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Term 3- Week 4-2016

Thursday 11th August 2016

Thank you to the parents who attended the syllabus information afternoon yesterday. It is very important that you understand why and what we are teaching here at school and we hope this afternoon gave you a little more insight into the many changes that are occurring within the school system.

New Outdoor Table Settings

This week we purchased new aluminium table and chair settings for the students to use in the COLA for eating lunches and for any outdoor learning activities that we do. We have been setting aside some funds for this purchase for quite a while as they cost in excess of \$4000. These will be a lot lighter and easier for staff to move around as needed. Our older painted wooden sets will be moved to the playground, whilst still being maintained by Mr Hawkins. A big well done to Mr Hawkins who managed to build all of these settings today! They look great.



Library News

Over the past few weeks the school has purchased over \$600.00 worth of new books for our school library. The new additions include a wide variety of both fiction and non fiction books. This is a wonderful addition to our library and all of the children are looking forward to being able to borrow these new books.

Book Week Celebrations

Book Week is fast approaching and we will be having our annual costume parade on Tuesday the 30th August. All children should come dressed as their favourite book character. The day will commence at 10.00am with a character march, following this children will present a book report on their favourite shortlisted books after the reports there will be open classrooms for the parents to discuss and view all of the amazing things the children have been working on this year. At 11.00 am parents are welcome to sit and share morning tea with their children.

School Photos

Due to the bad weather we experienced last week Annette our photographer gave us the opportunity to cancel our school photographs that were scheduled. Our new date has been set for **Friday 19th August**.

Please return your envelopes by Thursday 18th with your selection chosen and money/credit card info enclosed. Four families have not returned their envelopes at present.

We will keep all envelopes that have been returned to pass onto Annette on our new date.

Please ensure your children have on a clean uniform on the day and their hair is tidy. If you have a school shirt with an emblem please wear this shirt. Spare envelopes are in the office as well as family photo envelopes.

Dates to Remember

17th August: Assembly 2.30pm

18th August: Bucketts of Talent Matinee Rehearsal and Night Performance 5.45pm

19th August: School Photos

24th August: Newcastle Perm Maths Comp

26th August: Fun Food Day

30th August: Book week Celebrations

2nd September: Father's Day Stall

6th September: P & C Meeting 2pm

16th September: Milo Cricket

21st September: Term Assembly 2.30pm

23rd September: Last Day Term 3

10th October: 1st Day of Term 4

Taronga Zoo Safari

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, after a very last minute application our students got to participate/observe a Taronga Zoo 100 year celebration initiative. Students got to watch Hayden Turner whilst on an African Safari in the South African bush. This was in 'real time' and we watched the crew search for lions, elephants, giraffe, zebra and much more. Questions were emailed directly from schools to Hayden, if you were lucky your school's question was answered. Isn't technology amazing! How wonderful that our children can experience such wonderful things!

We were lucky to have a question from Josh read out and answered on the Tuesday and we had a 'shout out' to Stratford PS on the Wednesday!

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Principal

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Newsletter Attachments

Blue Light Disco-P&C Minutes—Pre Kindergarten Screening Info.

P & C News

A huge thank you to Brooke and Ashlea who have been running our Fun Food Days. They have taken on the task of shopping for the ingredients, cooking, serving and cleaning up for these days. Our children enjoyed a yummy home cooked spaghetti bolognese last Friday with side serves of garlic bread and hot milo. Without these volunteers the children would not have the opportunity to purchase a hot lunch. If you would like to help out or cook for a Fun Food Day please contact your P & C Committee. Thank you to all the families who supported this day.



SRC News

The SRC have chosen 'Jeans for Genes' as their next charity to support. On Friday 5th August all students were invited to attend school in their jeans. Our small group raised \$22 for the charity which will be forwarded onto them. Well done everyone!



Pet Education Program

As in previous years we were lucky to have had Vicki and Link the Australian Shepherd attend our school to present the Pet Education Program here at Stratford Public School. This is a wonderful program that teaches children about the dangers that can arise from approaching unknown dogs. It also teaches safe practises for children when around dogs. We thank Vicki and Link for their great program once again! Link was like a great big, cuddly teddy bear. Such a beautiful nature and so well behaved.



Bucketts Of Talent

On Thursday 18th August we will be again participating in a combined schools presentation. The children have all been practicing an item for this performance and are eagerly awaiting to perform. There will be a day time rehearsal/performance for school students and an evening performance for families. Both performances will be held at the Gloucester RSL Club. Children will need to be at the RSL for the evening performance at 5.45pm sharp for the performance to commence at 6pm sharp.

If you know your child will NOT be attending the evening performance could you please inform the school as soon as possible as adjustments will be need to be made prior to the evening performance. Students do not pay to perform in the evening.

Please return all sold and unsold raffle tickets by Wednesday 17th September. We are still awaiting the return of five families raffle tickets/monies.

Please ensure you have purchased your performance tickets by Monday 15th August, all unsold tickets will be forwarded to other schools who are in need of more. Thank you.

BUCKETTS OF TALENT RAFFLE

- 1st Prize:** 2 x \$150 Ticketek Gift Vouchers
2nd Prize: \$100 Woolworths Wish Card
3rd Prize: \$50 JB Hi Fi card

Tickets \$1.00 each

Please write name and contact number on each ticket purchased. Raffle drawn Thursday 18th August 2016 at the Bucketts of Talent Concert.

Thank you for your support.

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