



# Stroud Road Public School and Community Newsletter

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

## REMINDERS FOR SCHOOLS DAYS

Monday: Canteen (recess and lunch)  
Tuesday: Garden Club  
Wednesday: School banking, library borrowing  
Thursday: Canteen (recess)  
Friday: Sport, recorders, music

## NEWS DAYS

Monday – Jack, Izzabella, Lachlan, Darcy, Indy  
Tuesday – Lucy, Hayley E, Nic, Raiden, Kaiden  
Wednesday – Hayley FW, Bronte, Zarleigh, Connor, Ben  
Thursday – Elijah, Poppy, Sam, Madeline, Layla

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Each week staff choose 1 student who has gone above and beyond to achieve one or more of our PBL goals (respect, care, learn, share). Congratulations to Sam Lathwell for great work on his contract.



Sam will receive a voucher to get an ice block or packet of chips from the canteen.

## SUPER SPELLERS

Well done to Indyanna, Bronte, Madeline, Hayley E and Poppy for getting 100% in their spelling test on Friday.



## PRESENTATION NIGHT

I look forward to seeing everyone for our annual Presentation Night on Thursday at Stroud Road Hall, starting at 6:30pm. Could families please bring along a plate to share for supper? Many thanks

## Industrial Action

As you may be aware, there is Industrial Action planned for Thursday 8th December. The school will be open and functioning on with all staff on this day.

## STROUD CAROLS

Thank you to the carers who were able to take their children to perform in the combined schools choir and the play at Carols on Saturday. It was a lovely evening.

## ICAS DATES 2017

The 2017 ICAS dates are listed below.

| ICAS Subject         | ICAS Sitting Date                                  |
|----------------------|--|
| Digital Technologies | 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017                          |
| Science              | 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2017                          |
| Writing              | 12 <sup>th</sup> June – 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 |



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| Spelling    | 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2017   |
| English     | 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2017  |
| Mathematics | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 |

If you would like your child/ren to participate in the ICAS assessments in 2017 the entry fees will be required to be paid by parents/carers.

Entry fees:

- Digital Technologies - \$8.80
- Science - \$8.80
- Writing - \$18.70
- Spelling - \$12.10
- English - \$8.80
- Mathematics - \$8.80

**PLEASE NOTE: If fewer than 3 entries are made in a subject across all years, an entry fee equivalent to 3 entries must be paid.**

Please send your money in to school before the end of the year.

If you would like more information about the ICAS assessments please go to:

<https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about>

#### PLEASE TIE HAIR UP

Could we please ask that all students with longer hair have their hair tied up for school each day? Not only does this help to prevent the passing of head lice, but also means that hair is not falling in children's faces whilst they complete their work.

#### SURVEYS

Thank you to those who have returned their completed surveys. Could I please ask for those who are yet to return theirs to do so ASAP? Thank you

#### STROUD WRITERS COMPETITION BOOKS

The books should be in this week. There is still time to order books. Please see us at school if you need an order form.

#### INTENSIVE SWIMMING

The students had an amazing time during intensive swimming lessons. Thank you to our instructors Carolyn and Jess.





### PRAC STUDENTS

We were sad to have to say goodbye to Mr Fitzsimmons and Mrs Head on Friday. They had become a wonderful part of our school. We wish them all their best in their remaining subjects at university and their careers as teachers.

### PERFORMANCE AT THE LODGE

The students performed beautifully at the Lodge on Friday for the residents and staff. The residents were especially pleased to receive their hand-made gifts. Thank you to Mrs Thomas for organising this.



### NAPLAN ONLINE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION SITE

The NAPLAN Online public demonstration site is now available for students, teachers, parents and the broader community to see how NAPLAN Online will work and what it will look like.

Visit the NAP website to explore the different types of items (questions) and experience the NAPLAN online environment.

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

### **WEEK 9**

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| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 6-7 transition D.H.S.      |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Presentation night 6:30pm  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Scripture moved to 12:30pm |

### **WEEK 10**

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| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Fun Day             |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Year 6/Staff dinner |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Last day breakfast  |
|                               | Students' last day  |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec | P&C Christmas party |

### **WEEK 11**

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| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | SDD – Gloucester P.S.  |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec | SDD – Stroud Road P.S. |

Crystal McGuigan  
Principal

### **P&C News**

**No canteen for the remainder of the year. Thankyou to everyone who has assisted with our canteen this year. Your efforts are appreciated.**

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December there will be a sausage sizzle for lunch. Sausage sandwiches will be \$1.00.**

### **Christmas Hamper Raffle**

The P&C will be holding a Hamper Raffle to be drawn at the Presentation Night. It would be appreciated if each family could supply an item or two to go towards the hamper. Some suggestions: tinned fruit, lollies, serviettes and cordial. There is a container in the school foyer for items to be placed in. Thankyou for your support!

### **Presentation Night**

Could families please bring in a plate to share for supper after the formalities on Thursday night? The P&C will be supplying tea and coffee and cordial for the students during supper.

### **DONATION OF GIFTS TO SALVATION ARMY**

As in previous years the school is asking that students donate a gift (unwrapped) up to the value of \$10.00 to be donated to the Salvation Army for distribution to children less fortunate. The gifts can be placed under the Christmas Tree at Presentation Night or handed in to the office.

### **Chat with the Chappie**

As my eldest daughter heads off overseas very soon for a Teen Missions trip, I found myself thinking about Christmas and how it wasn't going to be the same without her. It pushed me to reflect on what Christmas means to me. Is it about the presents, or maybe the traditions we adhere to each year? For some of us it might be a very spiritually significant time as the birth of Jesus is celebrated.

What about for our kids? In the past my kids used to love getting the junk mail and pouring over the masses of 'things' that were being advertised as 'things' we all most definitely needed for Christmas that year! My husband and I eventually ended this ritual as we saw the desperation for more and more 'stuff' taking over our kids. Christmas can quickly lose its meaning when the focus becomes all about 'me', especially for our kids.

Can I encourage you as we head towards Christmas to consider what is important for you and your family? Maybe it's time spent connecting as a family, about carefully chosen gifts, about traditions that help you feel a sense of love and togetherness. Discuss it with your kids;

get them thinking beyond themselves. There might even be something you could do as a family for others this Christmas, something that reflects the spirit of kindness, generosity and love and should come with this time of year.

If this time of year is really difficult for you, take a moment to talk to someone about that. Don't walk alone in your grief, pain or isolation. As always, I'm available to chat with on Mondays and Thursdays and can arrange to meet outside the school grounds if this was preferred (I always love a good coffee!). ☺

### **Chaplain's Character Award**

This week's Character Awards goes to:

#### **Elijah Went**

For: Being a kind and helpful student to others in his class.

#### **Hayley Fisher-Webster**

For: Giving 100% effort and commitment to performing at Stroud Lodge.

#### **Connor Nash**

For: Encouraging other students and pointing out their achievements to others.

#### **Indyanna Kerr**

For: Taking pride in her school and taking the initiative to tidy it up.



## Community News

### **ST Johns Women's Guild Coach tour to the Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas lights**

Departing Stroud 4.30pm – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Cost: Adults \$50.00, Children \$45.00 (4-15 years)

Cost includes coach travel and entry to HVG

Bookings essential (as soon as possible please)

To be paid by 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Cheques  
payable to St John's Women's Guild.

Please contact Jill Edwards for bookings and  
further information.

Phone: 4994 5384 or 0407 001 459



## **Merry Christmas**

### **Santa in Gloucester**



### **PHOTO SESSIONS**

**From Sat 3rd December  
to Sat 10th December**

**9 am to 4 pm**

**Ring helloworld Gloucester**

**02 6558 1055**

**to Book Your Appointment**