



# Sturt Public School

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## Newsletter

What a busy time we have had at Sturt over the past two weeks. Last week we celebrated Education Week and Book Week combined under the theme of "Today's schools creating tomorrow's future". Our STEM night was a huge success with nearly 160 parents and grandparents attending the STEM presentation and nearly 200 students involved in the STEM activities. The positive feedback was overwhelming as parents could see first-hand the engagement with learning and the emphasis on authentic problem solving. I would like to congratulate Mrs Livio and Mrs Hawkins who have led this work, influencing and supporting not only our own staff but also schools across the state. I would also like to thank the teachers who facilitated the STEM activities led by Miss Wood and Miss Curry. Miss Jones, Miss Holt, Mrs Mott, Mrs Gooden, Mrs Ingram and Mr Ward assisted students with activities that were both challenging and fun.

Acacia 2017 & Waratah 2018 (Mrs Livio) have developed their STEM project around recycling. In 2018, they are joined by Banksia (Miss Curry) and Darling (Miss Brasier) in this journey. Darling is also venturing into healthy diets and Wombat is working with the veggie garden. Lachlan (Opportunity Class with Mrs Hawkins) has created their STEM project in conjunction with the Riverina Museum and their research areas have been very extensive. As a result, six of our students were invited to present their Museum project on behalf of their teams, at the Powerhouse Museum last Friday. We are thrilled with the expanding STEM work happening in our school under the banner of "Sturt Cares". I will be travelling with Mrs Livio and Mrs Hawkins to Sydney on Friday for the Australian Education Awards night, of which our school is a finalist in the STEM project section.

Education Week also gave opportunities for our dance group and concert band to perform. Both did a superb job with very positive feedback from the audience. Thank you to Miss Rose and Mr Lothian for training these two groups. Thank you also to Mrs Ingram for her role as staff liaison with the concert band and organisation of this excursion.

Our Book Fair was a huge success, thank you to the parents who supported this and to Mrs Nelson for her organisation of this event. The profits will go towards purchasing more books for our library. Our Book Parade finished a busy week with students and staff entering into the spirit of the day. Thank you to the huge numbers of families who came to support their children on such a happy day. The sausage sizzle was a perfect follow on and thank you Mrs Klimpsch for organising this with the help of some parents and Koorungal High School students.

### School Readiness Program

Our School Readiness program has begun with visits from Good Start Wagga and Station Place, along with St Lukes.

The feedback was very positive with the preschool teachers working with our teachers and the students participating in skills based activities to ensure the children's readiness for school. Thank you to Mrs Ryan, Mrs Rees and Mrs Gooden for running this program. It will continue until Week 9 after which our Sturt Kindergarten Orientation Program will begin.

We are now taking enrolments for students starting Kindergarten in 2019. If you have a child starting school next year, please see our office ladies and they will give you the necessary paperwork.

### Canteen News

We held our Canteen Mufti Day yesterday, proceeds of which will assist the canteen in its day-to-day running. The canteen offers a wide variety of healthy choices and this can only happen with your support. Thank you to all who were able to contribute. Don't forget to volunteer a day in the canteen if you can, as we certainly want to ensure that we keep this as a sustainable resource.

### Stage 2 Excursion

Our Year 4 students will be attending the camp at Borambola Sport and Recreation next Monday to Wednesday. This is a very popular camp, which enables our students to participate in a variety of activities where they are working strategically in teams to accomplish some challenging tasks. Thank you to Miss Holt and Miss Curry who are supervising this excursion. Year 3 students will be involved in a separate unit of work during this time. As Trent Barrett is to be held on Tuesday, students who have been selected for these teams will be attending this competition for the day. Thank you to Miss Jones and Mrs Livio for organising these teams.

### Tournament of Minds

Next Sunday, Sturt will be hosting the Regional Tournament of Minds (TOM) competition. This is a huge event with teams attending from towns far and wide. We are fortunate to have Mrs Comerford, the overall co-ordinator, on our staff and she will have a number of staff assisting on the day. Mrs Klimpsch also has the canteen running on this day, so any available helpers are very welcome. Sturt has had a proud history with the TOM Competition in which teams of students prepare solutions to problems and present them to the judges. There are very strict guidelines which of course make it all the more challenging and the teams have a prepared problem plus an impromptu problem given to them on the day. Thank you to Mrs Hawkins for training these teams; we wish our teams the best of luck.

### K-6 Creative Arts Program

On Thursday 30th August at 11:45am we will hold a special K-6 Creative Arts Assembly to showcase what the children have been learning during their lesson with

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Ms Gooden. All family and friends welcome and a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Mrs Kerry Barker

PRINCIPAL

## ICAS AWARDS

### SCIENCE

#### MERIT

Raya E

#### CREDIT

Nusrah B

Carter Z

Andrew S

Nick L

Nethukee J

Zaynab Q

Raaid M

#### DISTINCTION

Best I

Rhys T

#### HIGH DISTINCTION

Mustafa H

Hansa R

### DIGITAL

#### TECHNOLOGIES

#### MERIT

Ray E

Zaynab Q

Ariba O

#### CREDIT

Jack S

Nick L

#### DISTINCTION

Edward L

Nusrah B

Andrew S

Nethukee J

Best I

Mustafa H

Hansa R

Raaid M

## AWARDS -TERM 3 WEEK 4

CLASS	MERIT	HOW 2 Learn	RED CARD
Kangaroo	Blake C	Tilly W	Arlen L
Kookaburra	Henry D	Hailo C	Samson H
Koala	Kodi D	Tahleah M	Anderson A
Emu	Keira O	Abby A	Ariyah S
Goanna	Ella-Rose G	Jigme P	Logan S
Platypus	Isabella T	Emily L	Jackson N
Wombat	Caitlyn P	Jeremy C	Brianna B
Acacia	Halle P	Zaynab Q	Charlie B
Waratah	Rhys T	Tristan B	Daisy V
Banksia	Lylah H	Andrew B	Ella B
Hakea	Corey P	Raaid M	Emmason P
Snowy	Rhylie H	Madison H	Ella R
Murrumbidgee	Cameron C	Tyler S	Cameron A
Darling	Brianna L	Mia O	Lucy A
Lachlan	Imogen S	Eleanor C	Lachlan P

## OUTSTANDING STUDENT



**Samson H**

for

Being kind and helpful at all times

## STURT PS APP



### How to download Sturt PS App:

From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) OR Google Play (Android) search for School Stream and download the App to your phone. Make sure you agree to push notifications. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search THEN select your school.

Password—**26504457**

## REMINDERS

### Week 5

Monday 20 August Year 4 Overnight Borambola

Tuesday 21 August Trent Barrett Shield

P & C Meeting

Sunday 26 August TOM

### Week 6

Monday 27 August Combined Assembly 1.45pm

Thursday 30 August Creative Arts Assembly 11:45am

Friday 31 August PSSA Athletics Carnival—Albury

### Week 7

Thursday 6 September Band Eisteddfod

Friday 7 September SRC Wheel-A-Thon

### Week 8

Monday 10 September Combined Assembly 1.45pm

### Week 9

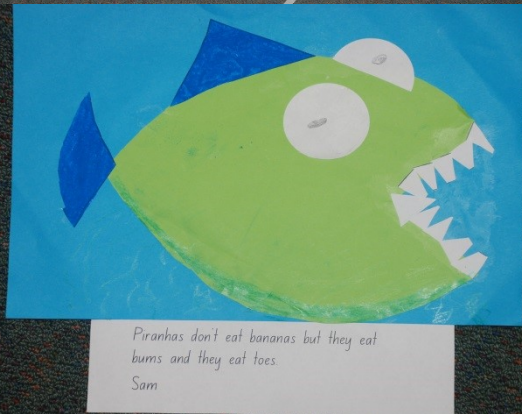
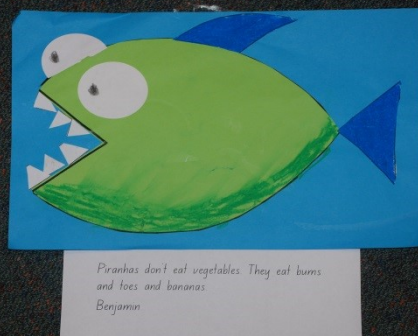
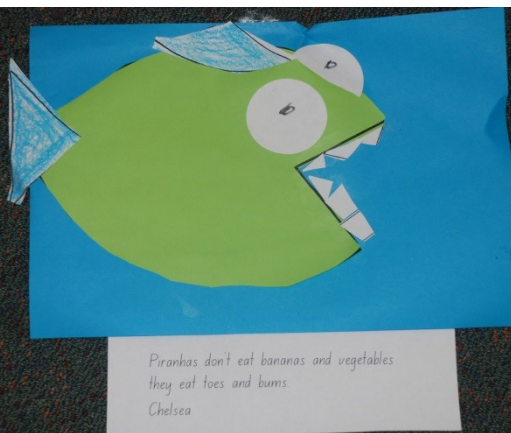
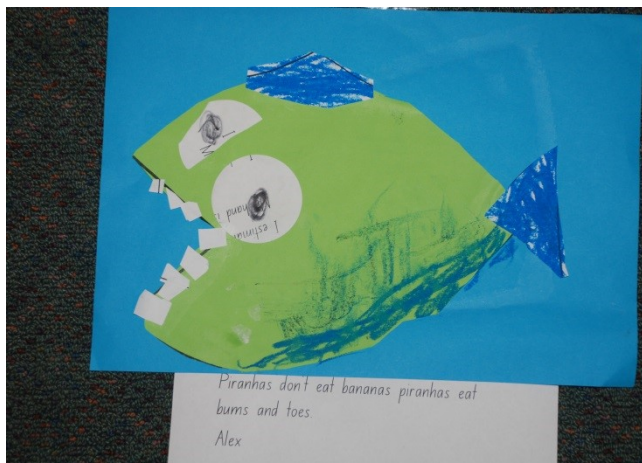
Tuesday 18 September KHS Parent Information

Tuesday 18 September P&C Meeting

Thursday 20 September 2019 Kindy Information Evening

# Kookaburra

Last week we read "Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas". We made our own piranhas and wrote some sentences about the story. Then we edited and typed our sentences up.



# STEM SHOWCASE



# BEESWAX WRAPS

Last week the Stage 2 classes along with Darling and Kangaroo participated in a beeswax wrap making workshop. The classes have been investigating alternatives to cling wrap and clip seal bags to reduce waste in our school. Each child made their own wrap to pack their recess or lunch in. They have also designed a logo and business card to explain how to use them. This was a part of our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) units on sustainability and nutrition. The students and many helpers worked together to create amazing products that will endeavour to reduce our waste and help our environment. Thank you to all of our wonderful helpers. It was a great collegial effort with brilliant results.

Kate Livio



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# SPORTS REPORT

Good luck to our Stage 2 Trent Barrett League Tag and Rugby League teams playing on Tuesday 21st August. Thanks to Miss Jones and Mrs Livio for taking these teams. We would also like to thank Ed Lander and Ally Jenkins for sharing their expertise with coaching the teams. Well done to Mia O and Charlotte M for also helping with the League Tag Team.

On Tuesday 14th August we were lucky to be part of the South Sydney Football Club's Oral Health Program. The students took part in many different activities including information on oral health and a Rugby League fitness session.

Susan Brasier

## SYDNEY YOUNG CREATORS CONFERENCE

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of August, six young, strong and good looking Sturt students embarked on the journey of a lifetime. The journey was challenging but we conquered with triumph.

Fighting our way into the sea of tables, it was hard to navigate but soon we found our table in the corner of the sea. Setting up our gear was a nightmare! The mannequin could not stand any longer and just did not want to be adorned in the most breathtaking clothes that you will ever see. The phones and ipads did not want to awaken from their slumber. We soon pulled them together and then the conference was underway.

There were so many questions asked that day, also a lot of explanations. We had pressuring interviews with professional cameras and lighting. Lots of people were impressed. Everyone wanted their project to be the main attraction.

People came from all over. In a whiz the day was over, alas we said, another busy day for thy travellers, and we can bet our money that we had a deep long sleep that night.

We would like to thank Sam from The Museum of the Riverina, Mrs Hawkins and our parents for organising this amazing experience.

Ava S & Imogen S



## SRC

On Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, the new SRC representatives were hard at work planting trees and shrubs as part of National Tree Day. The Semester 2 representatives had the opportunity to work alongside their Semester 1 representatives, who have had plenty of garden experience. Mrs Telford had examined the school grounds and found a variety of areas around the school to plant the donated trees and shrubs. For many students it was their first time working in a garden. They enjoyed learning how to remove the plants from their pots and prepare the soil for planting.

The Wheel-A-Thon is fast approaching and is just over 3 weeks away. All students have received their Wheel-A-Thon sponsorship form. We encourage students to seek sponsorship from family and friends. With the money raised we plan to purchase new equipment for our school playground. Kidsons Cycles are our major sponsor and have been kind enough to donate the major prize for the student in each stage who raises the most money.

**Angela Comerford & Katie Mott**  
**SRC Coordinators**



# EDUCATION WEEK



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# HELPING YOUR CHILD TO LEARN

## Let's Get Back to Basics

### Part 2

#### Early Bedtimes

Sleep is the building blocks for healthy brain development. It helps us process the day's events and learn from it. Children's brains are constantly developing and creating new neural connections. They absolutely must get sleep to nurture these connections.

Between children's activities, school and always squeezing in technology time, children are going to bed later and having a difficult time settling before sleep. One of the most basic things you can do for your child's behaviour, health and well-being is to help them get the sleep that they need.

#### Empathy

What do children really need to be happy and successful? The answer surprises most: **Empathy**. It is the trait that allows us to "walk in another person's shoes".

Though children are hard wired to care, they aren't born empathetic, just like they aren't born to order a latte at the coffee shop. It's a learned behaviour!

Empathy promotes kindness, prosocial behaviours, moral courage, and it is an effective antidote to bullying, aggression, prejudice and racism.

Empathy, has been named as one of the essential ingredients and has been named as one of the most important principles for leadership success and excellent performance.

Deb Imrie

Learning & Support Team

# STURT P.S CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

This week we are looking at the code **Be an active learner**.

We will be discussing how to **Arrive on time**.

Be an  
active  
learner



# STURT P&C CANTEEN

Roster - Week 3 Term 5

10.00am - 1.30pm

**Week 5 - \$5 Lunch Special - Chill J &  
Toasted Ham, Cheese, Tomato sandwich**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday Lunchtime - Klara Neeves

Friday

Sunday Tournament of Minds - 8am—2pm  
HELP NEEDED

Roster - Week 4 Term 6

10am - 1.30pm

**Week 6 - \$5 Lunch Special - Mac & Cheese  
Flavoured Milk & Popcorn**

Monday Catering - extra help needed please

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday Fiona Wolfgarten

# CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to all the helpers for Chess Day, the Education Week sausage sizzle, as well as canteen volunteers. Our canteen mufti day was amazing! Thankyou

As you can see we are still desperate for help. Please return the note with the calendar or let me know any day you have available.

Thankyou

Jo Klimpsch

Canteen Manager

0400 840 223

# HAVE YOU MOVED

Over the holidays we have had a few families relocate or get new phones. If your contact information has changed, please notify the office in writing or by email [sturt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sturt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## P&C NEWS

Hello Everyone

The sausage sizzle was a great success. Thank you for helping the P&C in raising funds for our school.

The major fundraiser coming up is the Sturt Twilight Market on Friday November 2nd. Please put forward your name for volunteering. If you need more information, please contact Romola. The Sturt Twilight Market is also on Facebook and can be accessed on <https://www.facebook.com/Sturt-Public-School-PC-Twilight-Community-Market-820455071307604/>

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 21 August. Please attend the P&C meetings to be informed and have a voice in the development of your child.

Thank you for your support with the canteen mufti day. It is due to the ongoing support of families that we are able to operate 5 days a week.

The clothing pool orders are being processed in a timely manner. Please be patient if there are delays with your order.

We are still looking for a Secretary for our P&C.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on [sturtpublicpandc@gmail.com](mailto:sturtpublicpandc@gmail.com) or on 0435472995 if you need any assistance. It's still not too late to volunteer. You can volunteer in the canteen, clothing pool and on various occasions. Remember, together we can make a great difference.

Saba Nabi—P&C President

## KINDERGARTEN 2019

It's that time of year again to enrol for Kindy 2019. If you have younger siblings or neighbours who are yet to register their enrolment here at Sturt, please let them know that they are able to drop into the office at any time to pick up an application form.

## LOST PROPERTY

**Please remember to label all items including clothing and lunch containers.**

Our clothing pool is overflowing with unidentified uniforms. Any unclaimed items will be sent to the clothing pool at the end of the term.

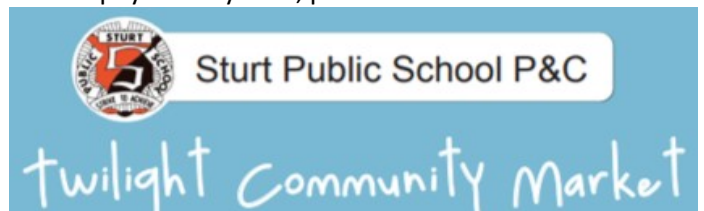


## ONLINE PAYMENTS

Westpac are making some important changes to the Parent Online Payment (POP) system between 11 and 25 June 2018. These changes include:

- Larger controls to make it easier to use on mobile screens
- More time to enter details
- Browser auto-fill to make payments without having to re-enter details
- Collapsible sections of grouped information in a more logical order making the form easier to use
- Payment via a credit card or direct debit from a bank account

If you have any concerns or questions in regards to the online payment system, please contact our office staff.



It's Twilight Time!!

We would like to announce that the 2018, 5th Annual Twilight Market is now open for bookings. Anyone wishing to book a stall can go to the booking link at <https://www.trybooking.com/395607> and follow the prompts.

We would also like to form a stronger committee this year, so if we could get some more parents or even grandparents to take on a little role at the market it would be greatly appreciated. This is our major fundraiser and we have been able to achieve a lot with the money raised, but we need more help as we have had a few families move on to high school.

Please email [sturt.twilightmarket@gmail.com](mailto:sturt.twilightmarket@gmail.com) or call or text Romola on 0421828365.

Let's make 2018 even better than the ones before.