



Bulletin

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

SASS Week

Our School Administration and Support Staff do a wonderful job in our school. They keep everything running smoothly, supporting staff, students and families. Our Office staff are your first port of call, they do a lot of the behind the scenes organisation, including running the Library and our first aid. Our School Learning Support Officers work in the classrooms and with individual students, to ensure that they are accessing learning at their individual level. Our General Assistant works to keep our school safe and looking good. Our SASS staff are a great team and this week, we say thank you for all that they do to make Sturt a great school.

Multicultural Public Speaking Finals

Our students from Stages 2 & 3 have done a wonderful job of preparing and presenting speeches for this year's Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Given that we have over 30 nationalities in our school and our whole world is affected by the COVID pandemic it is more important than ever that our students understand our roles within a multicultural society. The students presented at class level and from there, some students were chosen to be finalists. This week the finals were held via Google Meet. I was fortunate enough to adjudicate the Stage 3 finals and I was very impressed with the standard of presentation and the confidence our students had as they shared their viewpoint. The two winners now have their filmed speech sent through for the next round of competition. Congratulations to all the finalists on a job well done.

NAIDOC Public Speaking finals are being held today. We have two students competing via zoom. We wish them the best of luck.

Sturt P.S. P&C

Thank you to the many parents who joined our Sturt P&C Zoom meeting last week. Given that we have been unable to have a meeting since February, due to COVID restrictions, it was wonderful to see so many parents interested in what is happening at school. It was resolved at the meeting that our Clothing Pool be phased out over the remainder of this year. This will mean that all uniforms will be available from Lowes next year. It is timely then to acknowledge the outstanding job that our many Clothing Pool co-ordinators have done over the years. Many parents have generously donated their time to make sure stock supplies were available and help parents purchase school uniforms. To all of these people we say thank you.

Our next P&C Zoom meeting will be Wednesday 16th September at 7.00. This will be our AGM. All parents are welcome.

COVID-19 Restrictions

As you would be aware, we are constantly updating our protocols to abide by the safety and security guidelines. We have tried very hard to ensure that our students are offered as broad a curriculum as is possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. New guidelines were sent out this week resulting in us cancelling (until further notice)

- Concert band and Beginner Band
- Choir
- Buddy classes
- Gala Days

We are very disappointed that this is the case but obviously our first priority is the safety and health of our school community. Fortunately, we have been able to keep the music lessons still happening. As per the guidelines, for any wind instruments, the lessons will be individual and shortened or timetabled in a way that will ensure that students are still able to access tuition.

NSW Department of Education Term 3 Guidelines:

If a student has been absent due to flu like illness or develops flu like symptoms while at school, they are not to return to school until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom free. The negative COVID-19 test result must be sighted and received by the school for both students and staff members before they return to school.

Tournament of Minds

As parents would be aware, Sturt has a proud history with Tournament of Minds with teams regularly becoming Regional Champions and from there competing at State level in Sydney. Of course, this year will look very different due to COVID-19. Instead of us hosting the competition here at Sturt which is always a highlight on the Sturt calendar, the Tournament of Minds teams will be preparing their presentations and filming them in their own schools. The judges will view the submissions online and the competition winners will only be at regional level. There is no State level competition this year. Our teams are trying hard to develop the skills of working together constructively in teams and look forward to the challenge of preparing their presentation on a given topic. We wish these students good luck and thank Mrs Hawkins for training these teams.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation is another area where we are very limited with what we can do. Mrs Gooden is our Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal, and she is preparing for a different kind of orientation this

year. She is well underway with contacting parents and preschools to ensure that we have all the information we need to prepare for next year's classes. We will announce any orientation events when we are given the go ahead to do so, but rest assured we will make sure that all our new Kinders will be well supported in this important step. If you have a child who is starting Kindergarten next year, please make sure that you have contacted the office and have put in the necessary paperwork.

Kerry Barker
Principal

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OC PLACEMENT TEST

Owing to the most recent NSW Health advice received on 14 August, the Opportunity Class Placement Test has been rescheduled to Wednesday 18 November 2020.

Only students whose parents have received a confirmation email from the High Performing Students Team are eligible to sit the test on the new date of 18 November. The application portal will not be re-opened for new applications.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT



Lila L

of

Kookaburra

for

For always trying her best in every aspect of her school life.

AWARDS - TERM 3 WEEK 6

CLASS	MERIT	HOW 2 Learn
Kangaroo	Carter S Liam S	Lachlan M Isabelle G
Kookaburra	Levi P William S	Montgomery S Rayden B
Koala	Rory H Hamisha K	Magnus L Mahira H
Emu	Araydia D Claire N	Angus M Amelia Q
Goanna	Moziak K Memphis M	Saim R Alfred R
Platypus	Jett W Maev P	Jessica P Ameer H
Wombat	Makenzie M Ace N	Tilly W Arwa K
Acacia	Leon F Amelia W	Hunter S Jaxon K
Waratah	Mya S Rohan W	Kalex B Willow P
Banksia	Whitney-Lee W Declan R	Asha F Ellyn S
Hakea	Annabella T Jasper P	Palash G Lillian M
Snowy	Joey P Saritia M	John L Martins A
Murrumbidgee	Wil A Amal T	Tess B Bentley B
Darling	Hunter H Halle P	Lex C Cooper M
Lachlan	Rhys T Zaynab Q	Amelia S Kobi R
Clarence	Thane S Libby G	Lachlan M Solinas K

REMINDERS

WEEK 6

Friday 28 August Stage 3 Gymnastics Begins

WEEK 7

All Week Life Education Van

Friday 4 September Crazy Hair Day—Gold Coin Donation

WEEK 9

Wednesday 16 September P&C AGM - 7PM



Self-esteem comes from inside you. Healthy self-esteem is believing in yourself and being kind to yourself. It is being confident in the choices you make, knowing that even when you make a mistake, you remain proud of who you are.

A child's self-esteem develops over time, starting from birth. Self-esteem in young children is generally positive and at this stage children may overestimate their abilities, particularly around the age of 4. As the child grows, they begin to incorporate feedback and experiences into their self-image, getting a more balanced idea of their capabilities. By the age of 7, and possibly younger, students are able to compare their performance against their peers and their perceived abilities or weaknesses compared to similar aged children or siblings becomes an important factor to their developing level of self-esteem.

As students become self-aware, they can begin to understand their self-talk, and then link this to their choice of focus and beliefs, and they can build healthy **self-esteem**. As they build skills to self-direct their thoughts emotions and behaviour in positively challenging and self-supportive ways, they will move toward achieving the outcomes they seek.

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P&C AGM

SAVE THE DATE

Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 September at 7pm via ZOOM. Everyone is invited to join us from the comfort of your living room. All positions are declared vacant and anyone can nominate for any position. Nomination forms can be emailed to you from the school. Other information in regards to P&C can be found at <https://www.pandc.org.au/faqs/>

CANTEEN

A big thank you to all our Sturt families. Canteen is being kept very busy with almost every family having now moved to Online ordering through My School Connect. Anyone who has been a volunteer in our canteen in the past would know what a difference it makes, even more so in current times with no volunteers.



CLOTHING

At last weeks Zoom P&C meeting it was decided after much discussion to soon close the Sturt Uniform shop for new clothing. This will mean all our uniforms will shortly be able to be purchased at the one location, Lowes, and at times more convenient for our families.

We currently are still operating our clothing pool the same, using My School Connect and if you wish to purchase now at the Clothing pool prices, please get your orders in as soon as possible.

Any requests for secondhand items please email Jo at sturtcanteen@gmail.com

Jo Klimpsch

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

As of 17 August, some of the changes required from schools are:

- Vigilance in ensuring that staff and students do not attend school or work if they are unwell.
- Students absent or sent home due to flu like symptoms need to be tested.
- Staff and students must not return to school or work until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptoms free.
- Schools must sight the negative COVID-19 test result prior to allowing students and staff to return to school.

Thank you for your co-operation with these updates.