

Stockton | Newsletter

Public School



Term 2 Week 4: 23 May 2018

QUALITY WORK

Quality work happens every day at Stockton Public School. Congratulations to this week's quality workers:

KW	Zoe, Sebastian, Holly and Amier
K/1A	Luke, Ella, Violet and Eve
1/2H	Aisha, Arthur, Inez and Archie
1/2M	Kenny and Valli
1/2S	Tom, Koby, Bronte and Tarquin
3/4J	Maddie, Lachie, Ajay and Jacob
3/4P	Zali
4/5R	Luci, Blake, Riley and Florence
5/6K	Rhiannon, Archie, Evie and Ruby
5/6S	Harleigh, Milla, Kobie and Jude

THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL WINNING HOUSE WAS SELWYN!



Dates For Your Diary

MON	4 Jun	K-6 Assembly
TUE	5 Jun	Stage 3 leave for Canberra
FRI	8 Jun	Stage 3 return from Canberra
FRI	8 June	Come dressed as a pirate
MON	11 Jun	Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students for their enthusiastic participation at our Athletics Carnival last Friday. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped in setting up, cooking the BBQ, running the canteen, assisting at events or packing up at the end of the day. We couldn't have done it without your help. Thanks also to the staff involved in the preparation of the day, it ensured the day ran smoothly.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to students in Years 3 and 5 who have been completing NAPLAN online over the last week. The testing will finish on Thursday of this week and student reports will be available at some stage next term.

Reports

Teachers are in the process of completing Semester 1 reports for all students. These will go home on Friday 29th June.

Cold Weather

With the weather becoming colder it is important to ensure children have a jumper or jacket with them at school. Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name and if your child comes home with someone else's jumper, jacket or hat, please return it to school so it can be returned to the rightful owner.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students for their behaviour and participation at the Athletics Carnival last Friday. The carnival ran well and students enjoyed participating in all the fun activities. Thank you to all parents and caregivers who helped set up, pack up, run the canteen and volunteered to assist at events throughout the day, the day would not have run as well as it did without your help. Thank you to Stockton Little Athletics Club who allowed us to use their equipment on the day.

Congratulations to the following students who are Athletics Age Champions for 2018. Age Champions will be presented with their trophy at our end of year presentation day.

Junior Girl – Willow C

Junior Boy – Koby P

11 years Girl – Josie H

11 years Boy – Jaylan B

Senior Girl – Grace A

Senior Boys – Leighton K



Athletic Carnival Age Champions

Koby, Jaylan, Leighton, Grace, Josie and Willow



ZONE ATHLETICS

The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held in Term 3. Information about the Zone Team will be sent home later this term.

GIRL'S PSSA NETBALL TEAM

Good luck to the Girl's PSSA Netball team who will be playing in a Gala Day at National Park on Friday



CHORALFEST 2018

Our Infants and Primary choirs recently participated in Choralfest. Celebrating choral music in our schools, Choralfest was a fantastic experience for our students to compete in a friendly, supportive environment.

Both Infants and Primary received Highly Commended certificates and K-6 received a Commended, with the adjudicator making special mention of our brilliant Year 6 soloists. Congratulations to all students for their dedication and many thanks to the parents and carers who were there in support.

We're already getting repertoire ready for next year, so if your child would like to join K-6 choir they can come and see Mr Kelleher or Mrs Windred. We are accepting new members for the remainder of Term 2.

Mr Kelleher and Mrs Windred



LIFESKILLS PROGRAM



This term, students have been participating in a Life Skills program focusing on mindfulness and dealing with challenging situations. Students have thoroughly enjoyed the start of this program and have been engaged during each lesson. An invitation for parents/carers to observe a Life Skills lesson will go home later this term.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



Congratulations to Solie who received a Principal's Award at this week's assembly.

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 2 WEEK 5

Monday 28 May

E Senior, J Lane

Tuesday 29 May

H Ambler, A Jones

Wednesday 30 May

J Jones, S Berger

Thursday 31 May

L Donnelly, D White, J Moran

Friday 1 June

S O'Sullivan, W Pugh, C Prentice, R Barney

TERM 2 WEEK 6

Monday 4 June

N Bolton

Tuesday 5 June

E Roberts, M Mackay

Wednesday 6 June

M Megan, T Battye

Thursday 7 June

L Gledson, N O'May, P Matthews

Friday 8 June

J Ellery, D Oliver, S Trahair

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Did you know....

- If your child is regularly late they miss huge amounts of learning time, regular lateness has the same impact as absenteeism.
- Missing one day a week from school from Kindergarten to year 10 means missing two years and one term of schooling.
- There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement.
- Frequent absences make it difficult for teachers who have to continually re-teach information skills.
- Being 15 minutes late to school twice a week equals to missing 5 hours a term and 20 hours a year of missed schooling.
- Patterns of attendance/absence are set up in the early years of schooling.
- Being absent five days a term from Kindergarten to year 10 adds up to more than one year of missed schooling.
- Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.

WORRIED ABOUT HEAD LICE?

TRY nitstuff

NITSTUFF IS A PLANT BASED FORMULA THAT NOT ONLY HELPS PREVENT HEAD LICE BUT ALSO NOURISHES & DETANGLES HAIR.
NITSTUFF SAVES PRECIOUS TIME AND MONEY FOR FAMILIES.

Available at Stockton Beach Pharmacy

www.nitstuff.com.au    MADE IN AUSTRALIA



PBL

We are **United** at Stockton Public School.



When we are **United** we:

- Respect others
- Play and work together
- Wear our uniform with pride
- Use manners



Do something life-changing this year

Teach ethics at your
local school



**For around an hour a week, you can teach an ethics class
at your local school and help children develop skills for life.**

Ethics classes support children to develop the skills they need to voice their opinions, consider the ideas of others and to make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

In ethics classes, children discuss ethical issues using an approved curriculum designed for each age group and include topics such as Laziness, Voting, How can we work out what's true? and Imagining how others feel.

Volunteers are needed now to teach ethics classes at a school near you. Training and support is provided.

Only about an hour a week

Find out more at
PrimaryEthics.com.au



Visit
PrimaryEthics.com.au
to learn more

Primary Ethics seeks volunteers to deliver weekly ethics classes to children across NSW. While close to 40,000 children in government primary schools currently benefit from ethics education, with more volunteers it could be made available to many more.

Primary Ethics is the not-for-profit organisation that is authorised to develop and deliver special education in ethics to children in NSW.

We rely on parents, grandparents and community-minded people to become volunteer ethics teachers in their local primary school. It is a rewarding way to be involved in your local community, learn new things and help children develop skills for life.

Comprehensive training, access to lesson materials and classroom support are all provided. Previous teaching experience is not required.

Opportunities are also available for behind-the-scenes roles including coordinators and regional managers.

**In time, not very
much time at all,
it will be the decisions
of the children we
teach today that will
shape the world.**







— Dr Simon Langstaff
The Ethics Centre

Do something life-changing today.
Apply at PrimaryEthics.com.au/volunteer



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- | | |
|--|--|
|  laptops & tablets |  lessons & activities |
|  uniforms & shoes |  books & supplies |
|  sports fees & gear |  camps & excursions |

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



Contact

Cynthia Culhane
your local Saver Plus
Coordinator

Phone

02 4032 4703
1300 610 355

Email

cynthia.culhane@
thesmithfamily.com.au

Web

www.saverplus.org.au



Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.



It's on Again: The Annual Special Needs Motorcycle Ride Day

Date: Sunday 16/09/2018

Time: From 9am

Where: **NEW LOCATION**: Clyde Street near the Water Front overlooking Kooragang Island. Then doing a loop around Stockton.

- Have you ever wanted to be a passenger on a Motorcycle (open to all ages)?
- In Support of Hunter Connect, come and enjoy a day for people with Special Needs to experience a free passenger ride on a Motorcycle.
- Ability Links Sensory Tent will be on site, they are awesome in helping in sensory needs or a quiet place for timeout.
- **NEW LOCATION Note:** You will no longer will you be leaving Stockton Foreshore (Lions Park), you will leave from Clyde Street near the Water Front overlooking Kooragang Island. Then doing a loop around Stockton.
- If you have a Motorcycle and would like to support on the day it would be greatly appreciated.
- Riders if you have any spare helmets you could bring on the day it would be greatly appreciated.
- Riders if you have your own helmet you could bring that would be amazing.
- Kids Activities will be on during the day.
- Show & Shine if people are interested, with certificates of appreciation given to the top 3 bikes, with the kids deciding their top 3 bikes.
- Fire & Ice Coffee will be there on the day.
- BBQ will be on.
- Min age to be a passenger is 8, but if there is a child younger there will be other bikes there for them to sit on or be pushed around on.
- On arrival, please register to ensure everyone gets a ride.
- Further info please contact Peter peteem_2620@yahoo or 0412317618, or Rachael rachael@hunterconnect.org.au

