Last week I had the pleasure of having lunch with three of our senior boys, Riley Norton-Fraser, Jeremy Piercy and McGregor Chapman. All three boys had earned their second Gold Award through exemplary participation, citizenship and sportsmanship. This award means that they were able to choose their lunch (McDonalds) and join me while they ate it. The three boys kept me well entertained throughout the lunch and I congratulate them on this fine achievement of earning two Gold Awards.

In order to continue the development of our students as responsible and respectful citizens, we have a number of initiatives including our Student Representative Council, Peer Leadership, Peer Mentoring and Buddy Classes. We are actively involved in raising funds for worthy causes. Last week, we had three students joining into the “Shave for a Cure” to raise funds for Cancer Research. This week, we will be holding a mufti-day Friday 27th March along with all the other schools in Wagga Wagga to raise funds for the Vanuatu Appeal. Thank you to the students and families who contribute so generously to these causes, thank you also to the organising teachers, Linda Wood and Rhonda Seaman.

Next week will be our last week of school before the holidays. It will begin with the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra. This is part of their HSIE unit on Government. They have an exciting program ahead with a visit to Old Parliament House, Parliament House, AIS, Australian War Memorial, Questacon, the National Dinosaur Museum, National Museum of Australia and Black Mountain. Thank you to Rhonda Seaman for all her organisation. We know the students will continue to be good ambassadors for our school.

As we near the end of Term 1 and our students review all their achievements at 3 Way Conferences, even our Kindergarten students, it is important to congratulate them on their efforts, plan for the future and get ready to enjoy a well-earned holiday at the end of next week. The following pointers may be helpful as parents work to support their children in their learning journey.

Australian Parenting and education expert, Kathy Walker has the following tips:
- Keep the TV and computer out of the bedroom
- Stick to routine;
- Tell your children you love them every day; and
- Avoid rushing them through their childhood

Remember the Kindergarten students in particular are still little children and don’t have to be mini geniuses just because they have started school
- Cut them some slack when they are tired
- Read to them or listen to them read every night
- Sit with them around the evening meal so you model conversation, without the TV on
- Relax and enjoy them

Getting to know the teachers and other parents at our school is a great way to build a network of contacts who can support us when we come up against the challenges of parenting. Consider becoming a part of the life of the school through joining the P&C, helping out in your child’s classroom, volunteering in the canteen or on sports days and other school functions, such as this weekend’s election barbecue. Details are on the P&C Facebook page and the School App. Your contribution will be much appreciated.

Mrs Kerry Barker, Principal

REMINDERS

Friday 27 March  Vanuatu Mufti Day
Saturday 28 March  Election BBQ
Monday 30 March  Stage 3 Excursion
Monday 30 March  Canteen Mufti Day
Monday 30 March  Combined Assembly 1.45pm Hall
Wednesday 1 April  Easter Raffle donations due
Thursday 2 April  Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 2 April  Easter Raffle drawn
Indiana 2 April  CAGK
Monday 28 April  Athletics Carnival

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
- Term 2 Gymnastics—Stage 3
- Sturt App / P&C Facebook/ Canteen fridge magnet
- Best Street Studios—Art workshops

MUFTI DAY TOMORROW

VANUATU APPEAL—Fri 27th March

Wagga Wagga Schools are holding a mass mufti appeal to help rebuild the schools in Vanuatu. All children are asked to donate any coins to build the word Vanuatu in our 3-6 area.
Year 4

YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN IMMERSED IN OUR LITERACY UNIT ‘GOING BUSH’ THIS TERM.

On the 25th of February we went on a bushwalk from the Lagoon to Marshall’s Creek. It was long and tiring but it was fun learning new things about our environment. Mark Sadler explained how the Wiradjuri People used the environment to live. Jakoaba Smith

On the 19th of March we went on an excursion to Kengai (The Rock). We saw a Gunya (shelter) made out of sticks, a web from an Orb spider, which we learned the Aboriginal’s used as a natural band aid and hollow trees that had been eaten by termites.

Ben Murray/Danny Himiari

Year 5

YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE FAMOUS AUTHOR SHAUN TAN THIS TERM.

I have enjoyed learning about Shaun Tan and his books. My favourite book is ERIC. My interpretation of the book is that Eric is a refugee that has moved to this new place away from his home which is natural, and he struggles to assimilate to his new home. Bailey Strucklak

We have studied: The Red Tree, which is a story about finding hope; The Arrival, a story about finding home in an unfamiliar place; The Rabbits, which is portraying the treatment of the Aboriginal people during White Settlement; The Lost Thing and Eric, which are stories about belonging. Year 5
### MERIT CERTIFICATES
**Awarded for Class Achievement**
**Term 1—Week 8**

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### HOW 2 Learn Awards
**Awarded for weekly habit or disposition**
**Term 1—Week 8**

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**Behaviour, Participation and Citizenship**
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### STICKER OF THE WEEK
**AIDYN MOORE**
**GOANNA**
Being a conscientious learner and a great helper in the classroom.

### LIBRARY AWARDS

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### PEER SUPPORT
This week the focus was on step 2 of the model, Plan. In Peer Support children learn the need to develop a range of coping strategies and be creative in drawing on these when planning responses. Responses include persevering, seeing the positive side to situations and engaging in activities they enjoy as a distraction for a short time. Encourage your child to talk with you about strategies they could use as difficulties arise.

### Easter Hat Parade
**Thursday 2nd April**
STURT P&C CANTILEN FACEBOOK GROUP
Roster – Week 10 Term 1 10.00am-1.30pm

Monday  Annette Ewins—Canteen Mufti Day
Tuesday  Kate Neason
Wednesday  Fiona Pinney, Megan Foster
Thursday  Help needed please
Friday  Canteen Closed—Public Holiday

CANTENE MUFTI DAY
Monday 30th March the canteen is holding a Mufti
day for canteen pantry items.

WISH LIST:
- Home brand cake mix
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned beetroot / corn
- Muffin sized patty cases
- Icing sugar

A more detailed list will be on the Sturt P&C and
Canteen facebook group page.

MONDAY MEAL
DEAL
RED FOOD DAY
Chicken & Gravy Roll
Frozen Cup
Mini Chocolate
$4.00

Joanne Klimpsch Canteen Supervisor
P: 0400 840 223

P & C NEWS
Wow can you believe that the term is nearly over
and holidays are to start again.

Election BBQ - thank you to everyone who has put
their name down to help out. We still have a few
spots available, the more people to help out the
easier the work is....contact Heidi on
0447457667.....don't forget to come to school to
vote, this Saturday 28th March.

Cake Stall - the BBQ we will also have a cake stall.
Please drop off any donations to the school on
Friday or you can drop them off when you come to
vote.

Easter Raffle - you should see the prizes already
gathering for the raffle! Remember that every
donation gives you a ticket in the special prize draw.
Please drop your donation of eggs and other
chocolates to the office, and you can collect more
tickets while you are there so that you have more
chances to win!

Keep in contact with us;
Email: sturtpublicpandc@gmail.com
Facebook: Sturt P&C and Canteen

Kristen Whiticker
P&C President

SPORTS REPORT
❖ Congratulations to Makaylee Little on making
the Riverina Girls Hockey Team
❖ Well done to Jeremy Piercy, Sam McNaughton,
Jorja Pinney, Makaylee Little and Macauley
Armstrong on being selected to represent
Wagga in their chosen sports of Touch Football
and/or Aussie Rules.

SPORTS DATES
APRIL 2015
28th  Sturt Public School Athletics

MAY 2015
8th   Sturt Public School Cross Country

THURSDAY 2nd APRIL, 2015
CAGK EASTER TABLOID  11.35am—12.50pm
EASTER HAT PARADE  2.00pm
P&C RAFFLE DRAWN  2.30pm

Stage 2’s Excursion to
“KENGAL”
A sense of belonging

The Rock Nature Reserve