

STOKERS SIDING

Public School Newsletter



Term 2 – Week 2

Little School; Big Family

Friday, 10 May 2019



A big congratulations to our all our students who have achieved their 'Green Merit' certificates. The latest students to join their ranks are Yogi McColl, Violet Cantwell and Kwanzaa Grogg. What great school leaders you are.



Dates to Remember

Week 3

Monday 13 May	NAPLAN commences
Thursday 16 May	School Photos
Saturday 18 May	Federal Election – Volunteers required for P&C BBQ

Week 4

Thursday 23 May	Scholastic Book Fair
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Week 5

Thursday 30 May	5/6 High School Sports Day
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Week 6

Thursday 6 June	K-2 Dental checks
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Week 10

Monday 1 July -	Life Education
Tuesday 2 July -	Stewart House Performance

From the Principal

Firstly, Happy Mother's Day to all mums and carers. I hope you have a wonderful day that truly highlights how important you are in the lives of our children.

Congratulations to our 2019 P&C Executive! At Tuesday's AGM, Sue Bolton was elected President, Angela Grogg Vice President, Elisha Cantwell Vice President, Kelly Tierney Secretary and Lucas Paitson Treasurer. We wish the executive and their team well this year as they 'strive to achieve' and help to move our little school forward. A huge thank you to the outgoing executive for their commitment to our school. They worked together raising funds for numerous school improvements and have helped to set the tracks on our journey.

Talking of school leaders; I was most impressed with the efforts of our school captains', Briar Ansey and Prasada McColl, delivery of the school ANZAC Day Service. A moving and honourable service gentlemen, well done.

This term students will be investigating a History unit on Heritage and Tradition. The unit will include traditional Aboriginal culture, colonisation, immigration and world exploration but it will have a little 'something' extra this term when students learn to explore these concepts with the use of a Virtual Reality kit we have sources from the Department of Education's 'Stemshare' program. Our students will include some local history and create a virtual map of Stokers Siding, highlighting historical places of interest. I am looking forward to the completed project; it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm our students have to engage in the new software.

Congratulations to all our students who competed in the recent Small Schools combined Cross Country carnival held at here at Stokers. Our students represented the community with pride and sportsmanship and came third overall. We have 5 students going forward to the district carnival on Friday 17 May at Murwillumbah High school; Briar Ansey, Lani Ansey, Yogi McColl, Cohan Tierney and Scarlett Goddon. We wish them well.

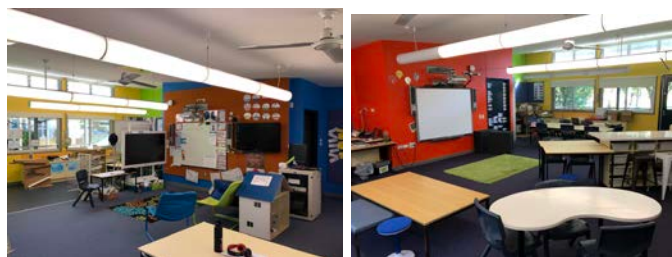
A special thank you to Sue Bolton for her work organising and running the canteen at the carnival and to our many

helpers on the day; thank you. All in all we had 7 schools and 180 students, plus parents and other family members (and staff). What a great day!



School Enhancements

It has been delightful to see some work going on to improve our school site. Over the holidays we have had a touch of paint to enhance our classrooms; they are now more conducive to creative energy (so no excuses for not finishing maths). A new school front fence has tidied up the kerbside appeal and a new shelter over the bubblers has removed quite a few obstacles from the walkway. Next week builders will be replacing and widening the entry pathway and the concrete slab around the bubblers will also be replaced, again reducing some of the hazards in this area.



Steve Miller
Rel. Principal

Small Schools Athletics Carnival

The 2019 Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be held at Cudgen Athletics Fields and is scheduled for **Wednesday**

24 July (Field Events) and Thursday 25 July (track events)

Stewart House Performance

Stokers Siding students will be performing an adaptation of 'Hansel and Gretel' at the Stewart House Concert to be held at Tweed Civic Centre on Tuesday 2 July. What a great opportunity for our students to enjoy the thrill of performing. Yes, every student will have a role to play in the performance. There will be a matinée and an evening performance. We will let you know as soon as tickets are available.



Y-PEP is a free interactive child protection education program delivered to children and young people in Government, Catholic and Independent schools across NSW which will be running at Stokers Siding over the next two weeks.

Funded and supported by NSW Government and offered free to schools, Y-PEP aims to strengthen the existing PDHPE child protection education content delivered by teachers, with a specific focus on Power in Relationships, Recognising Abuse and Protective Strategies.

School Photos

Our 2019 school photos will be taken on the morning of **Thursday, 16th May**. Personalised envelopes have been sent home. Please send your order envelope back before or on photo day.

We also have envelopes available if you have more than one child here and would like a sibling photo.

PBL

Congratulations to Kwanzaa, Violet and Yogamaya for reaching their Green award!



Sunsafe

It's lovely to see everyone wearing their hats. It is important to make sure we are sunsafe even as the weather cools down. Please make sure you label your

child's hats and clothing. We often end up with lots of lost property due to items being unnamed.

P&C Annual General Meeting

As mentioned in the Principal's report, we held our P&C AGM last week. Your P&C Executive are:

President	Sue Bolton
Vice President	Angela Grogg
Vice President	Elisha Cantwell
Secretary	Kelly Tierney
Treasurer	Lucas Paitson

Election Day BBQ

As both Sue Bolton and Kelly Tierney will be unavailable on Election Day (18 May), we are calling for volunteers to man the BBQ (on a roster basis). Please contact the school if you are available. We don't need you to stay all day, just a couple of hours will be very helpful. Mr Miller will set up in the morning and start cooking, we need someone to serve, then some volunteers to take over during the day. We will close up after lunch.

Story Dogs Needed!

Our school would love to have this unique reading support program helping our students to become life-long readers.

The teachers love this program, the students can't wait to read and the program works!

- Do you have a dog that is well behaved, gentle and is happy around children?
- Can you spare a couple of hours a week?

Call or email Janine at Story Dogs so you can start helping our children to become better readers.

Email:
janine@storydogs.org.au

Phone: 0411 536 355

Web Site:
www.storydogs.org.au



Fun Reading  Reading for Life



Woolworths Earn and Learn

Woolies has started their Earn and Learn promotion this month and will be continuing this until the 25th of June. For every ten dollars spent in participating Woolworths Supermarkets, one sticker is earned. These stickers can be exchanged for fantastic equipment and resources for our school. Stickers can be handed in to the front office, to one of the teachers, or placed in the Stokers Siding box at Woolworths Tweed City and Kingscliff.

So come on! Let's get behind this and support our school!

If you're like me and grew up on a vegemite sandwich in your lunchbox everyday of your school life have a look at this website developed by the Cancer Council <https://healthylunchbox.com.au/healthy-lunch-box/>

This website, developed in partnership with [OUTRUN CANCER](#), is an interactive tool for parents to use with their children to plan and pack a healthy lunch box.





Catch the reading bug!

WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY 2019 11am

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Register at
www.alia.org.au/nss
 #1millionkidsreading

Alpacas with Maracas

It's almost National Simultaneous Storytime! This initiative by ALIA has been running for 19 years, and aims to get as many people reading the same book at the same time as possible! This year's selection is *Alpacas with Maracas* by Matt Cosgrove. We have placed this title ([ERICID 589121](https://nsw.gov.au/education/reading-recommendations/2019-2020)) on the 5-6 reading list for 2019 only, so that all participants of NSS can count this as a PRC book on their reading lists. It will return to the K-2 reading list next year. For more info and to register for storytime, visit the [ALIA website](http://www.alia.org.au), and don't forget to tag us in your photos on social media.

PRC student site

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html>

The PRC student site is available again this year! Many students find this to be a much more user-friendly way to add books to their reading records, and they get to see their progress as they work their way through the challenge. **DID YOU KNOW** students can continue to enter PRC books once they have finished the challenge? Students who enter the required number of books on their Reading Record using the new student site can enter the Super Reader Challenge - a great way to motivate students to keep a record of their reading beyond the challenge requirements.

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