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Term 1 Week 8 **Wednesday 20h March 2019**

It is hard to believe we are in Week 8 already with the holidays and Easter not too far away. We have saved up so many exciting activities for the end of term to celebrate all the fantastic learning we have done at Stratford! Oz Opera, Saltwater excursion, African Drumming and a visit to the Gloucester Show are all coming up in the next few weeks. Keep a look out for the permission notes and return them ASAP so you don't miss out!

Easter Celebrations

Our Easter Hat Parade, ANZAC Service and Term Assembly are set for the last day of term, Friday 12th April.

So it is time for families to start thinking of their Easter Hat creations for 2019. Remember hats do not have to cost a lot of money, be creative and have some fun with your children. This is not a competition, just an opportunity for children and families to be creative together and join in the end of term fun.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews will be conducted in Week 2 Term 2. If you would like to request a meeting with your child's teacher beforehand please contact the office.

Thank You

We give a huge thank you to the P & C for their donation to the school towards our free standing vegetable beds that we have ordered. We hope to have them set up by the end of this term or early term 2. We are very excited to get back into growing some produce!

Newsletter Attachments

Relationship Workshop Forster
Gloucester Showgirl Information (girls)
Easter Raffle Tickets and P & C Meeting Minutes

Mathematical Superhero

This fortnight our Mathematical Superhero was Brady F. Brady has been working his brain extremely hard getting ready to participate in the Maths Olympiad in Term 2. Each day Brady works through a variety of tough questions (many of which even make Mrs Sansoms' brain sweat!) Well done, Brady!

Calendar Events

26th March: Oz Opera GPS

29th March: Forster Excursion with St Joseph's

2nd April: African Drumming @ Stroud Rd PS

4th April: School Cross Country

5th April: Gloucester Show Excursion

12th April: Last Day of Term, ANZAC Ceremony, Easter Hat Parade and Term Assembly.

Football Gala Day

Our Primary students were again involved in the Football Gala Day in Gloucester this week. A fun and exhausting day was had by all, with a little bit of rain, a little sun and a lot of laughter.

Stewart House Fundraiser

Please remember to return your Stewart House fundraiser envelope to school, with \$2 donation for your chance to win a \$4000 holiday. If you do not want to donate please return envelope to school empty.

Thank you to the families who have already returned their envelopes and for supporting this great cause.

Amy Sansom - Relieving Principal



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P & C News

Please keep in mind our P & C Cake Stall on the day of the Election to be run outside the Library at school on Saturday March 23rd. All families are asked to bake cakes, slices and muffins etc for sale on this day. Please do not send in bought items. You will be able to drop off goods on the Friday afternoon/evening or very early Saturday morning.

Theresa 6558 8162 and 0437 475 995

Ashlea on 0419 977 933

Thank you to the great turn out of families at last weeks meeting, we were able to plan our fundraising for the year and set our AGM.

Surveys were looked at and the majority of families preferred mornings at 9am or afternoons at 2pm.

Our next meeting is the AGM followed by a GM, this is set for Wednesday 10th April (change from 3rd due to a clash of dates).

Our first fundraiser will be our Easter Raffle to be drawn on the last day of term. **We ask families to start sending in their donations for the prize baskets of chocolates eggs, rabbits etc.** Tickets are attached to this weeks newsletter for families to sell as well as the minutes of the meeting. Tickets are \$1 each with 10 sent home to each family. If you would like more tickets to sell or buy please contact the office. There will be 3 baskets as prizes. **Please return all tickets sold or unsold, this is a legal requirement!**

P & C will organise a Mother's Day Stall on Friday 10th May for the children.

In term 2 we plan to have a Pie Drive, term 3 a Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser and term 4 we will have a major raffle at the stall at the Gloucester Christmas Fair with cakes and face painting.

With this future planning of events we can ensure we are well prepared, for instance sourcing raffle prizes for the end of the year etc.

Assembly Awards

Infants: Matthew for working really hard to learn his letters and sounds!

Primary: Maitilda for always trying her hardest and never giving up!

Thumbs Up: Latrell, Matthew, Cooper, Gracie, Hunter, Marley, Jaxon, Felicity, Maitilda, Brady and Henry.

Core Value - Caring for Others and the Environment
Marley



Quality Teaching Rounds

These past few weeks you may have read about the Quality Teaching Rounds in our School Newsletters. As you have read you may have asked yourself the question "but what does Quality Teaching look like?"

The Quality Teaching model was first introduced into NSW schools in 2003 as a way for teachers and leaders to improve practice within classrooms. The Quality Teaching model is a lens through which teachers can evaluate their teaching in order to improve student outcomes. There are three dimensions to the quality teaching model:

- Intellectual Quality
- Quality Learning Environment
- Significance

(Collins, L. 2017, 'Quality teaching in our schools', Scan, 36(4), pp. 29-33)

Over the coming weeks we will go into more detail around each of these dimensions but for now a quick update on our current Quality Teaching Rounds.

The staff are at the halfway point, each teacher having taught one lesson and coded three. There has been some fantastic collegial discussion and quality lessons on display. Staff are looking forward to the next round.

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