

# Stratford Public School

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## Term 1 - Week 6 -2015

Wednesday, 4th March 2015

Week 6 is now upon us and what a great couple of weeks it has been. I would like to congratulate all students on their fantastic attitude and behaviour this term.

As you would be aware I was absent during week 4 due to a family emergency. I can happily report that all is now going well and I am back at school. Whilst I was absent Mrs. Amy Sansom with the support of Mrs Rebecca Grady, took responsibility for the teaching of K-6. The children's routine was not interrupted and learning continued as per usual.

I would like to thank everyone for their understanding regarding this matter.

## Supervision Before and After School

Full supervision is provided for all students both before and after school everyday. A staff member is always on duty before the morning bus arrives (8.00am) and well after the bus leaves in the afternoon (4.00pm).

## Absenteeism

Over the course of this term I have noticed that we are experiencing a higher than average amount of children having 'days off'.

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is not only essential for them to achieve their educational best but a legal requirement of all parents. It is part of the schools responsibility to monitor and track student attendance and where appropriate report issues that may arise due to unexplained absenteeism. Please take the time to read the attachment which outlines the importance of sending your children to school everyday.

Please ensure that if your child is absent you send in an absence note as soon as they return to school. If your child is absent for longer than two days you need to ring the school and give verbal advice of the absence with a reason.

## Dates to Remember

The whole school will be attending the Gloucester Show on the Friday 20th March to participate in the school activities and explore. This was a great success in 2014 with the children thoroughly enjoying themselves. More information will follow closer to the day.

Our ANZAC Service will be held at 11.30am on Wednesday, 25th March for parents and family members that would like to attend.

Easter Hat Parade, Term Assembly and raffle draw will be on Wednesday, 1st April.

Term 1 ends on Thursday, 2nd April this year with the 3rd April being the Good Friday Public Holiday.

*Thank you*

*Mrs Hughes*

## Assembly Awards and Birthdays



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## Assembly Awards

**Infants:** Jaxon, Ajay, Felicity and Tahli for settling into Kindergarten with ease.

**Primary:**

**Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to Bella who turned 9 on 1st Feb and Brady who turned 8 on 28th Feb



## Newsletter Attachments

Compulsory School Attendance.

Family energy rebate information.

Gloucester Show Junior Cooking Schedule.

## Working Bee

Another huge thank you to Theresa, Trish and Craig who came into school on Friday 20th and manually (with shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows) moved 30m<sup>3</sup> of soft fall for our equipment areas. This was a huge task and we and the students thank them for their commitment and help!!!! Thank goodness it was not too hot this day, but they certainly got a good workout. Your help is greatly appreciated. These three parents are donating their time each Friday during Term 1 to continue with the tidying up of the grounds. Last week they made a start on building the new timber surrounds around the gardens. It would be lovely to see some other families offering them a hand. Please ring Theresa or the school office if you can help out. Thank you.

## Gloucester Mini Roos

A big thank you to Theresa who helped out with the transport to Gloucester last Wednesday. Our five students played on what turned out to be a very hot and steamy day. They played five rounds of five a side football where they got a taste for the game, learnt about team sports and sportsmanship. There were no winners' and losers on the day, it was to develop skills and give a sample of what weekend football is all about. We had a great day even if I (Mrs Waters) got a little sun burnt because I did not put on enough sunscreen. All children went home hot, tired but not sunburnt!

If your child still has a pair of school sports shorts at home could you wash and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

As is our usual procedure here at Stratford PS all students have been entered into the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2015. Students are encouraged to read selected books for their age levels from our library stock. If they have books at home that are on the lists of chosen books they are welcome to read and record the titles. Time to get reading!

Thank You  
Mrs Sansom



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2008

This is the personal reading log of: \_\_\_\_\_

• To make sure you are reading the right books, please check the rules for your Challenge on the website: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premierreadingchallenge>

• Student Reading Records must be entered online. Online entries will be available when schools register in 2008.

• You can use the last two columns here to record the date or to have books signed off when you read them.

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