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New Syllabus Implementation

Last year saw the successful implementation of the new Science Syllabus. All schools across the CLN network were involved in professional learning and unit development led by our Professional Learning Coordinator, Mrs Amy Sansom. As a result we have created, engaging learning opportunities for the students in our school who are already participating in exciting new learning in the area of Science and Technology. In 2016 we will be focussing on the new History and Geography syllabus. Once again all schools across the CLN will work closely together to gain professional learning and collaboratively plan units of work in relation to these new syllabuses.

Policy Review

Over the next few weeks I will be reviewing particular policies within our school. Discussions on how to improve these policies will be held during staff meetings and Mrs Theresa Barry has volunteered as a P & C representative to help review each policy also. Policies under review include; Wellbeing—discipline, attendance, uniform and enrolment.

Future School Improvement.

Stratford Public School is always looking at ways to improve and reflect on current practices. I am always interested in how students, parents and staff perceive our school community and what we can do in order to make Stratford Public School a productive safe learning environment. Please feel free to discuss any ideas and/or issues you may have in regards to our school improvement.

Photos of our new Kinder Matilda and our Captains will be in the Gloucester Advocate today, Wednesday 2nd March!

Staff Development and Training

All staff at Stratford PS are constantly attending Professional Learning and Development throughout the year. This keeps them current with Department requirements, curriculum needs and allows them to constantly improve their knowledge to provide the best education outcomes to students as is possible. Some Professional Learning to be undertaken this Term is

Mrs Hughes, Mrs Waters and Mrs Beard full first aid course.

Mrs Sansom participated in a VC (video conference) for Geography with Taronga Zoo. She will also be renewing her Austswim credentials in March.

Mrs Hughes will attend meetings and Professional Learning in Forster at Small Schools Network meetings, Primary Principal Association meetings, as well as Bucketts Way Community of Schools and Collegial Network meetings. These events enhance teaching as well as Principal leadership skills. Mrs Hughes will also attend the local AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) meetings.

All staff will receive training in the new Skoolbag App which will be available for all families to access shortly. At the last two Staff Development Days in 2015 all staff completed...Code of Conduct, Child Protection, WHS, Dealing with the Media, Aboriginal Education, Managing Government Information and CPR.

Mrs Waters has updated her Emergency Care.

What's happening around Stratford PS Students in the Classroom



In Geography we are learning about continents and oceans.

Scientists at work in the Primary Classroom; measuring the rate of evaporation from cloth.



SRC News

On Friday 19th Feb students at Stratford Public School had a mufti day to raise money for the Fred Hollows Foundation. We raised \$28. That will give one person their eyesight back. Thank you to all the students for participating.

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Assembly Awards

Core Value Awards

Hayden for acting responsibly.

Jaxon for showing respect.

Ajay for caring for others and the environment.

Class Awards

Justine for excellent work in mathematics.

Brady for great work in writing.

Olivia for a great start at Stratford PS.

Matilda for a great first week at Stratford PS.

Birthdays

Dwayne turned 12 on the 18th.

Riley turned 10 on the 19th.

Brady who turned 9 on the 28th.

Savannah who turned 8 on the 31st Jan.

Malia who turned 8 on 23rd Jan.

Tanika who turned 7 on the 28th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!



Working with Children Check

We still have a couple of parents who have not supplied their Working With Children Check numbers. Please supply/apply for this ASAP to be able to participate in activities around the school, this includes canteen, working bees and Mother's /Father's Day stalls etc. It is free and very simple to do, please enquire at the office if you are unsure of the procedures.

Welcome

A huge Stratford welcome to our new family that have joined us last week from Bowraville.

To Matilda who is in Kindergarten and Olivia who joins year 1 and Michelle their mum. We hope you enjoy your years here at Stratford.

Newsletter Attachments

Gloucester Blue Light PCYC school holiday activities.

Oz Opera receipts.

Gloucester Junior Soccer Club Rego Information.

Easter Raffle Tickets.

Head Lice

We seem to have head lice under control here at Stratford at the moment. Please do not get complacent but keep a regular check on your children's hair to ensure we keep outbreaks to a minimum.

P & C News

Thank you to all the families who attended our last P & C Meeting. Our next meeting which will be the AGM held on the 15th March at 2pm. We will be holding P & C Meetings in weeks 4 and 8 of each term on a Tuesday at 2pm. We will also be operating canteen days on 2-3 Fridays per term. If you would like to volunteer to do canteen please come along to the next meeting and put your name on the roster. Theresa Barry is the uniform coordinator and is available for uniform purchases alternate Friday mornings, from 8.45—9.15 am. Starting 19th Feb, our next morning will be 4th March. Please ring her on 6558 8162 or 0437 475 995 for alternate arrangements. As in previous years we will be having an Easter Raffle to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 24th March. Please send in donations of chocolate eggs and bunnies etc. to go towards the hampers to the school office. All donations gratefully accepted. Raffle tickets are attached to this weeks newsletter. Please remember return all tickets and monies collected as well as any UNSOLD tickets, this is a legal requirement. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

9th March-Football Gala Day

11th March- Canteen Day

15th March-P & C Meeting 2pm

24th March-SRC Cupcake Day Fundraiser & Easter Hat Parade

25th to 28th March-Easter Break

30th March-Assembly 2.15pm

7th April-ANZAC Service @ 10.30am

8th April- Last day of Term 1



**Oz Opera at Gloucester PS
Hansel and Gretel**

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