

# Bulletin

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our students. We have had a busy fortnight and look forward to a productive term ahead. We have farewelled Mrs Sykes as she has gone on maternity leave and Mr Samson will be teaching Snowy for the remainder of the year. We also farewell Mrs Phillips who has decided to retire after a long and memorable career in teaching, much of that which was spent here at Sturt P.S. Many of you would be aware of the great work she did with Reading Recovery and Learning and Support. By working individually with students, she was able to build their reading skills and engender a love of reading. Mrs Phillips also taught Music and Science, which was a highlight for many of our students. We wish Mrs Phillips a wonderful retirement.

### COVID

The COVID situation continues to be a concern. We are doing everything we can here at this stage. Unfortunately, parents are still unable to come on site unless there are special circumstances. Our assemblies will continue to be via Google Meet. Wiping down and hand sanitisers continue to be used extensively. The office ladies are checking temperatures where we are concerned and students and staff need to stay at home if they are unwell.

### **Changes to Student Afternoon Pickup**

We have some concerns about the afternoon pick ups from the Lake Albert Rd gateway. As this gateway also serves as our Bus Zone, the visibility for our students trying to spot their parents is challenging and the supervision of bus travellers is an intensive job. As a result, we are requesting that parents meet their children at either the White Ave or Kilpatrick St gates. This would mean that <u>bus travellers are the only children departing</u> <u>school through the Lake Albert gate.</u> We appreciate that this will take some getting used to but it is important that we keep student safety as a priority.

#### **Student Representative Council**

Our Semester 2 Student Representative Council members were announced at assembly today. Due to the limitations with COVID this year, our Semester 2 SRC reps will work alongside the Semester 1 SRC members to ensure a voice for our student body. Congratulations to all these students, who have the honour of being voted in to represent their peers for the remainder of 2020. Thank you to Miss Annetts for organising these students.

### **Education Week**

Next week we will be celebrating Education Week. It will be a very different experience this year due to the COVID pandemic. Our teachers have worked together to assemble an impressive display of student works which will be on display at the Wagga Marketplace next week. Unfortunately, we are limited with visitors to the school so our two main events will be a special canteen lunch on Wednesday and the unveiling of our new Welcome to Country sign, which will be attended by a representative group from our ATSI families.

### Year 6 T-shirts

Our Year 6 students have begun to wear their new Yr 6 T -shirts. This is a popular tradition, with Year 6 students choosing a design which is reflective of our cultural links. It is a wonderful keepsake and the students look very impressive. Thank you to Miss Brasier for organising these.

### Kindergarten enrolments

Sturt Public School is accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2021. If you live in the Sturt Enrolment Zone you are able to enrol in our school by completing an Enrolment Form and providing documentation such as a Birth Certificate, Proof of Address, Immunisation details and Health Care Plans. NSW Public School Finder (online) is available to check if you are in zone for Sturt Public School. Unfortunately, we are unable to take any out of zone enrolments. If you have any questions please contact the office 69225087.

Kerry Barker Principal

### **TOYS AT SCHOOL**

During COVID, children are reminded that toys are not to be brought to school. This is important as we need to keep our school a COVID free environment.

# **MUSIC SHOW & TELL**

During music lessons next week (wk3) students in Stages 1, 2 & 3 can participate in a Show & Tell of one piece of music on an instrument of their choice.

All students wishing to participate must bring their instrument on the day they have their music lesson with Miss Rose. Students will not be allowed to share instruments.

# SRC - SEMESTER 2

Sturt Public School would like to congratulate our newly appointed Semester 2 Student Representative Council members. The SRC are responsible for a variety of events and duties within our school. We will be involving our Semester 1 SRC members in our organisation and planning this semester as their roles were limited during Semester 1. We look forward to welcoming fresh ideas and initiatives from our new members.

Miss Trudy Annetts





Emu - Samson

Hakea - James



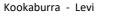






Platypus - Lachlan

Acacia - Liana



Banksia - Ellvn

Goanna - Sophie

Wombat - Mackenzie







Murrumbidgee Izabella













Clarence - Tristan



Snowy - Hamish







Darling - Ryan

Lachlan - Milo

# The Smith Family *Learning for Life* Program want Sturt Public School families.

To be considered eligible for *Learning for Life* families must:

Note that regular school attendance and arriving at school on time is a scholarship requirement.

Possess a Health Care or Pension Concession Card.

Demonstrate a commitment to education.

### Learning for Life provides families with:

Financial support Education support Linkages to community support

### Want more information?

Please contact Fiona Carroll on 0466 473 115 or (02) 6931 2428 Email: fiona.carroll@thesmithfamily.com.au



everyone's family

# **OUTSTANDING STUDENT**



## Dakota C

of

Koala

for

Her outstanding work habits, responsible behaviour and caring disposition.

# AWARDS - TERM 3 WEEK 2

| CLASS        | MERIT                                       | HOW 2 Learn              |
|--------------|---|--------------------------|
| Kangaroo     | Ethan R<br>Elsbeth U                        | Keiran K<br>Hudson R     |
| Kookaburra   | Lila L<br>Alexander J                       | Dustin Q<br>Montgomery S |
| Koala        | Agang A<br>Thomas L                         | Archie J<br>Michelle T   |
| Emu          | Samson H<br>Angus M                         | Baran K<br>Larnie P      |
| Goanna       | Xavier BChelsea DAmitiel JKhalid H          |                          |
| Platypus     | Lane N<br>Lachlan B                         | Alex S<br>Arlen L        |
| Wombat       | Trai L<br>Brock M                           | Cooper F<br>Khan S       |
| Acacia       | Jackson F<br>Lachlan P                      | Chace A<br>Rory B        |
| Waratah      | Brianna B Joshua D<br>Sthothra B Hailo C    |                          |
| Banksia      | Angel K Shae-Lee H<br>Lilly-Anna M Jeremy C |                          |
| Hakea        | Abby A<br>Ben R                             | Tenzin S<br>Claire S     |
| Snowy        | Taylor BAstrid WLove PTyler D               |                          |
| Murrumbidgee | Chelsea G<br>Amahlia G                      | Sophia C<br>Euan B       |
| Darling      | lesha W<br>Payten K                         | Ella B<br>Billy C        |
| Lachlan      | Della BOliver MLokesh MGabriella S          |                          |
| Clarence     | Kaitlyn C<br>Jeremiah C                     | Logan D<br>Lachlan G     |



**Definitions:** For the purpose of the Positive Living Skills program:

**Feelings are** - How I feel on the inside, e.g., I am happy or sad or worried or calm. Other people's feelings are important too.

**Empathy is** - The ability to sense or imagine what other people might be feeling or thinking.

Research suggests that students who participate in Social and Emotional Learning Programs focused on Emotional Intelligence display less aggression, less anxiety, and build more effective social and problem -solving skills, and prosocial behaviour in early childhood is strongly linked with future academic performance and positive mental health. Higher emotional intelligence also has strong links with the prevention and intervention of bullying, from both perspectives.

Accepting responsibility for our own feelings is one of the most important communication skills we can acquire. We often tend to assign full responsibility for our feelings to another party. Situations and others' behaviours can certainly help us experience a range of feelings, but when we claim that someone or a situation 'made' us feel a certain way, we are actually giving away our power over the situation and over our own emotional state or responses.

**Changing Channels:** There are a range of strategies combining our thoughts and actions that we can use to assist us to change our emotional state when we want to. Building an understanding that we have a choice when it comes to our emotional state at any time, is key. Children can be encouraged to think of their mind like a TV or Computer.

# **BAND VACANCIES**

At Sturt we have a number of opportunities available to students who are interested in learning a musical instrument.

Currently, we have a clarinet, trumpet and trombone available for hire. Students can hire an instrument and have lessons at school with a tutor from the RCM at a cost of \$180 per term.

We look forward to welcoming new students. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Mott.



# CANTEEN / UNIFORM

**Term 3 Canteen news** - The canteen are now accepting handwritten lunch bags using cash from 9am - 9.15am, handed in at the canteen counter. We will not be returning to classroom morning lunch baskets.

### Online orders are still preferred.

Ice blocks etc can be ordered on the bags and online for a stamp on the bag for lunchtime pick up. We will not be having cash over the counter sales during lunch.

Sorry but at this time volunteers are still not able to come in, we will update as this changes.

Thank you to all our families for being so cooperative.

From Jo and Samone, and the P&C

**Term 3 Clothing Pool** - clothing orders still need to be done online or by appointment with Jo 0400840223 between 9 and 9.30 Mondays only, if you need sizing. Bank transfers and online payments only.

If needing a proof of purchase for the Smith Family please order online.

# REMINDERS

| WEEK 2                                     |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Friday 31 July                             |   | Chess begins                                       |  |
| WEEK 3                                     |   |  |  |
| All Week                                   |   | Education Week                                     |  |
| Wednesday 5 August                         |   | Canteen Hotdog Day                                 |  |
| Thursday 6 August                          |   | Unveiling of<br>Acknowledgement to<br>Country sign |  |
| WEEK 4                                     |   |  |  |
| Monday 10 August                           |   | Book club orders DUE                               |  |
| WEEK 6                                     |   |  |  |
| Wednesday 26 August                        |   | Stage 3 Gymnastics notes<br>and payments DUE       |  |
| SPS CONTACTS                               |   |  |  |
| OFFICE                                     | 02 6922 5087  |  |  |
| OFFICE                                     | Mon - Thurs 8:45am - 3:30pm                                 |  |  |
|  | Fri 9am - 3:30pm  |  |  |
| TEACHERS                                   | Email the school or call the office to make an appointment. |  |  |
| EMAIL                                      | sturt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au                               |  |  |
| CANTEEN                                    | sturtcanteen@gmail.com                                      |  |  |
|  | 9:30AM - 1:30PM   |  |  |
| P&C  | sturtpublicpandc@gmail.com                                  |  |  |
| UNIFORM                                    | 0435 472 995  |  |  |
| SHOP                                       | By appointment only   |  |  |
| BEFORE &<br>AFTER                          | 02 6926 1643  |  |  |
| SCHOOL<br>CARE                             | This is an externally operated service.                     |  |  |
| MY SCHOOL<br>CONNECT<br>Making online easy |   |  |  |