

# Stratford Public School

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## Term 3- Week 4 2014

**Friday, 8th August 2014**

I would just like to remind parents and carers of some general housekeeping this week. This will ensure that students are kept safe at all times and all families are aware of the correct routines.

**Dropping children off at school**– It is important that children do not arrive at school prior to 8.15 am for bus travellers and 8.30am for walkers and car drop-offs. If you require your child to be at school before these times for a particular reason prior arrangements need to be made with staff. This can be done by a phone call to the office.

It is also equally important that all children be at school by 8.45 as this minimises disturbances to routines and allows children a settle in period prior to starting class. If you arrive after 9am you will need to sign in at the office. These late starts are recorded as partial absences and can be followed up by the Home School Liaison Officer if they become too routine.

**After school pick up** - For the safety of your children and other road users please collect your child directly from the school gate. Children will not be allowed to cross the road by themselves to a waiting parent as this is unsafe and goes against all current road safety rules.

**Discussing School Matters**– If you wish to discuss your child's progress or you have a concern or issue that you would like to discuss with a member of staff it is important that you make an appointment to do so. Staff are very busy both in the mornings and afternoons preparing lessons and supervising students. Unless it is urgent all appointments can be made via the office.

Parents teacher interviews will be held in week 9 of this term. You will receive an interview time in the coming weeks for you to speak to your children's teacher. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters regarding the safety of your children.

## Centenary Celebrations

Plans are now firmly underway for our Centenary Celebrations which are to be held on **Saturday the 25th of October 2014**. Make sure you mark this date in your calendar and let any family and/or friends know also. There is a lot of work to be done in and around the school so it would be appreciated if anyone could volunteer their time to help with some gardening etc to give our school a bit of a facelift! (After all she is 100!!) Please be aware of the new Working With Children Check if you are considering volunteering. It only takes a minute to complete.

**The next Centenary committee meeting will be on Tuesday, 26th August at 3pm.**

## Education Week Assembly and Open Classrooms

It was fantastic to see such a great turnout for our Education Week Assembly and Open Classrooms last week. Your children always get great joy to see you here at school in their environment where they can showcase their work and tell you what they have been doing.

These days are very special to your children and we thank you all for your attendance. Our next big day will be Book Week Celebrations on Tuesday, 19th August, please see information over the page.



*Have a great weekend  
Mrs Hughes*

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## Library News, Information and Book Week Celebrations

Tuesday, 19th August, we will be celebrating Book Week with a Costume Parade of your Children's favourite character from a book (start planning your costume) as well as our yearly Public Speaking Competition.

Please join us for morning tea at 10.45am on this day, (stage 2 students will be making and selling cup cakes). This will be followed at approximately 11.15am by the Public Speaking Competition and the Costume Parade.

## Education Week Assembly

### Infants:

To Savannah for settling into her new school with no fuss and being a valued member of the infants class. It's great to have you here!

### Primary:

To Josh for his speedy and no-fuss approach to settling into the Primary class. It is like you have been here for ages.

### Citizenship:

To Kelsey for her mature approach to her education, her interaction with peers and her overall maturity across all areas. Well done Kelsey a great role model!

### Library:

Erwin for always borrowing library books each and every week. Well done!

### Birthdays:

Liz who turned 12 on 1st August.



## Working With Children's Check. (WWCC)

In order to participate either as a paid worker or a volunteer ALL people must have a current working with children's check. This includes transporting children to school events and volunteering in and around the school.

Attached to last term's newsletter was important information surrounding how to apply for your WWCC. If you are interested in applying for your check but do not have the access to a computer to complete this application please contact the school office for a suitable time to do this with access to a school computer. All activities at school need to be covered by this WWCC, including BBQ's, Mother's/Father's day stalls, canteen, reading, student transport, cooking etc. If you have not got a cleared check unfortunately you will not be able to volunteer in any capacity at school. Thank you to those who have already gained their WWCC.

## School Website

If you lose your newsletter or calendar you can always check out the school's website. Newsletters are always uploaded for viewing and I endeavour to keep the calendar as current as possible. Photo albums are available for viewing at any time. I have recently uploaded a selection of Zoo Snooze pictures.

Mrs Waters

## GLOUCESTER JUNIOR CATTLE SHOW

Friday, 5 September 2014  
at Gloucester Show Ground  
Commencing 9.00 am to 2.30 pm  
For children up to 20 years of age



The Junior Cattle Show is a day to introduce and educate children of primary and high school ages to beef and dairy cattle handling, preparation for parading and judging. There are a number of events on the program that the children can take part in even if they

don't have their own animals to exhibit. Lots of great prizes.  
**For more information contact David Bignell on 65585512 or Brett Howard 49947288. Program and Entry forms available from your School.**

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