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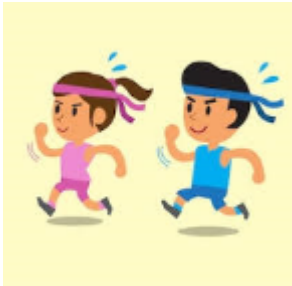
Term 2 Week 6 Wednesday 20th June 2018

Combined Athletics' Carnival

Thank you for transporting your children last week to the Athletics' Carnival. It was a very cold day but a very successful one for our little school.

After a tremendous effort from our students we came third overall.

Congratulations to all students who competed and tried their very best. To those who received place ribbons congratulations and to Brady our age champion well done! Our relay team will be going off to Zone in August plus any individual students whose times/distances meet the Zone Qualifications (we will know this when all of the results have been collated). We are so proud of you all. Please see individual achievement overleaf.



Student Absences

We have had many absences recorded over the past few weeks. I understand that there are many 'bugs' going around at the moment however, parents need to make sure that they are informing the school in the appropriate way when their child is absent.

Please refer to the attached school attendance information.

Cold Weather Activities

Due to the recent cold weather children have been spending more time inside during play time. Activities such as board games, origami, loom bands and drawing have been on offer during this time.

Meal Deal Day

This Thursday we will be serving toasted sandwiches, hot chocolate and a sweet treat.



School Photos

School photos are scheduled for Term 3 on September 6th. Envelopes will be sent home next term as soon as we receive them. I hope this early notification helps families with budgeting.

Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion

Please return expressions of interest if you are intending on sending your child. Numbers will need to be finalised soon.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

4th July: Pet Education Program

9th July: First day of School holidays

24th July: First day term 3

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Assembly Awards - Week 6 and 7

Core Value Awards

Acting Responsibly

Christian and Thomas T. Week 7.

Class Awards

Primary:

Ajay for trying really hard in writing. Week 6.

Infants:

Gracie for a great understanding of 'sharing' in maths. Week 6.

Thumbs Up Awards:

Athletics Results

Gracie: 3rd in 6 year girl Long Jump

Felicity: 3rd 9 year old girl Shot Put

Ajay: 3rd in 9 year old boy 100m
2nd in 9 year old boy 200m
1st PP6 Relay

Malia: 1st in 10 year old girl 100m
1st in 10 year old girl 200m
1st in 10 year old girl Long Jump
2nd in 10 year old girl Shot Put
1st PP6 Relay

Thomas B: 3rd in 10 year old boy Long Jump

Brady: 1st in 11 year old boy Shot Put
1st in 11 year old boy Long Jump
2nd in 11 year old boy 100m
1st PP6 Relay

11 Year Boys Champion

Christian: 1st in 12 year old boy High Jump
2nd in 12 year old boy Long Jump
2nd in 12 year old boy 100m
1st PP6 Relay

Congratulations Brady!



Family Details

Please remember to give any change of details, eg; phone, Medicare, emergency contacts to the school office ASAP after the change to keep all family details current for immediate future use. These details are imperative when needing to contact families about sick children. Thank you.

Infants sound of the week - F, f

Please send in any items that we can display that start with the letter

Number Talks

This term in mathematics we have started "Number Talks". Number talks are short daily exercises that are aimed at building students number sense. Number sense is the ability to play with and manipulate numbers so that students can visualise problem solving, perform calculations quickly and are flexible in their mathematical strategy.

During number talks students are thinking, talking to their peers and explaining their thinking all while the teacher records their thinking.

I have found that even in a few short weeks the students are all developing their skills at sharing and explaining their thinking. We are all becoming fantastic mathematicians here at Stratford!

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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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