



STOKERS SIDING PUBLIC SCHOOL

Little School; Big Family

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Newsletter

Thursday 14 March 2024

Term 1

Congratulations to our students who impressed their audience today, performing for Senior's Week at the Civic Centre in Murwillumbah. Thank you, Mr Shaw for leading our choir. The students loved sharing this special event with the community.



Ride 2 School

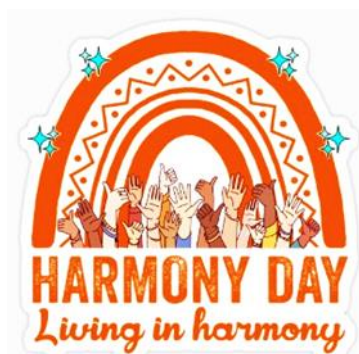
On Thursday, 21 March we invite all families and caregivers to join us for our Ride 2 School event. Students and carers will meet at the post office at 8:30am to ride on the rail trail to school. K-2 students will ride to just opposite the school gate, whilst the Year 3-6 students will continue on with Mr Hollis and Mr Tiffen for a short distance. Following our ride, we invite parents and caregivers to join their children for breakfast.



Harmony Day

Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country, and our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background.

On Friday, 22 March students are invited to wear orange clothing to school and to bring something orange to eat in their lunch boxes. Year 3-6 will have a small homework task, which will be sent home on Friday 15 March. It relates to Harmony Week and will be due for presentation next Friday 22 March.



Stokers Siding Public School P&C

Our P&C would like to invite all parents, carers, and community members to attend the annual general meeting on March 21 at 3:45pm. Please come along and support these amazing volunteers in their efforts to promote our student's positive experience at school.



SAVE THE DATE!

Please check the dates below for upcoming events:

- 2024- NAPLAN 13-25 March
- Thursday 21 March- Ride 2 School Day
- Friday 22 March- Harmony Day
- Friday 29 March- Public Holiday
- Monday 1 April- Public Holiday
- Wednesday 10 April- Soccer Fun Day
- Friday 12 April- Last Day Term 1
- Monday 3 June- Compass Music Festival

Surfing

Students are enjoying their surfing sessions each week. Unfortunately, due to illness and surf conditions, the Week 7 session has been postponed. The program will run for a further 2 weeks, with the last session being held on Thursday 28 March.



PBL: BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE A LEARNER

I am Respectful. I talk to my friends and teachers with respect.

Soccer Gala Day

On Wednesday, 10 April, Years 3-6 will be travelling to Burringbar Public School to participate in a soccer gala day. Notes have gone home, outlining the day. Please sign and return as soon as possible.

Our focus is on providing a fun experience and for children having a go. Students can bring a packed morning tea and lunch, or;

- There will be a coffee van on the day for people to use.
- Lunch will be available to purchase. There will be BBQ Sausages - \$2.50 including vegan options and poppers - \$1



Voluntary Contributions

Each year schools may request voluntary contributions from parents. The payment of voluntary school contributions is a matter for decision by parents and carers. They are greatly appreciated by the school and support the purchase of classroom materials to support the education of your child.

This year, we ask families to contribute **\$25 for 1 child or \$50 for 2 or more children**, this will greatly help your child with much-needed resources and learning materials throughout the year. Please note this contribution is voluntary and is appreciated rather than expected.

Payment may be made in the following ways:

- At the School Office in cash OR
- Online via the School Bytes Parent Portal – please contact the office to request a link via email.



Stewart House

Over the years a number of students from Stokers Siding Public School have enjoyed a visit to Stewart House. A Stewart House donation drive envelope has gone home today. Please place a \$2 gold coin (or more) in the envelope and fill in your details. All donators go into the draw to win a \$4000 holiday travel voucher.



Stewart House charity provides children with much-needed physical, social, and emotional wellbeing support. All program costs are met entirely from charitable donations. Your donation will help to ensure that Stewart House can continue their long-standing tradition for offering programs at no-charge to children and their families.

Attendance

Please remember that the NSW Education Act requires that all student absences must be explained. Please contact us promptly whenever your child is absent and let us know the reason for them being away.

We know that every day of school matters for our students. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing. When your child misses one day a week, that's 40 days of school and 8 weeks of learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 2.5 years of lost learning.

EVERY DAY COUNTS.... <i>A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...</i>				
When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...
Every day counts!

'Spike', our Dinosaur Friend

K-2 were amazed with the support of family and the wider community in helping us decide on a name for our dinosaur. Students enjoyed checking the votes daily and placing this information into a bar graph and analysing the data. There was one clear winner... our dinosaur is called 'Spike'!

Thank you to everyone who participated.

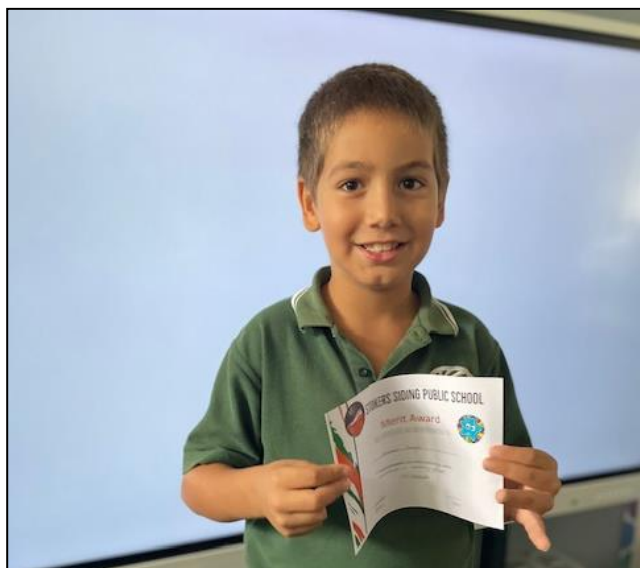


Nature Explorers

Students have enjoyed a variety of learning experiences over the past week, including creating art through nature.



Week 7 Awards



K-2



Years 3-6



Principal Award



Around the School



14 March 2024

Dear parents and carers

Our school year has commenced with many valuable learning experiences this term and I know all our teachers are looking forward to a successful 2024 and are excited to work with you to make this a memorable year for your child.

The evidence is clear that consistent attendance is the essential first step for your child to have a positive experience at school.

Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. Missing school for students means missing assignments, time with friends, an important maths lesson or joining a sports team. With days missed, years are lost.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing. Together, let's build positive attendance habits for a lifetime.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school (like when they are unwell). Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or me directly. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the [Every Day Matters website](#).

Thank you again for working with our teachers and support staff to make sure your child is at school, on time, every day. We all want to see our students learn, grow and belong in our equitable and outstanding education system.

Yours sincerely

Justine Griffin
Principal
Stokers Siding Public School