Term 1  Week 5  25 February, 2016

**Student Learning**
It is really pleasing to see the positive engagement to learning across all classes in the school from our new Kindergarten students to our senior students in Year 6. They are all keen to learn and taking advantage of the wonderful opportunities available.

**School Supervision Times**
Parents are reminded that our students must not arrive at school earlier than 8.45am at which time there is teacher supervision. Similarly, students must be collected by 3.20pm unless they are catching a bus. If for family or work reasons, you need your children to leave home earlier or stay longer in the afternoon, then you are welcome to organise before or after school care at the Before and After School Care Centre located on the Kilpatrick St side of the school (6926 1643).

**Voluntary Contributions**
As mentioned in the newsletter last week, annual voluntary contributions to the school are now due. These pay for a wide variety of resources used to deliver our teaching and learning programs. To assist parents, we are sending out an invoice to each family, letting them know the cost according to how many children in the family attend our school. These invoices will be sent out over the next couple of weeks. If you have any queries don’t hesitate to call.

All families who pay by the end of term will go into the draw for $25 Gift Vouchers from Athletes Foot.

**Child Safety**
At this time of the year we like to remind you to speak with your children about inappropriate comments and videos on social media sites, as well as potential dangers whilst coming to and from school. Please make some time to talk with your children about cyber, road and stranger safety. There are many useful sites on the internet to help you initiate these conversations, including: cybersmart.gov.au, safety4kids.com.au, and kidsafensw.org.

**School Assemblies**
Each fortnight on Monday afternoon (even weeks) we hold our whole school assembly in the hall at 1:45. This is an opportunity for students to be recognised for the learning they are doing in class, messages to be given and for one class to perform. Parents are invited to attend our assemblies.

**Tell Them From Me survey**
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey was sent home with students last week. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 11 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Debbie Imrie (Learning Support Coordinator)

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**SCHOOL ATTENDENCE**
Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children from the age of six years. Once enrolled children are required to attend school each day it is open. Schools are responsible for maintaining an accurate record of student attendance. A small number of absences may be justified throughout the school year for the following reasons:

* Your child is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.
* Your child has to go to a special religious ceremony.
* Your child is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (eg. a funeral).

If your child is absent from school you are required to notify the school of the reason for their absence. A note indicating your child’s name, class, date of absence and a reason needs to be returned to the school within 5 school days.

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**REMINDERS**

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Linda Wood
Relieving Principal
Year 5/6
Lachlan
OC 2016
Lachlan Loves Learning

And Achieving at arithmetic
Class conquer computers competently
Hawkins has her hopes high
Loud loquacious legends
Also are awesome at artistic application
Notoriously naturally nice natured nerds.

JULIET AISHA GEOGI AABHUSHAN
SEBASTIAN HUNTER TODD MAIMUNA
RYLEY C LAURENCE RYAN KARINA
VERONICA HARRISON HIMANI
MATTHEW RYLEY H JORDAN
ZAC JASPER ASHLEE
EGAN JAMES RAISA
TYRAN CHARLOTTE NOAH
**MERIT CERTIFICATES**
Awarded for Class Achievement
Term 1—Week 5

Koala
Kookaburra
Kangaroo
Bilby
Emu
Goanna
Platypus
Wombat
Acacia
Waratah
Banksia
Snowy
Darling
Lachlan
Murrumbidgee

**HOW 2 Learn Awards**
Awarded for weekly habit or disposition
Term 1—Week 5

Koala
Kookaburra
Kangaroo
Bilby
Emu
Goanna
Platypus
Wombat
Acacia
Waratah
Banksia
Snowy
Darling
Lachlan
Murrumbidgee

**RED CARD AWARDS**
Behaviour, Participation and Citizenship
Term 1—Week 5

Koala
Kookaburra
Kangaroo
Bilby
Emu
Goanna
Platypus
Wombat
Acacia
Waratah
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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Rahmat
Waratah

Consistently being an active learner that strives to extend his knowledge through independent research.

**LIBRARY AWARDS**

K-2
Class Borrowing
Kookaburra
Class Effort & Application
Platypus

3-6
Class Borrowing
Murrumbidgee
Class Effort & Application
Stage 2: Waratah
Stage 3: Darling

**Sturt P.S**

**Codes of behaviour**

This week we are looking at the code Be Respectful

We will be discussing wear school uniform.

**Absorption**

Rezilia reminds us to be RESILIENT by being absorbed in our learning.

**ABSORPTION**

When we stretch this learning muscle we:

- Become engrossed in what we are doing.
- May not be aware of passing time.
- Find being absorbed satisfying and rewarding.
- Like the feeling of being stretched in my learning.

To help your child become ABSORBED at home, you can say:

- What do you really like doing? What makes you able to get so absorbed in it?
- You look as though you really enjoy puzzling over that………
- Doesn’t it feel good when you get right into an activity?
- What can you find out about ….. that would help you enjoy it?

Be Respectful
**Mum’s Night Out**—is this weekend!!!!!! Come on mums you deserve a night out to get to know some other school mums……check out the event on our Facebook page.

**When:** Saturday 27th February  
**Where:** Kooringal Hotel  
**Time:** 7.00pm  
**Contact:** Sherie Hill 0409 650 323

The AGM is the next meeting and we will be looking for new faces to bring fresh ideas to our fundraising efforts. What are the jobs? What do you have to do? Each week I will give you a run down on a few of the positions….the more people we have attending meetings the less work everyone needs to do.

**President:**
- Running meetings  
- Making sure the P&C objectives are met  
- Encouraging all members to contribute  
- Making all new members feel welcome  
- Acting as the P&C Association’s spokesperson  
- Being signatory on the Association’s bank accounts

**Secretary:**
- Prepare all meeting agendas  
- Take notes and produce a set of Minutes of the meeting  
- Receive and table all correspondence  
- Issues notice of all meetings and maintain official records

**Save the Date:**
- Family Twilight Picnic: 9th March  
- Disco: 1st April

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

**SPORTS REPORT**

- Good luck to our Sturt School Swim team who are taking part in the WWPSSA Swimming Carnival on Friday.
- On Thursday the 3rd of March Sturt P.S will be sending some students to the Wagga P.S.S.A Aussie Rules trials. We wish those students good luck.
- Congratulations to Todd who will be representing Wagga P.S.S.A at the Riverina Cricket trials on Monday.
- Any parent who would like to help at the Athletics Carnival on the 22nd of March please leave your name and phone number at the School Office.

**SPORTS DATES**

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  
22 March  Athletics Carnival

**Clothing Pool**

Thank you to all those who handed their orders in by the closing date. All orders should be sent home by this Friday and our next order date will be the 18th March.

If you have any unwanted uniforms you can drop them in to the office any time to be donated to the clothing pool for second hand sales. We also require some more coat hangers. If you have any spare at home the clothing pool would very much appreciate them.

**Marianne Doyle**

**Peer Support “Thought of the Week”**

If we want to do something well we have to keep practising. This is the lesson in Peer Support this week. Our children are spending time looking at, and practising, being a good friend. Ask them if they learnt any special words that describe true friendship.

**EWK JUNIORS REGISTRATION DAY**

**AUSKICK, AFL & NETBALL**

New Players Welcome  
Sunday 28 February 16  
McDonalds Kooringal  
9AM – 10.30AM  
email: ewkjc@gmail.com

**Monday Meal Deal**

2 party pies, mini salad cup (lettuce, carrot & cheese) PLUS 110ml OJ Juice drink  
$3.50

**Class hosting weeks**

Thankyou to the families who have returned their notes for the year. This gives us the opportunity to plan for the coming terms in advance. If you still have your form but haven’t been sure when to return it, please send it in now, or if you need a form sent home please request one from the class teacher, office or text me and I will send one out. A note should have gone out for each class. Thanks

**Roster—Week 6 Term 1 10.00am—1.30pm**

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**Help needed please**