

# Stroud Road Public School and Community Newsletter

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016

I would like to take the opportunity to wish students, staff, parents, carers, families and our community a wonderful 2 week break for school holidays. I look forward to a new term where everyone works together and in harmony for our students and school.

## 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, Ben

Tuesday – Lucy, Hayley E, Nic, Raiden, Kaiden

Wednesday – Lacey, Bronte, Zarleigh, Connor

Thursday – Elijah, Hayley FW, Sam, Madeline, Layla

## SUPER SPELLERS

Well done to Ben, Sam, Nicholas, Hayley E and Lucy who were our super spellers on Friday, getting 100% in their spelling test.



## 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 Samuel Lathwell for a positive attitude to all aspects of schooling.



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

## VOLUNTEER READING

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to come in and listen to our students read could you please see me at school. We are going to have a folder set up so people can just come when they can and are not set to a certain day or time.

## BRICKTHROWING PARADE

The annual Brickthrowing event is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. This year the theme is the 'Wild, Wild West'. Students will again be participating in the street parade. If your child/ren will be participating in the street parade please start organising their 'Wild, Wild West' costume.



Students will need to be assembled and dressed in their Wild, Wild West costume by 10.15am for a parade start of 10.30am at Quambi House. Miss Mac will be there to walk with the children to the showground.

### REPORTS

Reports will go home at the end of the week. We understand that we often touch base with parents in the mornings and afternoons in regards to your child's schooling but if you would like to organise an interview please contact us at school during week 1 of Term 3. Thank you

### HOT LUNCH

If you are able and willing to do hot lunch in Term 3 the 2 dates we have left are 25<sup>th</sup> August (week 6) and 15<sup>th</sup> August (week 9). Please let me know if you are interested.

### INDIGENOUS TOTEM WORKSHOP VIDEOCONFERENCE

What a great videoconference we participated in on Wednesday afternoon. Renee and Fiona from the Australian Museum spoke about Indigenous Totems whilst students created some amazing totems of their own.







Parents and caregivers are welcome to join us for this videoconference on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 1pm to 2pm. Please note there will be a change to recess and lunch times on this day to accommodate the event.



### HOT LUNCH

Thank you to Tonya for doing hot lunch last week.

### NAIDOC DAY

We have received an email from Dungog Public School today to advise that the NAIDOC Day, due to be held on Wednesday has had to be postponed until Term 3. We have attached the information they forwarded us.

### TEEN TALK

Year Six will be participating in a program called Teen Talk in week one next term. This program is presented by Susie Blackwood and is designed for stage three students approaching or entering puberty. Susie, an experienced midwife and sexuality educator, presents the program using technical resources and sensitive humour to ensure students gain a holistic understanding about puberty and how friendships, health, reproduction, sex, respect and sexuality all link together. Students also gain an awareness of how to cope with some of the pressure facing them in our complex and demanding society. Parents are welcome to attend at a cost of \$14.00 each.

### PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE VIDEOCONFERENCE

We have registered to participate in a Premier's Reading Challenge videoconference where students will meet the very cool children's author Oliver Phommavanh. Oliver will be talking about his love of reading, and his brand new book 'The Other Christy'. Oliver will discuss how he wrote his bestselling books 'Thai-Riffic' and 'Con-nerd' as well as why he loves the Premier's Reading Challenge. Oliver grew up in western Sydney and is proud to be a nerd!

### THE PREMIER'S SPELLING CHALLENGE



**\*\*Please see information below. If your child is interested in participating and you are willing to transport them to the locations listed in the information, please let me know before the end of the term.\*\***

The Premier's Spelling Challenge was introduced in 2004 as a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling. The program includes activities to encourage all students to engage with spelling and to promote improved literacy in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus.

**Who is eligible to compete?**

The Premier's Spelling Bee is open to all NSW government primary, central and community schools. The competition comprises two divisions – Junior for Years 3&4 and Senior for Years 5&6.

Each school can enter a maximum of two students per division (i.e. a maximum of four students per school).

#### **How much does entry cost?**

There is no cost associated with the Premier's Spelling Bee.

#### **What are the competition stages?**

- School: Schools either follow official competition procedures or devise their own spelling activities to select students (a maximum of 4) to represent the school at Regional Finals.

- Regional: Regional Finals will take place between Monday 12 September and Friday 23 September (Weeks 9 – 10 Term 3).

The Premier's Spelling Bee Coordinator will advise schools of the dates and venues of Regional Finals in early Term 3.

The winner of each division of each regional final progresses to the State Final (please note: the runner-up does not)

- State: The State Final will be held on Wednesday 9 November 2016 at the Eugene Goossens Hall, ABC Centre, Ultimo.

What are the competition procedures?

- There is a demonstration round using simple words to help familiarise contestants with the competition format. No one is eliminated in this round.

- This is followed by elimination rounds of increasing difficulty.

- The announcer reads the word, then a sentence including the word, and then repeats the word again.

- Each contestant must repeat the word to the satisfaction of the announcer before they spell, and then say the word again to indicate they have finished spelling. Up until this point, contestants may self-correct if they clearly indicate that they are starting again.

- Students have 45 seconds in which to spell the word. A warning bell is rung at 30 seconds with two bells at 45 seconds to indicate the contestant's time has expired.

- Contestants may ask the announcer to repeat the word – this is included in their 45 second time limit. Any self-corrections must also be made within the time limit. At the second bell, any incomplete spelling will be taken as the contestant's final answer.

- When a student has finished spelling a word, the announcer will either state 'That is correct' or 'That is incorrect. The correct spelling is...' How is a winner determined?

- At the Regional and State Finals, the elimination process continues, round by round. To win the competition a contestant must spell more words correctly than all the other contestants.

- A contestant will only be eliminated if at least one other contestant in the same round spells their word correctly. If all contestants in a particular round misspell their words then no one is eliminated.

What are the prizes?

- All Regional Finalists receive a certificate of participation.

- Regional winners and runners up receive compact Macquarie Dictionaries.

- State Finalists receive silver medallions and a Macquarie Dictionary.

- State Champions receive gold medallions and are acknowledged with their school on a perpetual trophy.

- The schools of winners and runners up at the Regional and State Finals will receive a free school-wide subscription to Macquarie Dictionary Online.

#### PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Last week I received a phone call from the Primary Music Institute (PMI). They are able to offer small group and one-on-one keyboard and guitar lessons to our students using video and internet conferencing. Keyboard lessons are historically the most popular with parents and there is the option for PMI to supply the keyboards (and accessories) to help support the program starting.

**About PMI instrumental lessons:** "Our program was established in 1995 and we have a fantastic and unique curriculum for keyboard and acoustic guitar. Through our specially written *PMI Stars* textbooks and achievement program students are rewarded for progress with different coloured wristbands as they achieve each of the 16 levels. Lessons are 30 minutes with two lessons types, our affordable small group lessons for 2-4 students (\$15.95) or one-on-one (\$32.50)".

Further information regarding this program is attached to the newsletter. If you are interested in having your child do guitar or keyboard lessons please advise us by the end of the term.

#### ZOO SNOOZ EXCURSION

Just a reminder about returning your permission note, medical form and the deposit for the Year 3/4 Zoo Snooz excursion. They are due now. If you are having financial difficulties, please come and see the school.

**Week 10**

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	PRC Author VC 1-2pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Staff meeting 3:30pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Last day Term 2

**HOLIDAYS**

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Elections
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Stroud Brickthrowing

**Week 1**

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Staff Dev. Day – Stratford P.S.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Students return
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Teen Talk (Year 6)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	HSLO visit

**Week 2**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Kindergarten Transition Principal Credential meeting
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Australian Maths Comp

**Week 3**

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	ICAS English Kindergarten Transition
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	P&C meeting 7pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Hot Lunch (Molly)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	CLN meeting (Krambach)

**Week 4**

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Zone Athletics (field)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Kindergarten Transition
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	BWCoS meeting (Stroud)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Zone Athletics (track)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	P&C bus trip

**Week 5**

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	ICAS – mathematics
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Kindergarten Transition Bucketts of Talent
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Maitland Horse Sports

**Week 6**

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	P&C meeting 3:10pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Newc. Perm Maths Comp. Book Week assembly
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Hot Lunch
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Kindergarten Transition Principal Network Day

**Week 7**

Mrs Bell prac	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Kindergarten Transition
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Hunter athletics

**Week 8**

Mrs Bell prac	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Stage 2 Zoo Snooz
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Stage 2 Zoo Snooz Kindergarten Transition

**Week 9**

Mrs Bell prac	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Kindergarten Transition Responsible Pet visit P&C meeting 7pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Hot Lunch

**Week 10**

Mrs Bell prac	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Kindergarten Transition

**HOLIDAYS**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Stroud Country Fair
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Crystal McGuigan  
Principal

**P&C News****Canteen Roster – Term 3**

25 <sup>th</sup> July	Kim
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Leasa
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Leonie
15 <sup>th</sup> August	Nicole
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Marianne
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Davina
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Tonya
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Janet

Thankyou for your assistance with the canteen. If you are not able to attend on your rostered day please arrange for a replacement.

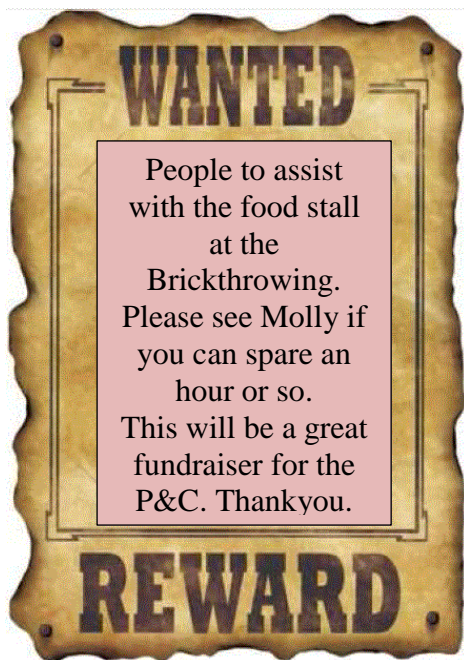
**UNIFORMS**

If you would like to purchase any uniform items could you please send in the money with a note advising the item and size and the item will be sent home with your child or given to you.

**MEETING AGENDA**

Next meeting: Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 7pm.





## Community News

**Gloucester Gallery will be holding  
School holiday workshops for children 6-  
12yrs**

**Tue13/07/16 & Weds14/07/16**

**Linking Art & Nature**

**Presented by Rachelle Worth - "Raw  
Earth Enviro Education."**

**When: 9.30-12 byo lunch**

**12.30 pm - 3pm (5 hrs)**

**Where: School of Arts Upstairs**

**Book your place now \$10 per day or \$5  
half day**

**at Gloucester Health Foodshop  
6558 2622**

**Children will need to bring items they  
have found in nature  
from the garden or at the park & some  
recycled items.**


**STROUD ROAD  
PUBLIC SCHOOL**


invites your child to attend

## Kindergarten Transition

Every child deserves a great start to their  
education so Stroud Road Public School are  
starting Kindergarten Transition in Term 3 2016.

During transition sessions students will be participating in a variety of activities relating to our Key Learning Areas (English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Human Society and Its Environment, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education and Creative Arts), as well as becoming orientated with the school, playing and socialising with other students and learning daily school routines.

This opportunity will ensure your child is comfortable, confident and prepared to commence their early years of learning at Primary school.



**Our first transition date will be  
Monday 25th July 2016 (Week 2) 9am-11:30am.**  
A list of future sessions is available at your request.

If you are interested in enrolling your child to participate in this program please contact Crystal McGuigan (Principal) on 4994 5276 for further information.

The staff and students of Stroud Road Public School are looking forward to meeting our Kindergarten students for 2017.



