



STOKERS SIDING SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Weeks 1& 2

Wednesday 15th October 2014

DATE	DAY	EVENT	WHO	ACTION
Week 2	Thu	Active After School commences	K-6	Rugby League
17.10.14	Fri	Brisbane Excursion	K-6	Outstanding Payments urgent
23.10.14	Thurs	Connecting with Asia Day	Year 5	Permission notes please
24.10.14	Fri	Kindergarten Orientation	K - 2015	7 week program
31.10.14	Fri	Murwillumbah Show	K-6	Permission Notes sent home

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our students and our families! We hope you are rested and re-energised for a busy and productive Term 4! Our school calendar is filling up!

This week our **Active After School Program** re-commences with coaching in Rugby League by Milo and Kel on Thursdays. This week also sees our whole school excursion to Brisbane on Friday. We are all very excited about visit the Queensland Museum and Sciencentre, the Queensland Art Gallery and riding the Cityhopper Ferry.

Remember: Students living locally will leave school by 8.00 a.m. and return at approx. 4.45 p.m. Students based in Murwillumbah will be picked up at 8.15 a.m. at the Murwillumbah Railway Station and return at approx. 4.30 p.m. Outstanding fees for our Brisbane excursion must be paid.

School Learning Support Officers (SLSO)

We take this opportunity to say thank you and farewell to Mary-Anne Hurst. Mary-Anne has been our School Learning Support Officer working with Dylan. Mary-Anne has also been our working and volunteering parent/community member in all areas of Stokers Siding School for the past 16 years. Thank you Mary-Anne for your continued outstanding support of our **Small School, Big Family**. We wish you all the best for your future. **We will miss you.**



Nicole Morris has increased her hours and will work with Dylan Monday to Thursday. From Week 3 (24th October) Rebecca Timmer will work with Dylan on Fridays. Currently Sonya Wheelahan has been relieving in the SLSO role, thank you Sonya.

Our Amazing School Learning Support Officers!

Bec & Sonya currently work with Bhima, Nicole and Bec are working with Dylan.



Merit Awards

Congratulations to our merit award winners for **Week 2 Term 4:**

Connor Morris, Jiye Young,
Jude Jamieson, Poppy Baker,
Sharleah Parry, Mia Axford,
Lulu Warlow and Bhima Harrison

Special Congratulations goes to our student of the week for week 2:

Bhima Harrison



Congratulations to all our Winners in the Les Peterkin Prize 2014

"Faces from the Future"

The children's artwork will be on display in the Tweed Regional Gallery in Murwillumbah. On Sunday 19 October at 10.15am all exhibitors, family & friends are warmly invited to attend the opening celebrations



Connecting with Asia Day

Year 5 are participating in a Connecting with Asia Day at Murwillumbah High School on Thursday 23rd October. They will enjoy Shadow Puppet making, Onigiri Production (shaped rice balls), Bollywood Dancing and Japanese Hachimaki making. Have fun Year 5!

School App

Great News! We have decided to go ahead with our Stokers School App. We are going to use school stream NOT skoolbag as previously trialed. To download schoolstream search 'schoolstream' in the app store. Once you download the School App please type in "Stokers Siding". The app is now available on iPhones and android phones. Our School App is a quick and easy way to stay up to date with school events, receive notifications and provide feedback. We believe that our School App will help us communicate effectively with our school community.

Please be patient as we are still in the implementation stage.

Yours in 21st Century Learning

Michelle Shimizu and Tom Dignan



Murwillumbah Show - Please return all permission notes/\$3.20

All students K-6 will be participating in an excursion to Murwillumbah Show on Friday 31st October.

Selected students will be participating in the Show Relay.

What is the Family Energy Rebate?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY ?

Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013- 2014?

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE ?

To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH FORM- URGENT!

We sent home information concerning permission to publish for your child/ren. It is very important that you return this form as a priority. **Thank you for your help.**

WHOLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING

At our next P&C meeting which will be held on 3rd November, Mrs Eaton will be presenting the Whole School Plan for 2015 - 2018. Please come and join us at 2.30pm in the school library and have you say about the future direction of our school .

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2.30



Count us in Singing

The children at Stokers School are excited about our new program *Count Us In Singing*.

Our debut will be Thursday 30th October at 12.30.

We will be taking part in the 2014 Music Count Us In singing program.

It's Australia's biggest school music initiative with over 5000,000 students.

We will be connected with other schools across Australia via a live web feed.

We are practicing and looking forward to this exciting event.

Stephen Ward.

4/5/6 classroom teacher.



Kindergarten Orientation

For 2015

Spread the Good Word about our Kindy Orientation Program

The Program runs October November December 2014

Everyone Welcome to

Our Small School Big Family!



No Canteen Friday (17th)

due to our Brisbane Excursion!

Canteen Wednesday was a great success!

Three cheers to Kim and Brad for their support!

Community News:

1. Kingscliff Triathlon Multi-Fun Weekend Sunday 23rd November. Swim+cycle+run=Fun. Call Seb 0731246079
2. 2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate. Phone 137788—see poster on next page
3. Les Peterkin Portrait Prize exhibition dates are from 17th October to 14th December. On Sunday 19th October all exhibitors, family and friends are invited to the opening ceremony.
4. Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre support young carers. Freecall 1800052222
5. Experience the magic of hosting—phone 1300 884733 or visit www.wep.org.au
6. Go For Fun Term 4 Banora—Free—call 1800 780 900
7. Northern Rivers Orienteering Club—Lennox Heads. Ph Henning 0421608811 or www.nroc.asn.au
8. Tweed Valley Relay for Life 7th & 8th March Merve Edwards Field, Cudgen. Phone 1300 656585. Calling for volunteers.
9. Gold Coast V8 Billy Cart Derby. Visit www.coolyrockson.com
10. MiloT20 Blast Game On. Sign up today at T20Blast.com.au
11. A Pocket full of Pots—Fete Pocket School, Billinudgel Saturday 18th 10-2pm. Follow balloons.

Marg Eaton. Principal