

Stockton Newsletter

Public School

Term 1 Week 4: 20 February 2019



QUALITY WORK

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

KW	Allira
KM	Scarlette and Lucy
1/2A	Archer and Kalani
1/2HD	Chase and Ella
1/2S	Bronte and Cohen
3/4T	Charli, Preston, Leila and Ruby
4/5R	Jaegar and Will
5/6K	Belinda and Eli
5/6S	Brooke and Luci

The favourite part of my week has been students coming to see me to show me their "quality work". It is delightful to see the pride on their faces and to listen to them articulate their learning. Well done to this fortnight's quality workers.

Dates For Your Diary

MON	25 Feb	2.15pm Assembly
WED	27 Feb	3.15pm PLP afternoon in library
MON	4 Mar	2.15pm Assembly
WED	13 Mar	School photos
MON	18 Mar	2.15pm Assembly
THU	21 Mar	Harmony Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a settled start to the year! I am most impressed with all of the student's behaviour, attitudes to learning and uniforms. All students have settled nicely into their new classes and have already made new friendships and connections. I am extremely proud to be able to be a part of this wonderful school. All of our new kindergarten students have settled well into 'big' school. I have heard they have learnt six new sounds already. What a fabulous beginning to school life.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

A series of Information Sessions will be held for parents over the next week. These sessions are designed to create a time when I can meet with parents and share my educational philosophies and approaches. I will also be asking you to contribute your thoughts and opinions during these sessions. I hope you can join me. The session times are listed below and will be held in the library between 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

Monday 25th February – Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 parents.
Tuesday 26th February – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 parents.

Please just choose one session to attend as the format and discussions will remain the same each session.

I would also like to take the opportunity to meet the members of our **Aboriginal community** on the afternoon of **Wednesday 27th February** to discuss goals (PLPs) and aspirations for their students. This session will commence at 3.15pm and will also be held in the library. I do hope you can join us.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

A school calendar for 2019 will be going home with next fortnight's newsletter. This calendar provides a general overview of dates for events for the year ahead to assist you with your planning. Please note that some scheduled events may be subject to change due to conditions outside of our control. In the case of this happening we will advise you immediately so that you can make adjustments. Please note that some school excursions or incursions may also be added to the calendar as the year progresses. To accommodate this, an updated calendar will be sent home at the beginning of each term.

Kind regards
Ms Jodie Holt

From the Principal Cont.

EVACUATION DRILL

Yesterday the preschool was involved in an evacuation drill. It is mandatory that we complete drills throughout the year to ensure the safety of all. I am pleased to say that all students moved quickly and safely with Mrs Miller, Mrs Billett, Ms Schultz and Mrs Luxford. We returned within 20 minutes and it was back to business. I was very impressed with our preschoolers especially as they haven't been at school for very long. We will complete whole school evacuations later in the term.

P & C MEETING

It was wonderful to attend my first P & C Meeting at the school last Thursday evening and meet some of the hard working, enthusiastic members who represent you. Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the report that I presented.

SEESAW

We are always looking for new and innovative tools to give parents an insight into their child's learning and classroom. We have recently introduced Seesaw. Seesaw is a great app that empowers students to capture learning, with photos and videos of their work which can be shared with parents and caregivers. All classes now have Seesaw up and running. You all should have received an introduction letter with login. Unlike blogs that are public where anyone can view student work or student photos, Seesaw allows your child's work to be posted directly to you only. Teachers and students will use the Seesaw app to post your child's work and achievements in the classroom so they can be celebrated at home. I encourage you to connect to the app as soon as possible to follow your child's learning journey. Please note 5/6S will receive introduction letters and a login code next week when Mrs Smith returns.

SKOOLBAG

Stockton Public School uses the Skoolbag App as the main avenue for communication with the school community. Feedback has shown that it is an effective way to communicate as it is instantaneous. The App is available for Apple and Android phones and devices. Please download from the App Store or Play Store; search for 'Stockton Public School Skoolbag' to ensure that you don't miss any important events, alerts, reminders, notes or newsletters.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 8th February we held our annual Swimming Carnival at Stockton Swimming Centre. The carnival was a great success with students showing great enthusiasm for their houses and high participation in a range of events. Congratulations to all students who attended the carnival. Your participation and behaviour was outstanding. A big thank you to all those parents, carers and community members who helped set up, run the carnival and helped with the BBQ.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNING HOUSE OF BEVERIDGE

Yesterday Mrs Pearce took 28 students to the Zone Swimming Carnival at Lambton Pool. All students did a fantastic job representing the school on the day. Congratulations to the 2019 Swimming Age Champions:

Junior Boys- Hayden M
Junior Girls- Samara J
11 Year Boys- Koby P
11 Year Girls- Luci W
Senior Boys- Jaylan B
Senior Girls- Isabelle M



ENVIRO RANGERS



Congratulations to our Enviro Rangers for 2019. Willow, Kade, Maddie, Tully, Bonnie, Montana, Jasmine and Ella. Our Enviro Ranger Team is responsible for looking after the chickens, overseeing recycling in the school and ensuring students know which things go in each coloured bin.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Monday 25 February

L Donnelly, C Torenq

Tuesday 26 February

H Ambler, R Gorfine

Wednesday 27 February

D Rowan

Thursday 28 February

D White, J Moran

Friday 1 March

W Pugh, C Prentice, L Gledson

TERM 1 WEEK 5

Monday 4 March

M Gill, K Callinan

Tuesday 5 March

S Moxey, M France

Wednesday 6 March

A Campbell, J Daubney

Thursday 7 March

N Omay, P Matthews

Friday 8 March

J Ellery, D Oliver, S Trehair, E Senior

STOCKTON SHARKS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

*Come play junior league,
it's a different type of league.*



Registration days
Sunday February 10 and Sunday February 24
at Lynn Oval 12pm.

\$65 or \$95 includes shorts and socks. Active kids voucher covers everything. Ages 5-13. Teams are Under 6,7,8,9,10,12 and 13. Both boys and girls are encouraged to join. Great family club. Rego online at facebook: Stockton sharks junior rugby league. Ph 0412480434. Email stocktonjrl@hotmail.com.

We need players, all ages but especially ages 10 to 13. All members receive a full NRL season pass free.

Principal's Report P&C Meeting 14/2/19

School Management

- New staff – Mrs Jude Thomas 3/4T; Mrs Christine Hayes (Monday / Tuesday) and Mrs Kristyn Drewe (Wednesday / Thursday / Friday) 1/2HD
- 10 classes = 245 students; preschool = 26 students
- Welcome BBQ was a lovely evening to meet the school community. Big thanks to Leonie who helped out with the food ordering – greatly appreciated.
- P&C WH&S policy agreement
- P&C public liability information for the Use of Facilities is needed ASAP
- P&C letter of support for OOSH licence

School Buildings and Maintenance

- Asset management have been out to inspect the work in H Block. Bigger job than expected. Ceilings replaced, new LED lights, new fans, new painting – walls, sills, doors. Signed off and ready for 3/4P to move back in.
- New verandah on A Block including joists, decking, handrail and painting.
- New gutters around B/C Block
- Hopefully an upgrade to junior toilets.

Teaching and Learning

- Professional Learning has been focused on mandatory compliance training.
- Also a focus on integration of IT – iPads in the classroom and embedding IT across the curriculum. Looking for new ways to communicate and share with parents and the community what is happening in the classrooms - app called Seesaw

Student Wellbeing and Development

- New counsellor – Mary-Jane Britten. Michelle Foedades has been seconded to a high school for the year.
- Life skills will be returning in Term 2 – weekly 45 min session with a focus – wellbeing / yoga / meditation / mindfulness. The school funds this program at a cost of \$10800. We think it is a valuable program for our students, and so we don't want anyone to miss out.
- Youth worker – Adelaide – working with us Mondays and Fridays. Department of Education initiative collaborating with Your Dream School. School cost =\$7000 per year. Department of Education contributes \$7000 and community sources contribute \$7000.

School Finances

- Under the 2019 Planned School Budget Allocation Report Stockton Public School has been allocated funds of \$261 976 under the equity loadings of Socio-economic background, Aboriginal background and Low level Adjustment for Disability. These funds will be spread in a variety of ways to continue to support students at SPS.



Sponsor a **TREE**

WE WOULD LOVE TO PLANT SOME BEAUTIFUL EDIBLE TREES AT STOCKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR OUR KIDS TO ENJOY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

You can sponsor a tree of your choice for \$60 or donate an amount towards the up-keep of our edible garden. Cost includes the purchase of the tree, ongoing maintenance and care. All sponsors will have their name appear on a plaque to be placed in our school garden.

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- ✓ Blueberry
- ✓ Lime



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