

Stratford Public School

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Term 4 Week 6 Friday 22nd November 2019

Thank you to everyone who has made me feel welcome in my new role as Relieving Principal over the last couple of weeks. As you can imagine this is an extremely busy time of year for staff, students and families. We are endeavouring to keep disruptions to teaching programs due to the bushfires to a minimum, whilst ensuring term 4 commitments and practices are running smoothly.

Although devastating for so many areas, people, wildlife and the firefighters. It was good practice for all staff; from state and district office down to school Principals, teaching and admin staff. A good time to look at practices, procedures and processes and how well they work and if we can improve or refine them.

Presentation Afternoon

December 12th is fast approaching, please mark the day and time on your calendars. Costumes needed are outlined below. The afternoon will run in the same format as 2018. Students and staff are looking forward to seeing you all there.

This year all students need to be dressed as ELVES. Some children have indicated that they have an Elf costume or maybe 2. Could you please start to think about sourcing a costume for your child as an Elf. This can be a bought one from online costume shops or a bargain shop, a homemade costume or cheap green/red t shirt and shorts from Big W or Best and Less with a bought Elf hat.

As soon as you have your costume ready could you please send into school. We thank you in advance.

The formal part of the Presentation will be in full school uniform with all children only needing an Elf costume. Some ideas are below.



Bushfires

Last week decisions were made by the Department of Education in consultation with the Rural Fire Service and our Health and Safety Directorate to ensure the safety of all students and staff in fire affected areas. I would like to thank all the parents who diligently collected their children from school last Tuesday to ensure their utmost safety. I would also like to thank all our parents for waiting so patiently on Wednesday afternoon for the confirmation that Stratford was operational. These extreme weather conditions could very well continue for weeks to come and many areas are still smoky due to fires that are still burning. If you have any concerns regarding your child's safety or air quality, please exercise your own judgement regarding their well being.

Intensive Swimming

Week 8 is fast approaching. Please start checking and organising your children's swimmers, towels, goggles etc. No bikinis please and all children need sun/rash shirts, hats etc. A permission note with costings was sent home last week, please return by Wednesday 27th.

Pen Pals

In term 4 our students have become Pen pals with students from Biggenden PS in Queensland. We have received letters from their students to our and we are in the process of replying to them. We will continue our friendship in 2020!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2nd-6th Dec: Intensive Swimming Program

12th Dec: Presentation Afternoon 5pm start

18th Dec: Last day of term for students

19th-20th Dec: Staff Development Days

Assembly Awards Week 6

Class Awards:

Infants: Matthew for great letter formation.

Primary: Brady for effort and commitment in writing.

Core Value Awards:

Acting Responsibly: Cooper and Matthew.

Well done to all our award winners and keep up the great work everyone!

Special Award

Brady Farley—Top 20% in Maths Olympiad

Cathy Beard - Relieving Principal

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