

Stroud Road Public School and Community Newsletter

Monday, 6th March 2017

REMINDERS FOR SCHOOLS DAYS

Monday: Canteen (recess and lunch)

Tuesday:

Wednesday: School banking, Story Sharing (news)

Thursday: Canteen (recess)

Friday: Sport, recorders, music, library borrowing

STANDOUT STUDENT AWARDS

This week we had a four-way tie for the most ticks (again). Congratulations to Lucy and Madeline who are our Standout Students for week 6 and will receive a certificate and a voucher for a packet of chips or an ice block from the canteen.



SHOW PROJECT

The school theme for the show this year is the United Nations International Year of Tourism.

Each year Primary students are asked to submit a project for one of the school events for the school. Due to time constraints we will not have time in class for the Primary students to complete their 'Tourism' research project and are asking students to complete this event at home. Students are asked to research tourism and display their information on a piece of cardboard. If your child/ren would like to complete this activity at home we have cardboard we are happy to supply to them, as well as to print any text or images in colour that they may like to use.

TEXTBOOK PAYMENT

In lieu of a voluntary contribution we ask parents to contribute towards the cost of your child's textbooks. Please send in your payment ASAP.

RECYCLED MATERIALS

If anyone has any milk/juice cartons or bottles, or small boxes (tissue, muesli bar) please send them in to school. We need some recycled materials to complete the recycled materials show items.

SPIRIT OF ANZAC

We have been lucky enough to obtain 40 tickets to the Spirit of ANZAC exhibition at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 29th March. The school will need 20 tickets for students and staff and so we have 20 tickets for parents/carers and community members to come with us. If you are interested in a ticket please let me know. Tickets are FREE!!

SEESAW APP



Thank you to all the parents who have downloaded the Seesaw App, with some liking and commenting on student work and photos.

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL 5/6 INFORMATION MORNING

Gloucester High School will be holding an information morning for Year 5 and 6 students and their parents on Thursday 9th March from 9-11am. Information was sent home last week.

P&C AGM

I look forward to seeing you all at the P&C AGM on Wednesday evening.

MRS HAIRE VISIT

Mrs Kerrel Haire, our new Director, will be visiting our school tomorrow from 12:45pm until 2pm.

PAMELA SMITH

Pamela Smith, Assistant Principal Learning and Support, will be visiting our school from 12noon tomorrow. Mrs Smith will be working with Mrs Madden and myself on Personalised Learning Plans for students.

HOCKEY GALA DAY

I have spoken with Greg Doolan, who is organising the hocky gala day in Gloucester on Wednesday to check that the day is still going ahead. He is going to call some people to check their suitability of the grounds and will get back to me.

PRINCIPAL NETWORK MEETING

I will be in Taree on Friday, attending the Principal Network Meeting. Mrs McNeice will be in class as usual.

MRS SANSOM VISIT

Mrs Sansom will be visiting our school on Monday next week to discuss our new spelling program, e-Learning and new Syllabus units.

STAGE 2 AND 3 EXCURSIONS

Just an early note in regards to the Stage 2 and 3 excursions for this year so parents can start to plan for the payments:

STAGE 2

Myuna Bay Sport and Rec Camp (or similar)

In 2015 the cost for this excursion was approximately \$190.00 [Booral School is organising].

STAGE 3

Canberra

In 2015 the cost for this excursion was approximately \$320.00 [Stroud School is organising].

If you have already paid your textbook fees you are welcome to make payments towards these excursions.

WRITE4FUN COMPETITION



WRITERS WANTED

\$1000 CASH & YOUR CHOICE OF...

Apple iPad Air 32GB OR **Xbox One** OR **\$500 Rebel Sport Gift Card** OR **Playstation 4**

THE COMPETITION

Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2017 Schools Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their Poems or Short stories, and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer. There is no theme! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Enter online at www.write4fun.net OR email to enter@write4fun.net OR fax to (07) 5574 3644 OR post with entry form details to Write4Fun P.O. Box 2734, Nerang DC, QLD 4211. **Entry is FREE and all entries must be in by Friday, 31st March 2017.**

THE PRIZES

Poetry Prize

- 1st \$1000 CASH (\$500 to YOU & \$500 to YOUR SCHOOL) AND YOUR CHOICE of a Xbox One or PlayStation 4 or a \$500 Rebel Sport Gift Card or Apple iPad Air (32GB)
- 2nd \$250 CASH + Write4Fun Gift Pack
- 3rd \$150 CASH + Write4Fun Gift Pack
- 15 x Prizes Write4Fun Gift Pack

Short Story Prize

- 1st \$1000 CASH (\$500 to YOU & \$500 to YOUR SCHOOL) AND YOUR CHOICE of a Xbox One or PlayStation 4 or a \$500 Rebel Sport Gift Card or Apple iPad Air (32GB)
- 2nd \$250 CASH + Write4Fun Gift Pack
- 3rd \$150 CASH + Write4Fun Gift Pack
- 15 x Prizes Write4Fun Gift Pack

THE RULES

- Only one entry per student - either a Poem OR Short Story.
- Entries to be typed or neatly handwritten.
- Poems must not exceed 16 lines and Short Stories must not exceed 500 words.
- Entries must be in by Friday 31st March 2017.
- Entries must be the original work of the author.
- Co-written entries will be disqualified.
- Entry form details must accompany each entry.

THE BOOK

Poems and short stories entered into the competition will be considered for inclusion into our 2017 Write4Fun anthology! Those selected will have the opportunity to purchase the edition at a discounted rate. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize-winners will receive a complimentary copy of the book. "We are very excited to be sponsoring this competition," stated Julie Woods, Managing Editor for Write4Fun. "Reading and writing seem to be taking a back seat these days to computer games and evolving technology! Our hope is that competitors such as these inspire the students to be creative with words once more and have fun doing it!"

Enter Online: www.write4fun.net
Email To: enter@write4fun.net
Mail To: Write4Fun P.O. Box 2734 Nerang DC, QLD 4211
Phone: (07) 5574 3622 • FAX: (07) 5574 3644
www.facebook.com/Write4Fun

INKS

One of our families recently found these ink cartridges for an old printer they had. If you are able to use them they are FREE and in the front office waiting for you!!





3rd – Connie Hodge
8th – Poppy Northedge
9th – Mel Nash

Best wishes to everyone else celebrating a birthday this week.

WEEK 7

Tuesday 7 th Mar	Kerrel Haire visit 12:15-1:15 Virtual LST meeting 3:30pm
Wednesday 8 th Mar	Hockey gala day (3-6) P&C AGM 7pm
Thursday 9 th Mar	GHS transition meet. 9-11am
Friday 10 th Mar	Principal Network meeting

WEEK 8

Monday 13 th Mar	Canteen (Rhonda) Mrs Sansom visit
Tuesday 14 th Mar	Dungog League Tag day Seesaw VC 3:30pm
Wednesday 15 th Mar	
Thursday 16 th Mar	Hot Lunch
Friday 17 th Mar	CLN meeting - Coolongolook

WEEK 9

Monday 20 th Mar	Canteen (Kim) Staff meeting 3:30pm
Tuesday 21 st Mar	Harmony Day
Wednesday 22 nd Mar	
Thursday 23 Mar	Cross Country (Stroud)
Friday 24 th Mar	HSLO visit 10am Uniform Meeting 1.00pm
Saturday 25 th Mar	Booral Markets

WEEK 10

Monday 27 th Mar	Canteen (Kath Thomas)
Tuesday 28 th Mar	Miss Mac at Prof. Learning
Wednesday 29 th Mar	Spirit of ANZAC
Thursday 30 th Mar	
Friday 31 st Mar	
Sunday 2 nd Apr	Kids Easter Bingo

WEEK 11

Monday 3 rd April	Canteen (Kim)
Tuesday 4 th April	
Wednesday 5 th April	
Thursday 6 th April	
Friday 7 th April	Assembly/Easter Activities

Crystal McGuigan
Principal

P&C News

P&C AGM

The new date for the AGM is now **Wednesday, 8th March 2017 at 7.00pm**. Apologies for the change of date.

Just a reminder snack items are available to purchase from the canteen on Thursdays at recess time.

Canteen Roster Term 1

13 th Mar	Rhonda Bailey
20 th Mar	Kim Harris
27 th Mar	Kath Thomas
3 rd April	Kim Harris

If you are able to assist with the canteen please see Kim Harris. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Save the dates!!!

TUNING INTO TEENS BEGINS IN TERM 2

Begins Monday 1st May 1.30pm – 3.00pm
(runs for 6 sessions)

Where: Stroud Road Public School

Who: Any parent with teens or pre-teens
(Year 5 & 6)

Cost: Free! Includes tea/coffee and yummy
arvo tea.

Hope you can make it.

Chat with the Chappie

Questions, questions, questions!! As parents, we sometimes feel bombarded with question after question and we never seem to have all the answers or are just too tired to think of them!

But questions are important and there is a skill in being able to ask the right ones, amazing but true! Skilful questioning is linked to good communication. When we learn to ask the right questions, we can communicate with our kids better.

For example, this morning I asked a student, “Did you have a good weekend?”. His answer was brief, “Yep” (with a slight grunt!) I realised I needed to change my question. I tried again. “Was your weekend good, great or not great at all?”

Asking the right question is like a key, it can really help ‘unlock’ our kids. After rephrasing my question, the student said, “Not great at all, it was” He then went on to tell me all about it for the next 5 minutes.

There are open-ended questions and closed questions. Closed questions usually require a short one-worded response.

ie Do you like bananas? Yes
Did you have a good day? Yeah

When you really want to chat with your kids and hear about what’s happening for them, try using open-ended questions.

ie What did you really like doing today?
What happened at lunch today?
Why do you think the girl was being mean to you?

Become a master questioner this week and watch how your kids open up and actually have so much to tell you.

Great communication = Great relationships!!
If you need to chat about life, your kids or school, please don’t hesitate to contact me on 0422 523 896. I’m at the school Mondays and Thursdays.

Kath Thomas

Chaplain’s Character Award

This week’s Chaplain’s Character Awards go to:

Koby Morrison

For persevering with lots of new things at big school, like the National Anthem and writing numbers and letters.



the nominated award goes to:

Hayley Edwards

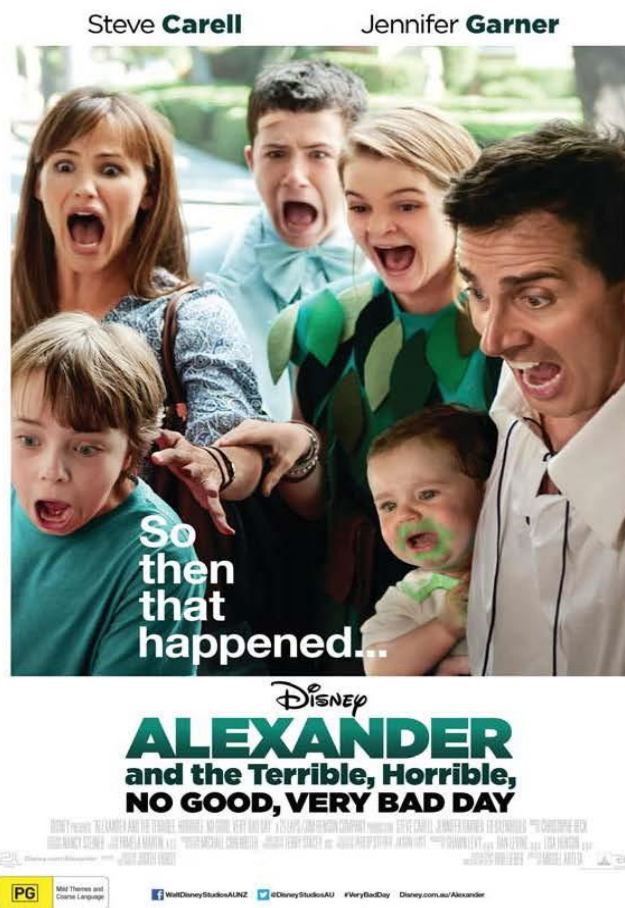
For always being a kind and helpful friend to other students.



and Mrs Dennis

For being such a great help to the students.





Outdoor Movie Night



\$10 Family Ticket

A family ticket includes 2 adults and all children in the same household as the parents.

7:15pm

(approximate start time)

Saturday 25th March 2017

Booral Public School grounds

Tickets on sale from Monday 27th February 2017

at the following locations;

Booral Public School, Stroud Public School, Stroud Road Public School and Stroud Hardware and Produce.

Lucky Door Prizes donated by local businesses.