Welcome back for what is going to be an exciting year at Sturt Public School. We now have all our students in classes and their learning journey has begun for 2016. We are very excited that we have enough students this year to form a 15th class and extend a special welcome to not only our new students, but also our new staff.

I have taken on the Relieving Principal position for term one while Mrs Barker is working in District Office in the position of Principal School Leadership in a full time capacity for the term.

In Early Stage One (Kindergarten) we have three classes: Koala with Miss Susan Brasier, Kookaburra with Ms Emma Grant and we welcome Miss Siobhan Cunningham into Kangaroo. Miss Cunningham taught in Stage 2 last year.

There are five Stage One (Year 1/2) classes this year: Goanna with Mr Brian Kirton, Emu with Mrs Kim Ryan and we welcome Mrs Prosse and Mrs Comerford who will be teaching Bilby, Mrs Katie Mott with Platypus and Mrs Abby Murray with our newly formed Wombat class.

Miss Brasier will be Relieving Assistant Principal for Early Stage One and Stage One for term one.

Our three Stage Two (Year 3/4) classes have Mrs Amanda Gooden (Assistant Principal) with Banksia, Mrs Natarsha McPherson with Acacia and we welcome Miss Nikita Curry from Early Stage One who will be teaching Waratah.

Miss Holly Rose will be teaching Snowy which consists of students from Stage 2 (Year 4) and Stage 3 (Year 5).

Our Stage Three (Year 5/6) team are Mrs Rhonda Seaman (Assistant Principal) with Darling, Mrs Kate Livio with Murrumbidgee and Mrs Fiona Hawkins with Lachlan (Opportunity Class).

Please note all Years 3 and 4 students will be undertaking the Stage 2 program and all Years 5 and 6 will be undertaking the Stage 3 program.

Mrs Debbie Imrie continues her work as Learning and Support Co-ordinator K-6. Mrs Chris Phillips is doing the K-2 Science RFF and Reading Recovery. Mr Bernie Ward will be teaching Science to Years 3-6. The Science room is in Block E. Mrs Sara Durning will continue our ESL support. She can also be located in Block E. Ms Therese Quinn will be doing K-6 Library.

We are thrilled to have two School Learning Support Officers this year, Miss Jan Cronk and Mr Kent Livio.

In the Office we have Mrs Angela Becroft, our School Admin Manager (SAM), Mrs Fiona Belford and Mrs Chelsea Balding will share the School Admin Officer position for the year. These ladies are your first contact at the school. Miss Chrystal Barry also works in the Office on Friday and Mrs Wendy Mathis in the Library on Wednesdays.

Our timetable remains the same this year with the two hour morning session. This is an important part of our school day and when our main Literacy and Numeracy is being taught. There is to be minimal interruption to these sessions in order to support this learning. Parents are requested to make any doctor's or dental appointments etc, in the afternoon where possible. This will ensure that your child is present for all this important learning.

It is already looking to be a very busy term. On Monday our House Captain elections were held and a short assembly will be held on Friday afternoon at 1:45 under the primary COLA to present badges to the elected students. We congratulate them and hope they are ready for their first official duties at the Swimming Carnival which will be held next Wednesday 10th February.

Next Tuesday 9th February, we will be having our school photos taken. This gives us a permanent record of classes and teachers and we ask that you ensure that your child wears full school uniform, looking their best. Payment envelopes were sent home on Monday and should be returned ON photo day or to the office before then. Families wishing to have a “family photo” taken can collect forms from the front office for these.

To ensure that all parents are well informed about the year ahead we will be holding our Parent Information Night next Tuesday 9th February. For the benefit of parents and their busy schedules the night will be held as follows:

5:30 Early Stage 1 (K) – Koala classroom
6:00 Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) – Stage 1 Courtyard
6:30 Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) – Stage 2 Courtyard
7:00 Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) – Stage 3 Courtyard

We would encourage all parents to attend these important information sessions in order to fully support their children’s education.

The term calendar will be sent home with this week’s newsletter.

Linda Wood
Relieving Principal

NOTES SENT HOME

Canteen menu
Uniform order form
Term 1 2016 calendar (parents planner)

REMINDERS

School Photos
Swimming Carnival
Combined Assembly
Healthy Harold
Wagga PSSA Swimming Carnival
Combined Assembly

Tuesday 9th February. Sibling order forms can be collected from the front office.
Sturt P.S Codes of behaviour

We have started the new year with new codes of behaviour

- **Be Respectful**
  - Use good manners
  - Co-operate with others
  - Wear school uniform
  - Take care with property

- **Be Safe**
  - Care for self and others
  - Stay in bounds
  - Follow instructions
  - Take responsibly for own actions

- **Be an active learner**
  - Attend school each day
  - Arrive on time
  - Challenge yourself
  - Ask for help

Each week we will be looking at an aspect from the codes so all students have an excellent understanding of our codes and expectations.

This week we are looking at the code **Be respectful**.

We will be discussing using good manners.

**HOW2Learn** is an initiative that was introduced at Sturt PS three years ago. This strategy helps students to develop a clever learner’s tool kit. It gives them the strategies to know what to do when they don’t know something.

We want children to become:

- **Successful learners**, who enjoy learning, make connections and transfer knowledge and skills,
- **Confident individuals**, who are able to live a safe, healthy and fulfilling life and
- **Active and responsible citizens**, who make a positive contribution to the wellbeing of present and future generations.

Each week we will be focusing on a habit that will help students reach the goal of becoming a successful lifelong learner starting with the habit of **Managing Distractions**. We will talk to the children about stretching their learning muscles.

**Managing Distractions**:
When we stretch this learning muscle we:
- are aware of possible sources of distraction
- purposefully try to minimise distractions
- know what conditions help us learn.
- settle back into learning quickly after an interruption.

To help your child manage their distractions at home you can ask them:
- Do you need a break?
- What can we do to help you focus on what you want to do?

At Sturt PS we have HOW2Learn superheroes to remind us how to become learners for the 21st century.
This is **REZILIA** and she reminds us to be **RESILIENT** by managing our distractions, being absorbed, persevering and noticing.

**Swimming Carnival — Wednesday 10th February**

As the new school year has begun and swimming carnivals or swimming lessons will start shortly, I would like to remind you it is recommended that children who have had diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks should avoid swimming pools. Late in 2015 there was a sharp increase in cryptosporidiosis cases in NSW. Many things can cause diarrhoeal illness and those who have been infected can still shed the causative agent, even after their diarrhoea has stopped. Parasites such as giardia and cryptosporidium are common and have been associated with outbreaks linked to public pools.

**IMPORTANT**
P & C NEWS

Welcome to all the new families and especially to our kindy families starting their education at Sturt.

The P&C helps to raise money for additional items for the school and offer an insight into parents opinions to the school. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings which are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the staff room. The next meeting will be on the 16th February, this is a good opportunity to come along and see what happens at a meeting.

This is not the only way you can help out, some parents offer to help organise specific events, sell raffle tickets, cook BBQ’s and the easiest way is to help out at the P&C Canteen.

Ways to keep in contact:
Email: sturtpublicpandc@gmail.com
Facebook: Sturt Public P&C

Mum’s Night Out - to start the year some mums have got together to plan a relaxed night out to get to know some new mums...Check out the event on our Facebook page

When: Saturday 27th February
Where: Kooringal Hotel
Time: 7:00pm
Contact : Sherie Hill ph:0409 650 323
Book club is due on the 15th February.

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

SPORTS REPORT

Congratulations to our 2016 House Captains.

CLAYTON
Captains: Juliet and Hunter
Vice Captains: Himani and Lachlan

MACLEAY
Captains: Imogene and Jack
Vice Captains: Mackenzie and Riley

HARRIS
Captains: Todd and Anneka
Vice Captains: Tyran and Ashlee

FRASER
Captains: Ruby and Lochyer
Vice Captains: Kayla and Connor

• Good luck to our students attending the WWPSSA Cricket trials on Friday.
• We look forward to seeing you all at our Swimming Carnival on the 10th February.

SPORTS DATES

05 February WWPSSA Cricket trials
10 February Sturt PS Swimming Carnival
11-12 February Stage 1 Gym starts
12 February WWPSSA Tennis trials
15-22 February Healthy Harold visit
15 February WWPSSA Basketball trials
26 February WWPSSA Swimming Carnival

START SAVING TODAY...

Become a Clancy Koala Junior Saver, ask your school office how to join Hume’s School Banking.

School Banking collections: Friday
To learn more about saving go to: humebank.com.au/juniorsaversclub

LOST PROPERTY

There are a lot of clothes that have not been claimed from last year in lost property. If they are not claimed by Friday 5th February they will be donated to the clothing pool.

CLOTHING POOL

We have sent home a uniform order form this week. If you would like to purchase new uniforms please have your order back to us by Friday 12th February. Please remember the Clothing Pool is open every Friday from 9.00am to 9.30am.

Marianne Doyle
South Wagga Soccer would like to welcome any Girls or Boys who would like to play in our Under 5, 6, 7 and 8 teams. Registrations 13 and 20 Feb 16 at Wagga Showground 4-6PM. Further information contact Steve 0405 225163 swss_ceo@hotmail.com

South Wagga FC Juniors “Success through enjoyment”

Wagga Brothers Juniors Registration Day 2016

Welcoming all new & old players to our registration day for 2016. Come down, have a kick of the footy & grab a free sausage sandwich.

When :: Sunday February 14th, 11am-2pm
Where :: Parramore Park
Who :: Ages 6-15 for boys (under 13s full)
League Tag girls 9s, 12s, 14s & 16s

MOVIE: PIXELS
MICHAEL SMALL SINGING IN WAGGA WAGGA TAKES 2
RAISING MONEY FOR THE BERNIE BANTON FOUNDATION.

DATE: 27TH FEBRUARY 2016
WHERE: MATER DEI PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL
TIME: MOVIE STARTS AT SUNSET APPROX 8:15pm
BRING: CHAIRS, PICNIC RUGS PLEASE NO GLASS BOTTLES.
COST: $5 A PERSON OR $15 FOR A FAMILY OF 4
TATO TORNADO
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
DRINKS
AND FAIRY FLOSS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MICHAEL ON 0409128628

Guitar Lessons

Monday afternoons 2.30pm
$10 for 20 minute lesson
Sean Daniels 0407 554 558

Music Lessons on keyboard and Guitar.
Also Music Therapy for 0-5 year olds with delayed speech, movement, learning & development. Kooringal Road. Phone: 6926 4901

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THE WAGGA WAGGA PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Have you tried Physie yet?
‘Physie’ is all about health, fitness, fun and friendships and offers dance & choreographed exercise routines to music
- It’s a fun Dance Sport for girls from 3 years to ladies of all ages!
It’s time for a healthy start the Physie way!!
NEW MEMBERS - FIRST LESSON FREE!
Phone 0402 236 857 for further information

Turvey Park Girl Guides are looking for new members.
Junior Guides for girls ages 5-10 years meet Tues 6-7.30pm
Guides for girls aged 10-14 years meet on Wed 7-8.30pm
Senior Guides for girls aged 14-17 years meet on Wed 7-8.30pm
Guide Hall in Sunshine Avenue, Turvey Park, next to tennis courts.
Contact Ros Steel for more information on: 0411 430 404

A Quick Bite …

Buying Fruit and Vegetables in Season—Early Summer
Using seasonal produce is a great way to reduce your food bill with ‘in season’ foods often being the cheapest. They also taste better. Try adding some of these to your trolley this month to save a few dollars.

- Cabbage
- Strawberries
- Peas
- Cherries
- Spring Onions
- Lemons
- Zucchini
- Mandarins
- Snow peas
- Oranges
- Garlic
- Plums
- Beetroot