Thank you to the P&C for organising Maggie Dent to speak to our parents and community. Her sessions were a resounding success giving all attendees plenty to think about. It was a wonderful opportunity and I thank those members of the P&C who organised this event.

Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will be undergoing the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN testing) here at Sturt Public School. On Tuesday 12th May, it will be the Language Conventions and Writing Tests; on Wednesday 13th May, it will be the Reading Test and on Thursday 14th May, it will be the Numeracy Test. These tests are part of our whole school assessment program. They enhance the school based standardised tests which are given to all K-6 students on an annual basis and the regular stage and class based assessments which help to track your child’s learning. These students have been well prepared and understand the format of this type of testing. Parents are asked to ensure that their children have early nights prior to each of these testing days and breakfast each morning, as it can be quite tiring for them. There is a catch up day on Friday if there are any students who have been away and missed testing on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

All students, Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved in the School Cross Country tomorrow at the Botanic Gardens Music Bowl. This is a great opportunity for families to be involved, with a sausage sizzle lunch and the races running throughout the morning. Thank you to Susan Brasier and Debbie Imrie for their efforts in organising this event. Let’s hope the weather holds out for this wonderful day.

Mrs Kerry Barker, Principal

**REMINDERS**

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**NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

- Premiers Reading Challenge
- Laurel Hill permission note—Stage 2
The Year 5 students in Snowy have been learning about direct and indirect speech in preparation for their NAPLAN tests. They enjoyed rearranging a variety of words and symbols to create their own sentences as a class.
STURT P&C CANTEEN
FACEBOOK GROUP

Roster – Week 4 Term 2  10.00am-1.30pm

Monday  Annette Ewins, help needed please
Tuesday  Doris
Wednesday Fiona Pinney
Thursday Shamia Binta Zoha
Friday  Jo Kennedy till 11.30, Carmen Forge, Melita from 12

Friday (tomorrow) is the cross country, the sausage sizzle has been preordered so if you don’t have an order already handed in please pack lunch. Recess and plenty of water is needed to be sent for all students. There will be no breakfast at the canteen on Friday this week. Slushies will no longer be available until the end of term 3.

MONDAYS WEEKLY
SOUP SPECIAL
Fresher Choices @ Lunch menu will be Pumpkin

Joanne Klimpsch Canteen Supervisor
P: 0400 840 223

SPORTS REPORT

♦ Good luck to our students attending the Rugby Union Trials next Friday.
♦ Congratulations to Ruby who has made it through to the next round of PSSA netball trials.
♦ Well done to Makaylee, Anneka and Kayla who will be playing for Riverina in Softball next term.
♦ All Athletics awards will be given out on Monday at our Combined Assembly 1.45pm in the school hall.

SPORTS DATES

MAY 2015
8th  Sturt Public School Cross Country
15th  Riverina Rugby Union Trials
19th  Stage 3 Rugby Union Gala Day
25th  Wagga PSSA Cross Country
26th  Stage 3 Mortimer Shield
27th  Wagga PSSA Athletics
29th  Boys Softball Knockout games
29th  NSW PSSA Netball Knockout

NAPLAN

Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th May

2015 Annual Charity Auction

Thursday 21 May, 2015
6pm Live Auction Commences at 7pm Cost: Free
Gallery 43 TAFE NSW Riverina Institute
RSVP: phillip.grant@nswcc.org.au / andrew.totman@tafensw.edu.au
Enquiries call 1300 823 374

The ANZAC Centenary in the Riverina

I remember the wrinkles on his face as the old man relived his tale.
As the night falls and the silence of the fighting is deafening, I sit and reflect on what had happened today and of the mates that I have lost.
There I was with all my mates, about to enter an adventure of a lifetime. We arrived at the banks of Gallipoli, we ran off the boat through water as calm as a river in the Riverina, only to be hit with gun fire. My best mate, gone!
We ran up the hill, with not many surviving, we took a deep breath. We had survived that terrible landing, now the enemy was everywhere.
The trenches were deep, we were up and fighting the enemy, rests were only sometimes and we would lean against the dirt wall.
It was nice to have Jo, who was a funny guy. He told stories of home and jokes of his own. It took our minds away from the loss of our mates.
This is how I remember the stories that were told to me as a little boy, now that I think 100 years ago, here in the Riverina awaiting the Anzac Day Centenary in the Riverina.

Jeremy received Highly Commended in the Michael McCormack Anzac Centenary in the Riverina Writing Competition

DEBATING WORKSHOP

On Thursday May 29 2015, ten students from Sturt Public School attended a debating workshop at Kooringal Public School.
The workshop was run by experienced adjudicators and debaters from Sydney. The students were taught new techniques and were given opportunities to put them into practice. They also received valuable feedback on how to improve their debating skills into the future. The participants were:- Nicholas, Ethan, Chelsea, Georgi, Chinmay, James, Kate (Fiona, Juliet and Brody absent from photo).