



Stratheden Public School

Newsletter

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WEEK 7

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| Tuesday, 24th November | Tuckshop Order and Money due. |
| Wednesday, 25th November | Kindergarten Orientation. Tuckshop. |
| Thursday, 26th November | School Library. |

Principal's Report

Term 4

This week's news!

- * **Intensive Swimming**—Went well and everyone enjoyed being in the pool when the weather was so hot. Progress in all groups was achieved.
- * **Tennis**—Kelly Richards will be instructing tennis for five weeks. Week 4 is on **Friday, 27th November**. There will be no cost for the students. Students are reminded to bring their tennis racquets.
- * **Kindergarten Orientation**—The next Kindergarten Orientation is on **Wednesday, 25th November**, all day. The further Orientation Days are **2nd December** and **9th December**.
- * **School Presentation Night**—It is proposed that the Presentation Night will be on the **9th December** commencing at 5.00pm. The event will take place out on the school grounds to comply with the social distancing of 4 square metres for individuals. Families may sit together, observing the 1.5 metre rule. Anyone attending will be required to sign in, sanitise, not have any illness (cough, etc) and will need to socially distance from any other families.

You will be required to bring your own seating—either a chair or rug.

Unfortunately due to restrictions, there will not be a Santa Gift this year in our usual form. Though there will be something special for the children.

- * **Brisbane Excursion**—Due to the continued restrictions, the excursion to Brisbane planned for the 14th December has been postponed until the 24th March, 2021. As previously stated, this year's Year 6 will be invited to attend the excursion when it happens.
- * **Year 6 Graduation**—The Year 6 have had an interesting year, so there will be something nice for them to end their primary school life. It will occur on the **14th December**. Year 6 and their parents will be notified separately about this.
- * **School Photos**—These have arrived. Please note, there are some students at our school who are not allowed to be on Social Media. Please **do not put any photo of the whole school up on any form of Social Media**.

- * **School Webpage**— take the time to check out our school webpage. This page is now up-to-date and you can check out the gallery and our newsletter can be found on there as well.

Stratheden Specific COVID-19 Information

1. **NO PARENT/CARER** is allowed on the school grounds **(If you find it necessary to talk to a teacher please phone the school from the gate—6667 3266).**
2. There will be an entry and exit specific gate for students only, parents are to remain outside the fence.
3. There will be staggered exit times so that social distance is maintained by the adults.
4. **No one is to come to school if they are feeling unwell, are unwell, have a sniffle, runny nose, sore throat, cough or a temperature. This is very important. Any child attending school with any illness will be isolated and a parent or guardian requested to come and take the child home.**
5. **Students should be at school unless they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe or they are currently unwell.**
6. **Please provide your child/children with a refillable drink bottle. These are to be refilled during the day. Bubblers will be unavailable for use due to health reasons.**
7. **Fruit—To minimise contact with food, we ask parents to cut their children's fruit up at home, if they require it cut to be eaten. (If you are concerned that the fruit will go brown, please seal it in a zip lock bag).
Staff will not be cutting up fruit at school for the students.**

Cathy Kauter
Principal

K/1/2 News

This week K/1/2 will continue to work on some Bible Stories—Jonah and the Whale.

Congratulations to the following:

Home Reading: Arrabella Johnson
Drew Ludlow
Lennie Johnson
Lawson Bennett

Merit Awards: Landon Kelly—Great swimming.
Lennie Johnson—Excellent listening during coding.
Lawson Bennett—Excellent effort giving instructions to a 'robot'.

4/5/6 News

English: Spelling Test —Unit 17.
Spelling—Unit 18.
Persuasive Writing.

Maths: Assessing Fractions & Decimals.
Time.

Science: Design Task: "Packaging it Better".

Merit Awards: Lucian Kelly—Amazing singing.
Jacobly Kelly—Persuasive writing.

Sightwords

Congratulations to the following students:

Arrabella Johnson—W3, Column 1
Lucian Kelly—HH3 (9), Columns 3 & 4.

SRC News

As we are unable to hold our Mini-Fete in the usual way this year, we are going to have a Micro-Fete on the **2nd December, 2020** from 2.00pm. We will still have stalls to run and fun activities to undertake (Balloon Popping, Mini-golf, Tombola, Face Painting, Hair Colouring, Lolly Guessing, Pick-a-Stick, Patty Cake Decorating, Sponge Throwing).

Unfortunately we are unable to have any adults, but I'm sure that the students will have a fun time.

Tuckshop

For tuckshop this week, there is a Chicken Caesar Salad for \$3.50. A variety of salad items will be available for those who have difficulty with certain salad items.

P&C

Thank you to those people who have already returned raffle tickets or who have asked for more.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society have asked if we could give a money donation this year instead of a hamper item, due to the COVID restrictions. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Even the smallest amount of money can help.

COVID19 Information

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste and loss of smell), even mild symptoms, should not be at school. Schools should encourage staff and parents to arrange for the person who is unwell to be tested so they can return to school as soon possible once their symptoms have resolved to minimise the absence from school. For people who are unwell with respiratory symptoms, a negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school.
- If, after testing negative, the person has ongoing symptoms which persist beyond 10 days, the person (staff or students) should arrange to see their doctor. The medical assessment should consider whether the symptoms are typical for that person (for example seasonal, allergic rhinitis), and provide documentation for the school if this is the case. If there are new symptoms at any time, the person should be tested again.
- COVID-19 testing for students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools are to ask the parent/carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not indicated, a medical certificate must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to the school environment.
- Schools have reported concerns with obtaining COVID test results from some families. In these situations where a parent/carer is unwilling to allow their child to undertake a COVID test or provide the school with a negative COVID-19 test result, the student is to be excluded from school for a 10 day period. Additionally, the student must have been symptom free for at least 3 days before returning to school. **As with the case of all absences of more than 3 days a medical certificate is required by the school.**
- Staff and students should only return to school when they have received a negative COVID-19 test result and their symptoms have resolved. Confirmation of the negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school. Negative test results are communicated by NSW Health through SMS notifications, **but please email a copy to the school (stratheden-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).**