Principal’s Report

Welcome back to school and welcome to Term 4. This term is packed with a lot of activities and extra-curricular events and culminates in our school presentation day on Friday, 12th December.

Please ensure you keep up to date with up-coming events and make sure your children are well prepared for school every day. We are trying to improve our attendance this term, from last term, so please ensure that your child is at school every day, if possible.

I would like to congratulate Year 6 students, staff and parents on their great fundraising initiative on the last day of last term. Their mini-fete was very popular and quite exciting for our students. Year 6 raised almost $700 on the day!

Pete the Sheep

K-2 classes will be venturing to the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre next week, to watch a live performance of Pete the Sheep, based on the well-known children’s book, written by author Jackie French. The bus will be departing school at 12:15pm and returning by approximately 2:30pm.

Notes and money were due back last term. You may need to talk to your child’s classroom teacher if you haven’t returned these yet. We hope they have a very enjoyable time.

Swimming Program

A small group of Stage 2 students will be offered a place in the school’s Active School Community swimming group for this term. In Term 1, this program was offered to Stage 3 students to improve stroke technique and swimming ability. Funding for this program is supported by the Active After School Sport Grant that the school receives. Swimming lessons will be every Tuesday from 2:15-3pm at Kurri Kurri Pool. Ten students will be offered the program for the first four weeks and another ten students will have the opportunity in the last four weeks. Mrs Grant will be teaching swimming to the students and driving the Kurri Kurri High School mini bus to the pool and back on these days. Permission note will go out this week.

Assembly

Next week’s school assembly will be a prefect-led assembly with many merit certificates and class awards to distribute, including the 100% Attendance awards for Term 3. The Assembly on the 31st of October (Week 4) will be hosted by KH. In Week 6, 14th November, K/1P will be hosting the Assembly.
Staff Movement
Mrs Macbeth will be on leave until the end of term. Ms Whitelaw-Bacon will be relieving in her role. On Thursdays and Fridays, Mrs Natalie Doyle will be working in the office as the School Administration officer, while Mrs Robertson continues her leave on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Megan Macbeth will continue to work in the office on Wednesdays. Mrs Scheinecker will be on Long Service Leave from next Monday, 13th October and will return on Monday, 27th October. Miss Roach and Mrs Janetski will be relieving in her role.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th October from 6pm in the school staff room. All community members are welcome to attend.

Breakfast Club
Our Breakfast Club will be officially sponsored by Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club, starting in Week 2. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, the students will be able to choose from cereal, toast, fruit and milo. We are going to start encouraging students to sit at tables while eating their cereal, this being the major change with our Breakfast Club routine. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who are supporting this program. New helpers are welcome, just contact the office for more information.

Permission & Information Notes
This Term, we will be placing all permission and information notes that students receive in class or across the school, on the school’s website. On the home page of the website, you will find a tab at the top that says School Notes. All notes are available to print and return, if your child has not brought one home or they have been absent from school. Information about the Great Aussie Bush Camp (information that has already been given to students) has been placed on the website and is available for viewing.

Congratulations
A big congratulations to Emily Gordon on being selected in the 2015 Country Team to compete at the 2015 Australian Regional Softball Championship in Adelaide January 11-17 2015. Well done!

Stanford Merthyr Year 2 Transition
Stanford Merthyr Infants School Year 2 transition days will be held on Friday of week 3, 4 and 7 of Term 4.

Kindergarten Orientation
Dates for our Kindergarten Orientation are as follows:
Thursday, 23rd October – 2:15pm – Parent Only Information session
Thursday, 30th October – First student orientation session + parent workshop and afternoon tea.
Thursday, 6th November – Second student orientation session + parent workshop
Thursday, 13th November – Third student orientation session + parent workshop

Year 6 Fundraising
We will be holding a Year 6 fundraising meeting in the school Library on Monday at 3.30pm.

Live Life Well at School
Five SunSmart symbols

Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

1. **Slip** on clothing that covers your arms and legs
2. **Slap** on a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat
3. **Slop** on 30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen
4. **Seek** shade
5. **Slide** on wrap around sunglasses (if you can manage them)

Eco Explorers Week 2
Charlotte KH, Savanah KH, Kiarni 3W, Isabel B KH & Tahlea 2C.

Shaun Graham - Principal