



Stratheden Public School

Newsletter

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WEEK 1

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Week 1 Term 2:

Monday, 25th April

Tuesday, 26th April

Wednesday, 27th April

Friday, 29th April

ANZAC Day March—10am

Staff Development Day (No students)

Students return to school

Tucksop order to be returned

Tuckshop.

Principal's Report

This week's news:

- **School Holidays:** The school holidays commence today (8.4.22). These holidays include the Easter break. School recommences for staff only on the 26th April and students return on Wednesday, 27th April.
- **ANZAC Day:** ANZAC Day is on Monday, 25th April. Our students participate in the Casino ANZAC Day March. Any students participating are to wear their school uniform and meet in front of the Richmond Valley Library in Casino at 9.45am. Please wear sunscreen, as it gets quite hot.
- **Grandparents' Day:** This will now be held on Monday, 2nd May, 2022. The agenda will be the same as previous with Morning Tea at 10.30am followed by visits to the classrooms.
- **C.L.A.S.S. Cross Country:** Due to the ongoing weather conditions, the Cross Country venue needed to be changed. This will now take place at Queen Elizabeth Park Oval 2 in Casino on Friday, 6th May, 2022. The students will be running on a circular course and on tarmac. We will travel to Casino by bus leaving the school at 8.55am.
- **Attendance:** Student attendance is important for their continued academic development. Children are required to attend school from the age of 6 until the age of 17. Absences from school require a **reason** from parents/carers to be forwarded to the school either by phone, note, Seesaw or Skool Loop. Partial absences (late arrivals—15 minutes or more, early leaving—15 minutes or more) also **require this information**. School Rolls are **legal** documents.

It is important to note that for partial absences, the Department of Education tallies the minutes absent and when it reaches 120 minutes, that is counted as a half day absence.

- **COVID**—Stratheden Public School has been advised that a member of the school community (student from Years 3/4/6) has recently tested positive to COVID-19.

Students and staff who worked on-site may have had contact with a person who was infectious with COVID-19.

While testing and isolation is no longer mandatory for exposures in school settings, NSW Health has provided advice on testing and isolation recommendations for our school communities following exposure to COVID-19 that should be considered when making decisions for your child and family if this situation arises at your school.

You are reminded that staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19. These include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection).

If symptoms occur at any time, you/your child should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test. If a rapid antigen test is positive you/your child should isolate as someone who has tested positive to COVID-19. If you cannot access a rapid antigen test, you can attend a PCR (nose and throat swab) testing clinic.

Advice and further resources are available on the NSW Health website including COVID-19 guidelines and fact sheets for people who tested positive or were exposed to COVID-19. Additional resources are also available on the NSW Government website.

The safety and wellbeing of our staff and students across NSW are paramount at all times. As such, we will continue to ensure that all necessary health advice is closely followed.

Thank you for your support and hoping that anyone who is ill returns to good health soon.

- * Parents are allowed to visit the school for events, but if they are volunteering for a specific activity like tuckshop, they must be double vaccinated.

We are reminded that vaccinations are recommended.

- **Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)** - The Premier's Reading Challenge continues. Each student is involved in this challenge. K/1/2 students are required to read or have read to them 30 books (25 must be Challenge books and 5 of their own choice). Years 3/4/6 are required to read 20 books (15 must be Challenge books and 5 of their own choice). Books will be exchanged on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings before school. The Challenge concludes on 19th August, 2022.

Congratulations to Piper Cowie, Kimberley Evans, Stella Schmidt, Chloe Humphreys, Imogen Evans and Khloe Evans on completing the Premier's Reading Challenge.

- **Skool Loop**—Has been set up. This is a different app to Seesaw. Skool Loop will be used for administration information **e.g newsletters, easier access to paying online, important information and advising of absences.**

To access this app, please search Skool Loop in your Play Store or App Store and download for free.

- **School Webpage/Facebook/Seesaw/Skool Loop**— take the time to check out our school pages.

Cathy Kauter
Principal

K/1/2 News

This week we have completed our Easter activities.

Congratulations to the following:

Home Readers: Piper Cowie
Kimberley Evans
Conrad Supple (2)
Aylah Hill
Imogen Evans
Khloe Evans

Merit Awards: Conrad Supple—Reaching Level 18 in Reading.
Aylah Hill—Reaching Level 21 in Reading.

3/4/6 News

Mrs Eyles and Years 3/4/6 would like to wish everyone a wonderful and restful Easter.

Merit Awards: Amity Schaefer—Great discussion writing.
William Humphreys—Great discussion writing.

Sightwords

Congratulations to the following who progressed in their Sightword Levels:

Piper Cowie—W3, Columns 1 & 2
Aylah Hill—HH2 (9), Columns 1 & 2
Khloe Evans—W1, Column 1
William Humphreys—HH4 (8), Columns 3 & 4

Mobile Library

Small Schools Cross Country

The Cross Country will take place at Queen Elizabeth Park, Casino on **Friday, 6th May (Term 2, Week 2)**.

The program is as follows:

9:30—10.00 am Early morning recess.
10.15am Races begin.

The races are grouped as follows:

5/6/7 year old boys, 5/6/7 year old girls, (400m = 1 lap)
8/9 year old boys, 8/9 year old girls, (2000m = 5 laps)
10 year old boys, 10 year old girls, (2000m = 5 laps)
11 year old boys, 11 year old girls, (3000m = 7 1/2 laps)
12/13 year old boys, 12/13 year old girls. (3000m = 7 1/2 laps)

Shoes (preferably joggers) must be worn. Hats are compulsory.

Participation is for all students capable of undertaking the course, however children under 8 are ineligible to qualify further.

We will also be needing parents to help in the tuckshop on the day.

Please fill in, sign and return permission note by **Thursday, 28th April**.

Stewart House

Stewart House and The Smith Family have been partnering for 90 years to build sustainable reuse initiatives that benefit children and families in disadvantaged

communities.

Win a family holiday/gift voucher worth \$4000. The Stewart House Donation Drive envelope were handed out to students a few weeks ago. A donation of \$2 will place you in the draw to win. All donations will need to be at school by **Friday, 13th May**.

P&C—Tuckshop

Tuckshop is on Friday, 29th April. **Please complete the order form and return no later than Wednesday, 27th April.**

Please pay for their children's lunches online. You are asked to please deposit/transfer the money directly into the **P & C account** not the school's account.

Stratheden Public School P & C Association

Banking details - : BSB - 637 000 Account number-:780411724

Please reference Lunches and student's name (family name) when using this form of payment.

School Holidays @ Your Library



Bookings for all activities will close at 2pm the day before the event.

DATE	TIME	LIBRARY	ACTIVITY	AGE
Tue 12 April	3-4pm	Casino	Easter craft and scavenger hunt	5-12
Wed 13 April	3.30-4.30pm	Casino	xBox Gaming	5-16
Tue 19 April	1-3pm	Kyogle	Lego Challenge	5-12
Wed 20 April	10.30-11.30am	Casino	Canvas Art	10-16
	10.30-11.30am	Kyogle	Make a lava lamp	5-12
	3.30-4.30pm	Casino	xBox Gaming	5-16
Thu 21 April	2-3.30pm	Casino	Film and popcorn	5-12
	10.30-11.30am	Kyogle	Make a lava lamp	5-12
	1-3pm	Kyogle	Lego Challenge	5-12



Please phone your branch library for more details and to make a booking.

