The staff here at Sturt Public School, are constantly undertaking professional learning in the pursuit of building capacity in delivering outstanding quality teaching and learning for our students. On Monday, our staff held the first of two Staff Development evenings, featuring workshops around the Australian Professional Teaching Standards and using technology to enhance curriculum delivery and student engagement. Our next Staff Development evening, will delve further into the Australian Professional Teaching Standards along with the Writing component of the Australian Curriculum.

We are hosting the Tournament of Minds Competition this Sunday. This has been previously run at Turvey Park P.S. however this year, the coordinator’s role has been taken on by Angela Comerford. Hosting this event is a huge commitment and it is really heartening to see so many of our staff taking on judging and other assisting roles to make it a reality. Once again, our wonderful canteen operator, Jo Klimpsch has agreed to assist with the catering on the day. Hopefully it will prove to be a great fundraiser as well as a showcase of Sturt Public School.

Jeanine Leyshon will be relinquishing her position as School Admin Manager at the end of this term and taking some well-deserved leave prior to official retirement. Jeanine’s position will be advertised internally, i.e. NSW Department of Education permanent employees only. Jeanine has done an excellent job of taking on the challenges of being a pilot school for the LMBR reforms. Her persistence and commitment to high standards has put the Sturt Administration in a sound position for the future.

We have Swim School starting next week which will involve selected students from Years 2 and 3. Swim School entails two weeks of intensive swimming every day and ensures students have the opportunity to improve their skills in preparation for the swimming season ahead. Thank you to Susan Brasier, Kristil-Rae Mobbs and Kim Ryan for their work with helping to make this happen.

On Thursday and Friday this week, Linda Wood and I will be attending the Riverina Primary Principals Conference to be held at CSU, Wagga Campus. During these two days, Linda and I will be fortunate enough to listen to some outstanding speakers as well as network with other principals and keep abreast of all the latest educational reforms. We also have the pleasure of showcasing Sturt P.S. talent at the conference with our Senior Dance group invited to perform on Friday morning. As parents would be aware, this group has already won the Wagga Eisteddfod and performed at the Riverina Dance Festival, so it is very exciting to have them showcased again in such an important arena.

Kerry Barker
Principal

WINNERS OF THE ONE DAY CHESS COMPETITION
Aayan, Chinmay, Ethan
(70 teams entered)

NOTES SENT HOME
• NSW PSSA Softball Carnival—Selected students
• Boys Touch Knockout—Selected students
• PSSA Girls Touch Knockout—Selected students
• Wagga Eisteddfod — Selected students
• Premiers Sporting Challenge—Selected students

REMINDERS

Week 7
24 Aug  Sept Swim School Years 2 & 3 starts
28 Aug  Interschool Sport
31 Aug  Combined Assembly 1.45pm Hall

Stage 2 Performing
4 Sept  Fathers Day Stall
9 Sept  2016 Kindergarten Teddy Bears’ Picnic
14 Sept  Combined Assembly 1.45pm Hall
11 Sept  Interschool Sport
15 Sept  P & C Meeting 7pm
18 Sept  Interschool Sport
18 Sept  LAST DAY OF TERM

PSSA GIRLS TOUCH KNOCKOUT—CHANGE OF DATE TO Thursday 27th August, 1.30pm
### 2015 STUDENT BOOK-ORDER FORM

**Michael Salmon: Children’s Author/Illustrator**

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*Please make out any cheques to: Monster Promotions Pty Ltd.
*Author will sign each book

Total: $
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Yashaswi
Emu
Being a caring and helpful student.

YEAR 6 MIDDLE CHILDHOOD SURVEY
In Weeks 8 and 9 of this term, all Year 6 students will participate in a state-wide survey focussed on child development. The survey aims to identify factors affecting health, education and behaviour in adolescence or adulthood. The study is being led by researchers at the University of New South Wales and has the support of the NSW Department of Education. The survey will gather a snapshot of child mental health and wellbeing, and all information gathered will be anonymous and confidential. The data from the survey will be used to better understand the needs of children in this age-group and also direct future programs and policies.

All Year 6 students have received this information in a booklet. If you do not wish your child to participate in this survey, please complete the written opt-out/withdrawal form sent home last week and return it to the front office.

Mrs Seaman
P & C NEWS

Well it has been an exciting week with a red food day on Wednesday with yummy pancakes for recess and other treats at lunch. Thanks to Jo for continuing to come up with creative ideas. Thanks to the parents who came in to help, without helpers we cannot achieve great things.

With this in mind if you have a spare half hour on Sunday morning to help in the canteen for the Tournament of Minds (TOM) competition please let Jo know or drop in to school on Sunday.

The Twilight Market will be held on Friday 6th November, so put this date in your calendar now. Parents are invited to use this opportunity to promote their own business or to help with a stall on the night. For more information contact Romola sturtpublicpandc@gmail.com.

The Gonski report outlined changes to school funding. Gonski funding will ensure that every school has the right resources to meet the needs of every child. But only a fraction of the funding has been delivered so far. Parents and community members need to work together to convince the Abbott Government to deliver this vital funding in full. Put your name to the petition at:

http://www.igiveagonski.com.au

Kristen Whiticker- P & C President
0405 092 755 sturtpublicpandc@gmail.com

CLOTHING POOL
Orders due Friday 21st August, 2015

SPORTS DATES—TERM 3
21 August  Interschool Sport
28 August  Interschool Sport
31 August  Riverina Athletics
2 September  T-Ball Gala day (girls)
4 September  Stage 2 Aussie Rules Gala Day
9 September  T-Ball Gala day (boys)
11 September  Interschool Sport
18 September  Interschool Sport

SPORTS REPORT
• Well done to Jeremy & Macauley who are in Sydney representing the Riverina in Rugby Union this week.
• Congratulations to both our girls and boys Softball teams who are Riverina Champions. Excellent effort.
• Good luck to Anneka, Makaylee and Kayla who are representing Riverina in Softball next week in Wagga.
• Swim School starts Monday 24th August, 2015
• Good luck to our girls and boys Touch teams playing in the PSSA Touch Knockout on Wednesday.

MONDAY MEAL DEAL
BEef MINCE NACHOS
With a salsa cup & waffle cone
$5.00

PLEASE HELP
Sunday is Tournament of Minds catering. Thank you to those already helping. If you can help anytime between 8am and 2.00pm I would love to see you. Thank you

FRIDAY—HOT LUNCHES ONLY
NO WRAPS, BURGERS OR SANDWICHES
Friday’s (tomorrow) are short on volunteers, so again hot lunches only.

Joanne Klimpsch Canteen Supervisor
P: 0400 840 223

DON’T FORGET 5c FRIDAYS
Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken. Contact the office for more information.

WAGGA WAGGA LITTLE ATHLETICS
2015-2016 Season Online Registration
Website: www.wwla.com.au
Registration Collection Date: 3rd Sept, 2015
5.30pm to 7.00pm Jubilee Park
Leanne 0408 021 810 / Brent 0412 451 457

WAGGA JUNIOR TENNIS
Registration Days—Bolton Park Tennis Centre
Saturday 22 August—9.00am—12 Midday
Saturday 29 August—9.00am-12 Midday
Howard Hocking 6922 3212
Andrew Phillips 0403 081 463