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Term 2- Week 8 -2015

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I apologise for the delay in the newsletter this week but due to the Athletics Carnival yesterday we were unable to get it sent home. It turned into a rather dismal day weather wise but it was lovely to see the parental/family support and the children participating. Unfortunately some children may not have got to do an event as the rain brought the day to an early finish. Congratulations to all participants!

Unfortunately Mrs Hughes is away sick today so I will have to complete the newsletter.

Mrs Sansom has had to leave a week earlier this term than planned due to doctor's instructions that she must cease work. Along with the flu/headache bug that has been doing the rounds we have had a very disrupted week with lots of absences and casual teachers. Hopefully next week should see us returning to normal programs and the arrival of Mrs Beard to take over the Primary class.

Premier's Reading Challenge

A big shout out to Henry who completed his Premier's Reading Challenge this week. Well done to Henry and keep up the great reading habits to everyone else.

Video Conference

Years 2 to 6 participated in a Video Conference with Botany Bay Environmental Centre and many other schools last Tuesday. All students got into costume to portray their personal character, and I must say they looked great. Mrs Sansom said we were the best dressed school involved. They participated in the VC with some interactive/hands on activities whilst learning about Captain Cook and the First Fleet throughout this term. Great job everyone!

Write 4 Fun Poetry Competition

WOW! WOW! WOW!

Indira and Josh were placed in the top 5% of 12,000 entries in the Write 4 Fun Poetry Competition recently.

We are very proud of their individual results.

They both received an 'Excellence in Writing'. Congratulations and well done! Brilliant results for our small school.

We may be small in numbers but achieving high in results.

Seussical

Next Wednesday 17th the whole school will travel by bus to Gloucester High School to see the musical 'Seussical'. A big thank you to Gloucester High School for providing their bus and a driver to transport us there and for the P & C for funding the whole excursion/show for our school. Thank you! Please return the attached permission note for your children ASAP.

NAIDOC WEEK

Dates to Remember

12th June— Mrs Sansom's last day before maternity leave

17th June- 'Seussical' musical at Gloucester High School

24th June— Term Assembly and Cup Cake Day

26th June— Biggest Morning Tea 11am

Thank you

Mrs Waters



Have you considered becoming a foster carer?

There are children and young people needing care in the Manning, Great Lakes and Gloucester regions. Being a foster carer is both challenging and rewarding but our carers don't have to do it alone. CatholicCare Hunter-Manning provides ongoing support to our carers to assist them in meeting the needs of children in their care.

An information evening on *becoming a foster carer* is being held on the 24th June 2015, if you are interested in attending please call 65935900 to book.

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Happy Birthdays

Birthdays: Erwin who turned 7 on the 1st June!

Mrs Beard who turned ?? On the 9th June!

Newsletter Attachments

'Seussical' Permission Note

Athletics' Carnival

Thank you to all families who supported our small band of excited and eager athletes yesterday. We all had a very busy, tiring and long day but it is always lovely to see our kids having fun and competing against other small schools. Our students have all the opportunities that much larger schools do. Congratulations to all of our winners and participants. It does not matter if you do not win a ribbon on the day, only that you had a go and gave it your best!

Thank you to Mrs Hughes and Mrs Hawkins who drove and accompanied the children.

A huge shout out to Trish who went along for the day to watch and support the children but ended up supporting Mrs Hughes the whole day at the long jump pit in what turned out to be a rather wet and miserable day. Without her help Mrs Hughes did not know what she would have done. They also lacked any break in which they could get a drink, some food or have a toilet break so it was a very onerous task. We thank you kindly Trish for your help and support!!

Also a huge shout out to Kam Baker who kindly brought his shade (but turned out to be rain) shelter and set it up. It gave all our kids somewhere to huddle under to get out of the yucky rain. Thank you Kam!

Congratulations to:

Brady-1st in Shot Put

Indira- 2nd in Age Race Final

Bella- 1st in Shot Put

Josh- 3rd in Long Jump

Congratulations to all students! Well done.

P & C News

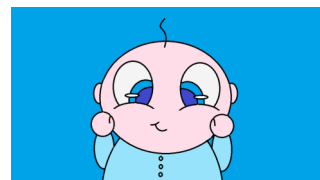
Thank you everyone for the magnificent turn out at last week's P & C meeting. It was wonderful to see some old faces and some new willing to support our small school.

Farewell

Last week we farewelled Mrs Rebecca Grady who has been a School's Learning Support Officer here for a couple of years. We wish her well in her new job and hope that things go well for her! Goodbye and good luck.



We will also farewell Mrs Sansom (but only temporarily) as she goes on maternity leave for the remainder of Term 2 and Term 3. I am sure we will still see her here and there and that when things are in a routine she may even bring her new baby for a little visit. We wish her and her husband all the best for a smooth, speedy and memorable birth for their first child. Good luck!



Welcome

We also take this time to welcome our new (and already familiar) School Learning Support Officer Mrs Felicity Hawkins. Mrs Hawkins is already familiar with all students and our routines and so she will slide into her role smoothly and with no disruption to routines. We hope she is looking forward to her new role at Stratford.



Also a big welcome back and hello To Mrs Cathy Beard. Cathy has worked as a casual Teacher here at Stratford regularly over the last 4 years and is a very welcome and familiar face to students and staff. She will be taking the Primary students for Mrs Sansom's maternity leave. We anticipate Mrs Beard will slide into her role as smoothly, efficiently and confidently as she usually does.



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