

STUARTS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWS



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Term 4 - Week 8
2nd December 2019

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Huge congratulations to Evie, Savannah, Ashlyn, Tamryn, Kara, Emily, Chanelle and Alanah for representing our school in Sydney last week at **Schools Spectacular**. Our students were selected to play as part of the State Small School Marimba Ensemble. Well done girls. Your huge commitment to practice all year was well worth the effort. You performed brilliantly, as always!

At school there are numerous opportunities to work as a group and be a part of a team.

During the **Platinum Pop Up** afternoon we had a creative, problem-solving group of students come together to build a scarecrow and an insect hotel. They used the design process, with some online learning from Gardening Australia, to help them. We are looking forward to adding these creations to the very productive Green Team vegetable patch. This week our students enjoyed munching and crunching on radishes, cucumbers, beans and tomatoes.



Today we had a very special assembly at SPPS, the **Kindergarten Orientation Graduation**. The orientation program aims to help make the transition from preschool to school as smooth as possible for both children and parents. During this time the new Kinders have been introduced to our friendly school staff and participated in fun activities at Big School. Sessions were also held for parents and caregivers, outlining the current educational practices in the early years of school.

Family and friends joined us for the special **Graduation Assembly** to celebrate all the super work the students had achieved over the last 5 weeks. Our school captains wrote fabulous speeches, sharing their experiences of seven years of education at Stuarts

Point Public School while Kindergarten performed with the new students singing 'Kookaburra Sits In The Old Gum Tree'. We look forward to seeing all the Kindy Orientation students back next year, ready to start their learning adventure in 2020. Check out our school website class pages for information on each of our Kindy Orientation sessions.

Thank you also to everyone who has participated in the recent **parent workshops**. These have included Kinder Orientation parents learning about School Life, Literacy and Numeracy, Best Start and Healthy Lunchboxes. These are important opportunities for the school and our parent body to work together to build strong relationships that support successful student learning and wellbeing. The partnerships between home and school are so important for our Stronger Smarter students.

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents, carers and community members to attend our annual **Presentation Evening** as we celebrate student achievements for 2019. We will showcase class items as well as presenting special awards. This important event will be held on Thursday 12th December at 6pm in the community hall. **All students are asked to arrive in school uniform by 5.45pm.** Students will sit in class groups at the front of the hall. Thank you, yet again, for the donations that have flowed into our school supporting the prize giving and awards. It is wonderful that our school attracts support like this when it comes to recognising student achievements.

During December we will be carrying out a **library stocktake** and request that all families please check at home for any overdue library books from school and return them as soon as possible.

Yr 4/5/6 students have received a special invitation for the **Yr 6 Farewell** to be held in the community hall on Monday 16th Dec for Yr 4/5 students and Yr 6 students and Yr 6 parents. Please finalise your attendance for this event as soon as practicable.

All teachers are in the process of finalising student **reports** which will be handed out in Week 10. This is the culmination of class work and assessment tasks from Term 3 and 4. As you can imagine it is a process which requires thorough knowledge of student strengths, weaknesses and interests. I most certainly appreciate the dedication and professionalism of our staff. Please Note: if you require an additional report, to be sent to a parent not residing at the family home, please contact the office to advise mailing details.

Thanks for your continued support.

Tonya M Worling

Merit Awards



Amelia, Bianca, Tylah, Rhys, Emily, Sam



Win Bin

Olivia, Rhys, Oscar

FISH Award

Be There

Koda, Kobie, Kowari



Take Home Reading Reward System

100 Nights: Summah, Riley B

175 Nights: Kyla, Summah

200 Nights: Tara



Growth Mindset

Everyone is invited to share a Growth Mindset Christmas gift in the newsletter today.

Please choose a gift to colour in - effort helps me improve, challenges help me grow and persevere when learning something new!



2020

On Thursday 5th Dec SRC are inviting all students to come dressed in Crazy Rainbow colours and bring a gold coin donation to support the bushfire relief.

On Wednesday 18th Dec SRC will be holding a Christmas themed mufti day for a gold coin donation, as well as a disco in the afternoon session. We look forward to everyone coming along with their Christmas cheer to have a great day.

Messages

2020 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

- ♦ If your child is turning 5 before 31 July 2020 they can now enrol at Stuarts Point Public School.
 - ♦ Please collect an enrolment form from the school office and return it as soon as possible.
 - ♦ Birth Certificate / Immunisation details / Proof of Residence / 100pts of ID are required.
 - ♦ If you know of a family with a school age child who lives in our local enrolment area then please ask the parents to contact the school to arrange enrolment.
- Thanks for your assistance**

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2019

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Please visit our school website for up to date details

<http://www.stuartspt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Week 8

2nd Dec

- Kindy Orientation 9-11.30am
- KO Parent Workshop Best Start 9am
- Healthy Lunchboxes 10am
- Graduation Assembly 10.30am

4th Dec

5th Dec

6th Dec

- KHS Yr 7 Transition Day
- Crazy Rainbow Mufti Fundraiser
- Assembly 2/3 class item 2.30pm

Week 9

11th Dec

12th Dec

13th Dec

- Presentation Night practice 9-11am
- Presentation Night 6pm
- Combined Scripture
- Scripture Volunteers Morning Tea

Upcoming

16th Dec

- Reports handed out
- Christmas Craft 11.30-1pm
- Yr 6 Farewell Dinner 6pm
- STARS Waterslide Pop-Up 12-2pm
- Talent Quest 9-11am
- SRC Disco 1.45-3pm
- Last day Term 4 for students
- Staff Development Days

19-20th Dec

Tues 28th Jan -Staff return

Wed 29th Jan -K-6 students return for T1 2019



2/3 Excursion
Wauchope 2019



Parent Information

CAVANAGH BUS & COACH PTY LTD 0265 627800

1 Tozer St, West Kempsey NSW 2440

RURAL AND REGIONAL SCHOOL TRAVEL

Apply online for free school travel in rural and regional NSW

You only need to complete one form, even for journeys using more than one bus company.
It's now easier for schools and bus companies, as Transport for NSW handles the applications.

Who can apply

To be eligible for free school travel, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.

Who needs to apply

You only need to apply if the student has never been approved for free school travel before. Students in a shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody) should submit a separate application for both addresses.

How to update your details

You need to update student details online if the student is changing their name, address, school or campus, or their Transport operator. You can update them at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/update-details/#/updateDetails

Frequently asked questions

Does the approved free travel include travel outside school hours?

Approved free school travel is only for travel to and from school. So for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays, students will need to buy a ticket.

What if there's no public transport in my area?

In areas where there is no public transport, you may be able to get a subsidy for driving the student to school. For details visit transportnsw.info/school-students

How do I apply if the student needs to travel from two addresses because the parents live separately?

Each parent (or the student if aged 16 or over) needs to apply separately for each address. The same minimum distances apply.

How to apply for free travel for the first time

You can apply for free school travel for next year from the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once you have enrolled your child at the new school, apply online by giving your home address and telling us which bus company the student needs to travel with between home and school. You can apply online at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/home#/howToApply

Step 2

The school then confirms to us that your details are correct.

Step 3

We will then work on your application. You will get an email confirming if the student is approved for free travel. If so, we will tell your local bus company who may send a school travel pass (if needed) to your school or, in some cases, the bus company will contact you directly about travel arrangements.

A parent or guardian must apply for students aged 15 years and under. Students who are 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

What will my card look like



Want to know more?

For more information, visit transportnsw.info/school-students

For help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.

P&C NEWS

P&C NEWSLETTER

WEEK 8 TERM 4

2/12/2019

Presentation Night will be held next Thursday 12th Dec at 6pm with a small supper to follow. A small donation of cakes, slices etc would be greatly appreciated. (Please bring along a plate to share).

The P&C is again running our successful Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on Presentation night. Raffle tickets are attached to this newsletter. More tickets are available through the office. Please remember all tickets must be returned to the school by Wednesday 11th Dec, whether sold or not. We are asking families for a small non-perishable donation to go towards these great hamper prizes. A tub is located in the office for these items. We will also be looking for people to help wrap the hampers on the Thursday morning.

The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Monday 16th Dec. The P&C will run and help fund this key event to send off our most senior students. Thank you to those Year 4 & 5 parents who have returned their helpers note to the office. If you've yet to return it please do so as soon as possible. More information will be sent to all families this week.

The P&C will be placing uniform company orders before the end of term. If you require uniforms for next year please get your orders in to avoid missing out.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers

Lee Taylor
Vice-President







