

# Stratford Public School

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## Term 4 Week 8

Friday 30th November 2012

The end of year is looming fast!

Just a few gentle reminders about student welfare and DET requirements, a few things have happened recently that need to be clarified again.

Absentees: Notes need to be sent in with your child once he/she resumes classes. If a note does not arrive your child will be marked as *absent with out leave (A)*.

Also there have been a few absences that are not considered valid e.g. slept in and missed the bus and suffering sunburn from weekend activities. These will be marked as 'A'.

Continual absences for recurring unspecified illnesses which upon return to school show no obvious symptoms. These would be considered by the Home School Liaison Office (HSLO) as grounds for a welfare check as students suffering recurring illnesses should be seen by their local doctor.

**School arrival and finishing times:** Please ensure your child/children arrive at school no later than 8.45am each day. This gives them time to settle in before class begins.

Most days we finish school at 3.00pm except when we have AASC which concludes at 3.30pm. Students who walk or get picked up by parents need to leave the school grounds at the finishing times. Only students who catch the bus are to remain on school grounds until the bus arrives.

If for some reason your child needs to stay at school a little longer or you are delayed, you need to ring the school and let them know or write a note and send it in with your child, we do not accept a verbal message from students. Also if someone else is picking up your child, ring the school before hand and supply the name of the person.

Visitors to the school (this includes relatives of students) are to come through the gate and report to the office. We do not want students thinking it is alright to go and talk to people at the various boundaries around the school grounds. These are certainly child protection issues. Our aim is to keep your children safe, please ensure that you inform the school of any changes to normal routines.

### Presentation Night requirements

Each child needs to wear their school uniform (clean shirt with emblem preferably) for the more formal part of the evening. A colourful T shirt is required for one item, so please ensure if your child has not brought their costume in that they do so next week.

Raffle tickets and 100's club. The P&C are running a Christmas Hamper Raffle as well as a 100's club board. So make sure you sell your tickets and pick your lucky number. The numbers are for adults to purchase only, we will not accept money from students unless an adult informs us first.

### Thankyou to Stratford Coal

The school put in a submission to the Stratford Coal Community Grant Funds in September. We have been successful in our bid and Stratford Coal has forwarded their cheque. These funds will enable us to purchase a cubbyhouse and set up 6 sustainable garden beds as well as complete our sensory garden at the beginning of next year. To do this we will need to have at least 2 working bees early in the year. So stay tuned for this spot in 2013.

*Have a good weekend*  
*Jo Boland*

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## Assembly

There will not be any more assemblies held this term/year due to the end of year activities including; excursions, year 6 orientation and practice for the end of year presentation.

## P&C NOTICES

**Presentation Night:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm. Please bring a plate for supper and your raffle tickets (plus money) if you still have them.

**Christmas Raffle:** Please return your raffle ticket books and money to the office once you have sold them. Extra raffle tickets are available at the office and will also be available for purchase on the night. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 this year due to the **major prize** which is a **3 month family pass to Gloucester Pool**, valued at \$220.

**Donations** of non perishable food and other goods are also needed for the **hampers**. Please hand these in at the office **before 12<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Win \$100:** We are also running a 100s club draw on Presentation Night. 100 numbers are for sale for \$2 each until Presentation night. If you wish to purchase a number prior to the night please see Jodie Henley on Monday mornings between 8.30 and 9.30. Or phone/see Mrs Waters to book a number. **Students are not to buy the numbers themselves.**

## AASC

Next week (week 9) sees the last of our AASC activities for this year. Our last Dance session is on Wednesday, **5th December** and the last Basketball is Friday, **7th December**. The children have had some great sports activities in 2012 and have really enjoyed participating in them and working with our community coaches. I am sure we will have some more great activities in 2013.

## Kids Club Christmas Party

When: Saturday, 8th December 2012 at 10 am

Where: Gloucester Seventh-Day Adventist Church .  
Cnr Hume Rd and Barrington St

Bring friends along and enjoy a fun day with games, face painting, lollies , surprises, party food and lots of other fun stuff. Parents are also invited to come.

## Shark and Ray Centre

If you have not already done so could you please return your children's permission note ASAP.

Thank you

Theresa Barry has indicated that she will be joining us at the Shark and Ray Centre and that she will have a couple of spare car seats available if anyone would like to travel with her. Please contact Theresa if you are interested.

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