

# STOKERS SIDING

## Public School Newsletter



Term 2 – Week 8

*Little School; Big Family*

Friday 21 June 2019

### Dates to Remember

#### Week 6

Thursday 6 June K-2 Dental checks

#### Week 7

Monday 10 June Queen's Birthday

#### Week 10

Tuesday 2 July Stewart House Performances

#### Term 3

#### Week 1

Wednesday 24 July Athletics - Field Events

Thursday 25 July Athletics – Track Events

#### Week 4

Tuesday 13 August Life Education

### From the Principal

Our students are busy rehearsing for the **Stewart House** performance to be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July (Week 10) at Tweed Heads Civic Centre. All students have a role in this performance and each part is critical to the play. If your child will not be available for the performance please let us know so we can amend positions in the play.

There will be two performances on the day, a matinee (which will act as a dress rehearsal) and the main night time performance.

We have been allocated just enough tickets for one family member to attend the matinee and one for the evening performance. Tickets are \$8 each. We will be sending a letter home within the next week, asking for your ticket requirements. Please keep an eye out for this letter.

The Murwillumbah High School **Sizzling Sports Taster Day** was held last week and what a great day Lani had, as our only representative she participated in OzTag, Raging Rec Games, Magnificent Minor Games, Peculiar Pirates and Delicious Dance. I'm tired already; hope you had a great day Lani.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned the Year 4, 5 & 6 expression of interest for our **School Camp** later in term 3. If you have not returned yours and are keen on

your child attending the school camp to Brisbane, Australia Zoo and Underwater World (to name a few), please complete the note and return to the front office. We will be joining in with Carool and Crabbs Creek for this exciting adventure.

### **Playgroup**

A special thank you to our lovely parents, Elisha Cantwell and Angela Grogg who have taken on the position of volunteer Playgroup Coordinators. Playgroup will be commencing at Stokers Siding Public School on Monday morning in the very near future (apologies a date has not been set yet) but it will run from 9:30am to 11:30am. If you wish to enroll your child (0-5 years of age) please call the school and leave your name, number and child's/children's name/s. We will pass it on to the Playgroup Coordinators for you.

**Grounds Maintenance** - our front footpath is finally in and looking very welcoming. Also completed is the concreting around the bubblers and the covered walkway over this area. This has removed a number of trip hazards and obstacles through the area and is looking pretty sharp!



**Mr Barista** met Mums and Dads at the gate last Friday with a special 'good morning' coffee. We hope to make this a little bit of a habit but can't promise every week. If we're out, and you're about, feel free to join us.

A big thank you to staff, students and everyone for helping me to celebrate the big five-o, Yep I'm 50 ☺ What a lovely morning tea with a lovely group of people.



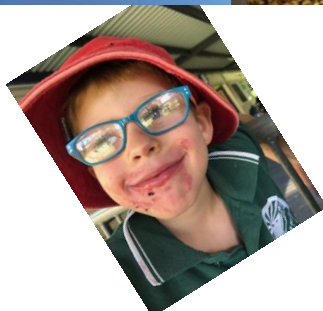
Steve Miller  
Rel. Principal



We have a wonderful group of students here at Stokers Siding Public School, and a wonderful community for them to grow and thrive, however bullying behaviour can occur in all social contexts with the our communities. Our school's Anti-bullying Strategy uses evidence-based research to support educators, parents and carers, and students to identify, prevent, and respond effectively to student bullying behaviours. If you wish to read more about our strategies visit our school website and click on 'supporting our students'.

**Nature Explorers Week 5**

It was great to return to base camp this week for Nature Explorers. The students enjoyed making mud bricks for a mud brick house they are planning to make. Others had a ball whittling and we all collected Pine Cones to make some model animals with. Congratulations kids on your outstanding behaviour today. As of next week we will be holding our Nature Explorer sessions from 9.30-11.30 a.m. each Thursday.



Kadan is loving Jam!



**Premiers Spelling Bee**

Your child would have come home this week with a booklet of words and a cover letter explaining about the Premiers Spelling Bee. Along with other initiatives such as the Premiers Sporting Challenge, this is an annual event that is run in New South Wales Public Schools. The aim of the Spelling Bee is to help improve our children's spelling skills across the school. At this stage, a school Spelling Bee will be held before the beginning of August. Up to two students from Year 3/4 and two from Year 5/6 will be chosen for the regional finals at the beginning of September. Kindergarten/Year 1 will have their own Spelling Bee so they can participate and develop their own spelling skills. Thanks so much for your support- it's a great way to help our children's learning!

**Help needed – book covering** - Following on from our Bookfair we have some lovely new library books which require covering. Please see Karen if you have time to help us cover these books. Thanks 😊

**Tick Bites** It's that time of year when we are seeing more ticks around. Please check your children regularly as we have seen numerous ticks over the past 2 weeks. According to 'HealthDirect' a tick bite is usually harmless but sometimes it can cause an allergic reaction. [www.healthdirect.gov.au/tick-bites](http://www.healthdirect.gov.au/tick-bites)



**Dental Checks**

After some initial nerves the Dentist proved to be a big hit with K-2 students who all came through with a clean set of teeth and a new toothbrush to help keep them that way. Thanks Melissa and Bree for visiting Stokers

## FREE DENTAL FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED UNDER 18

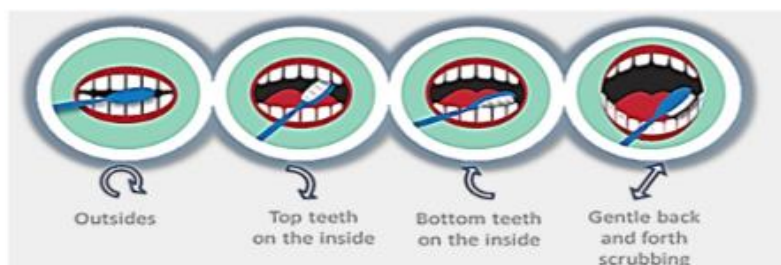
Available at NSW Health public dental clinics in Tweed Heads, Pottsville, Byron Bay, Ballina, Goonellabah (Lismore), Casino, Nimbin, Coraki, Yamba and Grafton

Call 1300 651 625 to book a visit for your child

Children aged under 8 need help to clean teeth twice a day

- Use a soft child sized toothbrush and a pea sized amount of flouride toothpaste
- Stand behind the child and allow them to hold the toothbrush too
- Move the brush in small circles using bristles to gently massage teeth and gums
- When cleaning is complete **do** spit out toothpaste, but **don't** rinse

How to Brush : Move a soft toothbrush in small circles over teeth and gums

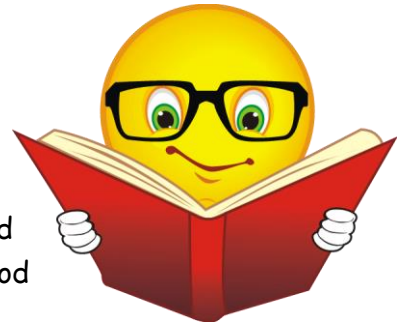


We have been starting to count and collate the Woolies Earn and Learn stickers that have been placed in our collection boxes at Kingscliff, Tweed Heads and here at our school. The response from both our school community and the wider community has been absolutely amazing! To date, we have collected **whopping 8,041** stickers! I am truly humbled by the generosity and **support that we have received.**



With another few weeks to go, I am excited about the possibilities of what we may be able to purchase for our school. Thanks so much, and keep the stickers rolling in!

## How to Help with Home Reading



- Get your child to tell what they think is happening in the story before reading-look at the pictures and discuss what the story could be about.
- Make reading **FUN!** You can read to your child and your child can read to you. Share the reading-show your child what good reading should sound and look like by you reading.
- When your child fixes up their own mistake when they read, jump on this moment and really praise it....**"I LOVE the way you knew that word wasn't \_\_\_\_\_!!!! Well done!!!! You're fabulous!!!!!"**
- If a word is too hard or not a common word, just tell your child the word.
- Do lots of reading!! Perhaps going to the Town Library to borrow some books to share?
- If your child makes a mistake let them finish reading that little bit of the book and then go back to the mistake.....repeat what the child read to you.....ask **-does it look right?** (does the word they said look like the word on the page?) OR **-does it sound right?** (does the sentence sound funny or wonky?) OR **-does it make sense?** (does it sound like it fits in with the story?). You could ask them to read the sentence again-tell them that there wasn't something right in that sentence and that you bet they could fix it up.
- Talk about the book while your child is reading or after reading-what happened, who was in the book, why do you think something in the book happened, what could be a different ending?
- It's ok for your child to read the same book a couple of times at home as it's good practice for nice easy reading that sounds good. If they want to bring the same book home on a few different occasions, that's quite ok.
- If your child is fiddling and fluffing around with home reading, do something like set a timer so that your child knows that there is a time limit to get the book done.
- **Don't get your child to 'sound out' words too much**.....ask them to do things like look at what the word begins with and what would fit into the sentence, ask them is there any part of the word that they know, go back to the beginning of the line and have another go at reading it.
- Maybe get your child interested in reading a series of books like Aussie Nibbles, Tashi, Boys Rule and nice easy books like that. You'll find them in the School Library or Town Library.
- Finally, **don't beat yourself up** over home reading or if it feels like your child isn't going anywhere much with their reading....count your blessings and think of how far they have come!! Each child is very different.

Murwillumbah High School  
presents

# Arts Week 2019

Tuesday June 25th  
Thursday June 27th

6:30 pm

@ The Elliott Centre

\$10 Adults

\$5 Students

\$25 Families

(i.e. 2 Adults 2 Children)

Visit our Sculpture Walk and Art Exhibition



Book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/BCNZO>

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10 am Matinee Performances for Primary School students Tuesday 25 & Thursday 27 June