD
Zalii Bodo, Hunter Bodo, Andrew Anderson, Callie Armitage, Chayse Cook, Alannah Winchester, Angelo Plumbe, Jayla Cameron

DOUBLE SILVER AWARD

DOUBLE GOLD AWARD

ROYAL

DOUBLE ROYAL

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Mikey Stackman, Isaac Ferry, Paige Soper, Lily-Mae Moore, Patrick Bartlett, Jackson Ferry, Cooper Harris

STAR STUDENT AWARD
BOOK WEEK 2014

Week 6, 18th August—22nd August will be Book Week for 2014.

To celebrate, on Tuesday 19th August, the children will be able to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. We will be visiting local businesses in the morning for Reading in the Streets’ and also visiting Kurri Library. Following this the children will participate in a parade back at school to show their costumes (approx. 12.30pm). We ask if $3.50 could be paid per student to the office to cover the cost of the bus. If this could be paid by Tuesday the 14th of August, that would be greatly appreciated.

Students can also have a picnic lunch with parent/grandparents. There will be Book Week displays in the library (which the children have been working hard on) and a book fair to purchase books (also in the library).

9.00 Students arrive at school dressed up as a book character
9.15 Travel by bus to Kurri Library
9.30-10.30 Reading at Kurri Library
10.30-12.20 Reading in the streets
12.30 Arrive back at school. Book week parade and lunch

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BOOK WEEK 2014—Reading in the Streets

I give permission for my child __________________________ of class__________
________________________________________ of class__________

to travel to Kurri Library on Tuesday 19th August for Reading in the Streets.

Departing school at 9.15am and returning approx. 12.30pm.

I have enclosed $3.50

________________________________________
Signature

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Date
Maitland Public School
Church Street, Maitland

LEGO DISPLAY
“EVERYTHING IS AWESOME”

Sunday 10th of August, 10 am - 3 pm.

$4 per person or $10 per family

- Sausage sizzle
- Building area for the kids
- All new LEGO displays
- Jumping castles
- Special guests