

# Stratford Public School

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## Term 4 - Week 2 - 2016

### Wednesday 19th October 2016

Welcome back to term 4! As always term 4 is a super busy time of the year for all involved so please keep an eye on the calendar for up and coming events.

### AGL Community Grant

Last term we were successful in securing a community grant from AGL. This money will be used to purchase a new noticeboard sign for the front of the school. We would like to thank AGL for this contribution and encourage all to keep an eye out for our beautiful new sign in the weeks to come! We will also be looking for people to help erect the new sign once it arrives. If you have some spare time and would like to assist please let staff know.

### Staff Training

Over the next few weeks all staff will be undertaking training in the new library management system. This new system is called 'Oliver' and will come into effect in week 5.

On Saturday the 12th of November all staff will also be updating their face to face training in CPR and Anaphylaxis. This day will be held at Krambach Public School.

### Troppo Bob

On Tuesday 1st November we will be hosting the 'Troppo Bob' Magic Show at Stratford PS. Stroud Road PS will be joining us on this day also. The school is absorbing the cost of the show for all students so there will be no charge. Attached to the newsletter is a sausage sizzle lunch order for the day. Please ensure this is returned with all monies by Thursday 27th Oct to enable P & C to cater adequately. We are looking forward to a busy but fun day with Stroud Road. The P & C Meeting will follow at 2pm.

## Dates to Remember

19th Oct - Year 6 - 7 Info Session and BBQ at GHS 5.30pm  
28th Oct - Fun Food Friday  
31st Oct, 1st and 3rd Nov - Puberty Clues Year 6 at GPS  
1st Nov - Troppo Bob with SRPS. P & C BBQ  
P & C Meeting 2pm  
9th Nov - Assembly 2.30pm  
Staff Meeting 3.15pm  
1st Kinder Orientation 9.30am  
16th Nov - 2nd Kinder Orientation 9.30am  
Quiz Worx 10.30am  
23rd Nov - Final Kinder Orientation and Parent Talk  
28th Nov to 2nd Dec - Intensive Swimming  
6th Dec - High School Orientation Day  
15th Dec - Presentation Night 6pm  
16th Dec - Last day of year and Party Day

### Intensive Swimming

Intensive swimming is booked for Week 8 of this term, 28th Nov to 2nd Dec. As always there will be a cost attached for bus and pool entry. As soon as these costs are finalised we will let families know. This is just a reminder to enable families to budget for these costs. All students attend this program.

### Teacher Appointments

If at any time you need to discuss your child's progress, learning or wellbeing at school. An appointment can be made via the school office. We are more than happy to accommodate families either before or after school or possibly within a lunch time break. If we have a concern or an important issue that has arisen we will contact families to schedule a convenient time to meet also.

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*Principal*

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## Fort Scratchley

We were very blessed with the weather last Friday when we attended our excursion to Newcastle's Fort Scratchley. The rain cleared and we were treated to a lovely, bright and sunny day.

Our bus trip down went without a hitch and we made good time giving us plenty of time for recess, taking in the beautiful sea view and preparing for our tour.

We were lucky to have a dedicated and knowledgeable tour guide. We had a tour of the tunnels, gun rooms, storage areas etc. With a great commentary of how the fort was built, how it was run and by whom. We also learnt what part the fort and its soldiers had in the defence of Newcastle.

We now know the difference between a canon and a large gun and the processes to load and fire them.

Our Fort has a collection of seven maintained and regularly fired canons/guns. As we headed into the open air to look at the outside areas and have lunch we were treated to several whales cavorting in the sea before our eyes. The baby whale treated us to some spectacular acrobatics, (actually it was probably showing off or being a little 'naughty' for its mum!).

At one o'clock we actually got to witness the process of firing a small cannon/gun. With gunpowder, ramming, setting the fuse etc. The only step that was missed was the loading of the projectile, the shot or cannon ball. (We think Mrs Beard was secretly hoping for the full demonstration). It went off with a lovely big bang and a puff of gunpowder smoke. The students got to get rid of some energy before the return bus trip at the playground before heading home. We would like to acknowledge the hard work and countless hours all the volunteers at the Fort donate continually. Without them this interesting piece of local history could not function.

This was the first trip to the Fort for all of our students, who we hope learnt a little more of our local history and got more of a feeling of the location of our beaches, break wall, Fort etc. This is a great destination for a family outing!

## Newsletter Attachments

Bucketts of Movies

Sausage Sizzle Order Form

## P & C News

The end of year will be approaching with speed before we know it. As usual we will need to organise some fundraising to boost our bank account before the year's end. We will of course be holding our usual end of year activities but we ask for some suggestions for some more lucrative fund raisers. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1st November at 2pm. Please attend this meeting. This is the same day where we will be cooking a BBQ for our students as well as Stroud Roads. All help greatly appreciated.

## Administration Skills course

Become IT savvy! Produce great documents and spread sheets! Learn skills that will help you develop your administration career or help you in your small business. Gain a part qualification in Business Administration.

**Course dates: Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October 2016, 9 – 3pm (for seven weeks)**

## Hospitality Skills Course

Looking to work in a Café or bar on a casual basis or seeking a more permanent role in the hospitality industry? You will learn about Food and Hygiene, how to make espresso coffee and a range of non-alcoholic beverages. Gain a part qualification in Hospitality.

**Course dates: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 9 – 3pm (for four weeks)**

These subsidised courses are being provided by Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group, 88 King St, Gloucester, in relationship with WEA Coast RTO ID No. 90020. Contact 6558 2454 or email [training@bwng.org.au](mailto:training@bwng.org.au) for information and enrolment details.

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