

# Stratford Public School

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## Term 1 - Week 8 -2016

**Wednesday 16th March 2016**

### Mini Roos Soccer Gala Day.

Last week students from 3-6 attended the Mini Roos Soccer Gala Day at Gloucester. From all accounts the day was a huge success and all students had an enjoyable day, making lots of new friends and learning new skills. A big thank you to the Gloucester Soccer Club for organising the day and a huge thank you to Gloucester High School for the use of their bus and to Justin from Hunter Special Vehicles for being our very capable bus driver.

### Oz Opera

Last week students also travelled to Gloucester Public School to watch an OZ Opera performance of Hansel and Gretel. A great time was had by all. A big thank you to Mrs Carruthers from Gloucester Public School for organising and inviting us to the performance and to Gloucester High School for the loan of the bus and Justin From Hunter Special Vehicles for driving.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Please note that parent/teacher interviews will be conducted next Tuesday. All students requiring an interview took home a time sheet last week detailing dates and times. Please contact the school if your allocated time does not suit.

### Sporting Schools.

We have just finished our 5 weeks of AFL and have now commenced hockey. A big thank you to Sam for his time and patience in teaching the children the skills of AFL.

### Easter Hat Parade

Please start making Easter Hats/Bonnets for the parade on the 24th. All students from years K to 3 will be expected to have a hat for the parade, this year we are making it optional for years 4 to 6. So start getting creative!

## SRC News

On Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> March we are holding a cupcake day fundraiser. We are asking all families to donate some cupcakes, a slice or a cake to sell on this day. Please send in with your child on the morning of the 24th which is a Thursday. As this is also our Easter Hat Parade day we anticipate that there will be some parents around who may like to buy a cake or two also. So please put Baking Day on your calendars! All money raised will be going to the school to buy something exciting for the students to use.

### Homework Reminder

All students and families are reminded that Harmony Day Homework Tasks are due in Thursday, 24th March!  
So get busy!

### Goodbye

We are very sad to have to say goodbye to one of our students and his family this week. Unfortunately Justin has to leave Stratford PS. We are very sorry to see him leave. It has been wonderful having him here and great to have someone from a different country and culture to ours from which we can learn from also. He has been a lovely addition to our school and a kind and gentle student. We wish him and his family good luck for their future in Australia!

### School Absences

I know I have included this information in previous newsletters but I would like to outline the process for when your child is absent from school.

Please send in a note explaining the absence the day your child returns to school. This does not have to be on a school note, any letter is acceptable.

The reason for the absence must be stated. SICK is not a full explanation you need to explain the illness, for example....Headache and nausea, optometrist appointment, upset stomach etc.

'Family appointment' or 'appointment' is not a reason, the full explanation needs to be included. All absences and entered into our school system and these are monitored. We need to assign a code to absences, hence the need for full explanations.

If your child is absent for a second or third day please ring the school and let us know your child is sick or for whatever reason they are absent. It is very time consuming chasing absence notes for days and weeks after the event.

Orange absence notes are always available for parents or students to pick up on the front counter, please ask Mrs Waters for assistance if you cannot find them.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. Thank you.

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## Assembly Photos



## 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.

## Woolworths Earn and Learn Resources

Last week saw the delivery of the resources chosen by teachers last year with our Earn and Learn points. We managed to get some great learning tools for our school and students. Thank you to everybody who supported the school and sent in their stickers for redemption. The large Knex and Magnet kits cost quite a few hundred dollars so it was great to be able to select them for free!



## Head Lice

Unfortunately we have seen the return of head lice, please be thorough when treating your children's hair, keep checking and re-treat when needed. If your child has head lice please do not send them to school until their hair has been treated. This is the only way to prevent the contamination of other children. Thank you.

## Newsletter Attachments

NAPLAN timetable for 2016

P & C receipts

Absence notes

## P & C News

Please remember to send in a donation towards the Easter Hampers, the box is in the front veranda. Please also send in your sold tickets and monies and any tickets that are unsold to the school office. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March.



Thank you for supporting our canteen days this term also. Please send in all orders and money by the Wednesday of canteen week to enable volunteers to collect, collate orders and shop for supplies.

**Please do not send in orders after the Wednesday or on canteen day as supplies have already been purchased.**

A big thank you to Theresa, Brooke and Ashlea for making these days possible for the children.

Thank you.

## Dates to Remember

24th March-SRC Cupcake Day Fundraiser, Harmony Day Activities & 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

## New Purchases

This week the school has purchased a whole selection of new board games for the students to use on board game days, free time and lunch play. These purchases were made with our school Global Funds, these funds have to be budgeted throughout the year for all costs such as power, septic, stationary and hygiene supplies, minor and major equipment, repairs etc.

## Ground Works

The area where the pavers were removed has seen some ground works last week. After heavy rains washed away the soil from the original work we have had to pay to have this work re-done. The area has been spread with top soil and super seed as well as an amount of turf laid to prevent washing away again. Hopefully this area will be looking fantastic very soon and the barriers can be removed.

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