Combined Assembly
Our week began with our first Combined Assembly for the year. This assembly was the first real leadership opportunity for our new student executive, James, Samantha, Matthew and Ellie and what a wonderful job they did. These four students will be called upon to represent our school in a number of ways as the year progresses and we know that they will maintain the high standard of student executive in the past.

Health and Safety at Sturt
At Sturt Public School we endeavour to ensure that our students are well prepared for the challenges life brings. We are developing happy, healthy and safe students. As part of our safety program, our Kindergarten and Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed their Bus Safety Talk today. It is a very important message for students to be aware of how to remain safe both on and off buses. Our Life Ed Van visits are also part of the PD/Health program to help our students make wise and safe choices. Thank you to all parents who were able to support their child to attend these important sessions.

Voluntary Contributions
Each year we ask families for Voluntary Contribution (school fees). Thank you to the families who have already paid these. It is $40 per student or $80 per family. This money is used to cover the many expenses in running the school, including the supply of exercise books, cardboard, coloured pencils, reading books in the library and much, much more. The money can be placed in an envelope and posted into the posting box for the office staff to process. A receipt will be forwarded to your child.

Student Attendance
Parents are reminded it is very important that students attend school every day. In the event of illness an explanatory note must be given to the teacher on return to class. Only with your children attending every day, can they develop those important skills, which will stand them in good stead for the future. Please also note that as we have changed the timetable this year to two hours for intensive Literacy and Numeracy in the morning, it is really important that any appointments for which you will need to withdraw your child from class, need to be done in the afternoon, where possible.

School Uniform
It is very important that all students try to wear school uniform every day. It helps to build the school pride among the students as they present in school colours. Canvas shoes are not appropriate footwear even though they are trendy. Proper black school shoes ensure that students are safe as they undertake any set activities and are guaranteed to last longer. The school sport uniform should only be worn on designated sport days.

Wednesday—Acacia, Banksia, Waratah, Snowy (Yr4)
Thursday—Wombat, Kangaroo, Kookaburra, Koala
Friday—Bilby, Emu, Goanna, Platypus, Snowy (Yr5), Darling, Lachlan, Murrumbidgee.

P&C Meeting
Tuesday night was our first P&C meeting for the year. It was well attended and a wonderful opportunity to talk about the direction of the school for 2016. During this meeting the P&C discussed activities for the year with the first being a Twilight Picnic at the school on Wednesday 9th March. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents and join in for a monster cricket match. We hope to see you all there.

Digital Newsletter
Just a quick reminder that we are going digital with our newsletter and we would encourage all families to send in a current email address as soon as possible. If you require another copy of the form, please ask at the school office.

Water Wonderland Raffle
The school House Captains will be running a raffle for a double pass to the Water Wonderland at the Equex Centre. Tickets will be $1 and on sale at recess and lunch in both playgrounds. The winner will be drawn on Wednesday 24th February.

Linda Wood
Relieving Principal

NOTES SENT HOME
★ WPSSA Swimming Carnival (Selected students only)
★ Term 1 Band invoices (Selected students only)

REMINDERS
16-18, 22 Feb Healthy Harold
26 Feb Wagga PSSA Swimming Carnival
29 Feb Combined Assembly
10 March Selective HS placement test
14 March Combined Assembly
P & C
27 Feb Mum’s Night Out
09 March Family Twilight Picnic
24 March Easter Raffle
01 April Disco
Sturt P.S Codes of behaviour

This week we are looking at the code Be Respectful

We will be discussing how to co-operate with others.

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Perseverance

Rezilia reminds us to be RESILIENT by PERSEVERING.

PERSEVERANCE
When we stretch this learning muscle we:

Are not put off by being stuck.
Recognise that learning can be a struggle.
Keep on going despite difficulties and find ways to overcome them.
Tolerate feelings of apprehension, frustration or confusion without getting upset.

Language to encourage PERSEVERANCE.
You look as though you’re really enjoying that.
We can do it.
You may not be able to do it yet, but you can learn how.
It’s when you get stuck that you really begin to learn.
Everyone finds learning difficult at times.

Emergency school communication process

Due to the current frequency of Evacuation Alerts (Bomb Scares) in the news, I outline the following. In the event of an Emergency, the Sturt PS site manager will, via mobile phone, place immediate information on our School Stream App. For all parents and carers I strongly recommend that every family join this App.

STURT PS APP

How to download Sturt PS App:
From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) OR Google Play (Android) search for School Stream and download the app to your phone
Make sure you agree to push notifications
Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search THEN select your school.
Password—26504457

Our 2016 School Captains:
James, Samantha, Matthew and Ellie wearing their school uniforms.
**SPORTS REPORT**

★★ Well done to all our students who competed at the Sturt P.S. Swimming Carnival last Thursday.

★★ Good luck to all our students representing Sturt at the Wagga PSSA Swimming Carnival on the 26th February.

**SPORTS DATES**

- 15-22 February Healthy Harold visit
- 15 February WWPSSA Basketball trials
- 26 February WWPSSA Swimming Carnival
- 03 March WWPSSA Aussie Rules Trials
- 04 March WWPSSA Hockey Trials
- 08 March WWPSSA Soccer Trials
- 09 March WWPSSA Netball Trials

**MERIT CERTIFICATES**

Awarded for Class Achievement

**Term 1—Week 4**

- Koala: Marley
- Kookaburra: Max
- Kangaroo: Willow
- Bilby: Tully
- Emu: Aidan
- Goanna: Martin
- Platypus: Joshua
- Wombat: Lea
- Acacia: Harriet
- Waratah: Maggie
- Banksia: Meggin
- Snowy: Cohen
- Darling: Hamish
- Lachlan: Charlotte
- Murrumbidgee: Grace

**HOW 2 Learn Awards**

Awarded for weekly habit or disposition

**Term 1—Week 4**

- Koala: Rohan
- Kookaburra: Ratu
- Kangaroo: Ella
- Bilby: Toni
- Emu: Sabrah
- Goanna: Neve
- Platypus: Kaitlyn
- Wombat: Wendela
- Acacia: Jireh
- Waratah: Aidyn
- Banksia: Tyler
- Snowy: Alex
- Darling: Imogene
- Lachlan: Ryley
- Murrumbidgee: Benjamin

**RED CARD AWARDS**

Behaviour, Participation and Citizenship

**Term 1—Week 4**

- Koala: Shayla
- Kookaburra: Malaki
- Kangaroo: Logan
- Bilby: Cooper
- Emu: Aaliyah
- Goanna: Rhys
- Platypus: Emmeline
- Wombat: Colby
- Acacia: Karlie
- Waratah: Amber
- Banksia: Shafwan
- Snowy: Lincoln
- Darling: Ruby
- Lachlan: Egan
- Murrumbidgee: Paige

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Denby

Bilby

Being a dedicated student who always rises to a challenge.

**LIBRARY AWARDS**

**K-2**

- Class Borrowing: Kangaroo

**3-6**

- Class Borrowing: Murrumbidgee
- Class Effort & Application: Emu

**Peer Support**

“Thought of the Week”

We can’t ever have too many friends and we really need to take care of our friendships. In Peer Support this week our children are looking at what good friends do, how friendships vary and how to solve any problems that may arise in our friendships. You might like to talk to your children about how they can practise what they have learned.
P & C NEWS
This week was our first P&C meeting of the year and it was so lovely to see so many new and old faces.....we are hoping to continue our success in assisting the school to purchase resources for the children.....if you couldn’t make it to the meeting we encourage you to join our email list to receive the minutes and contribute ideas...sturtpublicpandc@gmail.com

What is coming up this term....
- Mum’s Night Out ....a chance for new and existing mums to get together over a meal, you can find the event on our Facebook page = Sturt Public P&C or contact Sherie on 0409650323
When: Saturday 27th Feb
Time: 7pm

- Family Twilight Picnic ....a great opportunity for all families to get together and more importantly to meet the teachers and staff in a relaxed setting...bring along your picnic dinner and be ready for a game or cricket or footy.
When: Wednesday 9th March
Where: School in the stage 2/3 oval
Time: 5.30-7.30

- Disco ....this year we will be having 2 Disco’s for Early Stage 1, Stage 1 and another for Stage 2, Stage 3...closer to the date we will be asking for parent helpers
When: Friday 1st April
Where: School Hall
Cost: $5, includes a drink and a lollipop
Time: ES1 & S1 = 5.30 to 6.30
Time: S2 & S3 = 7.00 to 8.30

- Easter Raffle ....to be drawn after Easter Hat parade 24th March

Kristen Whiticker - P & C President 0405 092 755
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IT'S ON AGAIN! WAGGA'S MONSTER GARAGE SALE
Saturday 27th February 2016 7am to 3pm
Thousands of good quality items all at bargain prices.
Books, Clothes, Furniture, Antiques, DIY, Garden, Sports and Home making items. Also enjoy BBQ, Coffee shop, Cakes, Plants, Silent Auction, Car wash, AND SO MUCH MORE. Don't miss out... 154 TARCUTTA ST WAGGA.
Phone 0409 607 657

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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!
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CLOTHING POOL OPEN
EVERY FRIDAY
9.00am—9.30am
Marianne Doyle