



Bulletin

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back for 2021 and a special welcome to our new students and new staff. We begin the year with continued COVID restrictions but we look forward to more normality as the year progresses.

Our Year 1-6 students arrived last Friday and our new Kindergarten students started on Tuesday. We are pleased to have returned to 15 classes which means we can again have specialist Science and Music rooms.

In Early Stage 1, we have two classes as follows:

Koala (K) with Mrs Amanda Gooden, who is also the Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal.

Kangaroo (K) with Mrs Kim Ryan.

In Stage 1, we have four classes as follows:

Goanna (1) with Mrs Nat Rees.

Emu (1) with Mrs Lea Ingram.

Wombat (2) with Mrs Abby Murray and Mrs Katie Mott on Fridays.

Platypus (2) with Miss Trudy Annetts, who is also the Stage 1 Assistant Principal. Miss Wood is on leave returning in Term 2.

In Stage 2, we have four classes as follows:

Banksia (3/4) with Mrs Nikita Morris.

Acacia (3/4) with Mrs Katrina Chapman (Mon-Wed) (Mrs Lauren Sykes returns in Term 2) and Mrs Angela Comerford (Thurs-Fri).

Hakea (3/4) with Mr Bernie Ward.

Waratah (3/4) with Mrs Kate Livio, who is also the Stage 2 Assistant Principal.

In Stage 3, we have five classes as follows:

Snowy (5/6) with Mrs Sarah Fox (Mon-Wed) Mr James Samson (Thurs -Fri).

Murrumbidgee (5/6) with Mrs Alexa Livio.

Lachlan (5/6) with Mrs Fiona Hawkins.

Clarence (5/6) with Mrs Clair Schneider.

Darling (5/6) with Miss Susan Brasier, who is also Stage 3 Assistant Principal.

Mrs Katie Mott (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Monica Cuneen (Wed-Fri) are our Learning and Support Co-ordinators for K-6.

Mr Aaron Johnston is our School Counsellor (Wed-Thurs).

Mr Brian Kirton is doing Science K-6.

Miss Holly Rose is doing K-6 Creative & Performing Arts.

We are thrilled to have 7 School Learning Support Officers (SLSO) this year. Miss Jan Cronk and Mr Kent Livio continue with us and they are joined by Ms Christine Swaffield, Ms Lisa Pinn, Ms Charlie Thurlow, Mr Brad Gerhard and Mr Shadman Khodedah.

In the office, we have Mrs Angela Becroft, our School Admin Manager (SAM) and Mrs Fiona Belford and Mrs Mel Wolter, our School Admin Officers (SAO). These ladies are your first contact at the school.

Our daily timetable begins with the 2 hour morning session, when our main Literacy and Numeracy is being taught. There is minimal interruption to these sessions in order to support this learning. Parents are requested to make any doctor's or dental appointments etc, to be made for the afternoon where possible. Given our disrupted time last year, we are very keen to maximise student learning and this will ensure that your child is present for all of this important learning.

Healthy eating and fitness are priorities here at Sturt. This means students need to bring healthy lunches (packaged foods are discouraged), fruit and bottled water. There is to be no soft drink (Coke etc or cordial). Only bottles of water can be taken inside the classroom. Our Healthy Canteen runs 5 days per week and orders can be made online.

Our fortnightly combined school assemblies will continue to be via Google Meet. Today's assembly recognised our new Sports Captains and Vice Captains. They have an important role throughout the year as role models, building teamwork and sportsmanship and encouraging their fellow students to shine in sporting challenges. Our Swimming Carnival will be next Wednesday giving our new leaders the perfect opportunity to cheer their sporting houses to success. Due to COVID restrictions, the carnival is limited to Years 5 & 6 and swimmers in Yr 2 (8 year olds) and swimmers Year 3 & 4.

Each class have regular wellbeing talks for all students around anti-bullying, talking about how it feels, how to respond in the event of bullying and how important it is not to be involved in or stand by and allow bullying to happen. To follow on with this, each student has an anti-bullying contract which they are required to sign along with their parents. This is the first step in our welfare/behaviour code to ensure that students free to enjoy and thrive in our school.

Due to COVID restrictions we are unable to hold our usual Welcome Barbecue/Parent Information Night.

We realise that this is a very important opportunity to inform parents about all the activities and routines their children will be involved in throughout the year. As such, we will be running our 3 Way Conferences earlier than normal (Weeks 5 & 6) which will also give parents time to meet the teacher and ask any questions about the year ahead. More information will be sent home shortly.

Kerry Barker
Principal

AWARDS - TERM 1 WEEK 2

| CLASS | Merit | HOW 2 Learn |
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| Emu | Dakota C Hamisha K | Thomas L Rebar T |
| Goanna | Andira K Dudley D | Ite A Keiran K |
| Platypus | Ronin J Lando W | Elliott B Sanulya H |
| Wombat | Jackson S Imogen C | Ryan C Brock M |
| Acacia | Arlen L Ellyn S | Hailo C Houston Z |
| Banksia | Matilda M Hunter S | Angus M Cooper A |
| Hakea | Charlie A Blake C | Anna-Rose D Khan S |
| Waratah | Sophie M Milla T | Austin H Olive H |
| Clarence | Quade S Chace A | Juri F Cruz K |
| Darling | Ayla B Max P | Nevaeh D Jakc H |
| Lachlan | Della B Ariba O | Shrestha B Lokesh M |
| Murrumbidgee | Tully B Willow P | Max R Campbell F |
| Snowy | Eliza M Logan B | Ella S Solinas K |

NOTES SENT HOME

- Stage 3 Sydney Excursion
- Stage 3 Sound Waves Student Work Book
- School House Captain Application (Yr 6)
- Stage 1 Gymnastics
- Swimming Carnival

REMINDERS

WEEK 3

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| ALL WEEK | Healthy Lunchbox Week |
| Wednesday 10 February | Swimming Carnival |
| Friday 12 February | Stage 1 Gymnastics begins |

WEEK 4

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| Tuesday 16 February | School Photos |
| Wednesday 17 February | Kinder Bus Safety P&C Meeting 7pm |

WEEK 5

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| ALL WEEK | 3 Way Conferences |
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WEEK 6

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| ALL WEEK | Wellbeing Week 3 Way Conferences |
| Friday 5 March | Clean Up Australia Day |

CANTEEN

The canteen is now open. Please use MySchoolConnect for ordering from the canteen.

If you would like to volunteer in the canteen, please call Jo on 0400 840 223 or email sturtcanteen@gmail.com. Volunteers must be expected to follow Covid-19 restrictions. No pop ins allowed.

UNIFORM

All clothing orders can be placed through MySchoolConnect.

HEALTHY LUNCHBOX WEEK

Week 3 is Healthy Lunchbox Week. If possible, please pack healthy lunches and snacks. Send fruit break/crunch and sip and also reusable containers where possible. The less prepacked items, the better. We will be taking some photo's of some amazing healthy lunchboxes to share. The canteen will also be having some yummy lunchbox specials.