

STUARTS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWS



Term 1 - Week 2
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Welcome to all our new and returning students and families. We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break. It was great seeing our students returning last week looking refreshed and ready for another busy and exciting year with many activities to enjoy and opportunities to explore. Everyone in Years K-6 returned together and routines are quickly being established.

Our Kindergarten 2020 will participate in BEST START assessments over the next few weeks with feedback information to parents shortly afterwards.



We have ten very excited **new kinders** joining us this year. Welcome Angel, Willow, Lilly D, Lenaya, Esther, Savannah, Lilly W, Lockie, Liam and Jai. We look forward to working with you and your families throughout the year. Also a huge welcome to our new students Hunter (Yr1), Jarli (Yr2), Destiny (Yr3), Riley (Yr4), Laif (Yr4), Serenity (Yr5), Scott (Yr6) AND of course, welcome back to our returning students as well.

Thank you to all parents who have made the effort to ensure our students are dressed in full school **uniform**. I must say it made me feel very proud as I watched everyone walk through the gate so neatly dressed and eager to start school again. Remember, school uniforms can be purchased through the P&C and are a fraction of the cost of many other schools.

There are a few **staff** changes. We welcome back Robyn and Marg in the office (Admin Manager / SAO), Miss Williams (K/1 teacher Mon-Thurs), Mr Fuller (Yr2/3/4 teacher Mon-Thurs), Mrs Miles-Gavin (Yr4/5/6 teacher Mon-Thurs), Mrs Northfield (Instructional Leader), Mrs Vanderjagt (Library / RFF, LaST and Community Liason Officer), Mr Hall (School Chaplain), Judy Baines (Cleaner), Brett Moore (GA) and Geoff Goldrick (Aurora College). We also have a number of key volunteers and aides who will continue supporting our school in one capacity or another.

At this stage we have **classes** set as K/1, 2/3/4 and 4/5/6. Hopefully this will continue for the year but it is always dependent upon grades for new enrolments. All students have had a settled and very happy start to the year and I commend you, as parents, for helping make this transition so smooth.

An invitation is extended to all parents to meet with their **class teachers** during Week 3.

- Mr Fuller (2/3/4) – Tues 11th 2.30pm
- Mrs Miles-Gavin (4/5/6) – Wed 12th 2.30pm
- Miss Williams (K/1) – Thurs 13th 2.30pm

These meetings will take the form of a group discussion, in which staff will outline some of the curriculum requirements and the way in which we hope to fulfill our obligations in implementing the syllabuses set down by the Department of Education. There will be time for questions as we seek to meet your needs in relation to the school's operation, the management of students and the teaching / learning programs of the school. Should parents require individual meetings to discuss their children's particular learning styles / needs, this can be arranged at mutually agreeable times by phoning the office to organise a meeting. We are available during our release and outside teaching times, to hold such meetings, if parents so desire. Working parents can contact the office for an alternative time. We will also schedule individual PLP meetings with each family in the upcoming weeks.

Our first major event planned for the term is our annual school **swimming carnival** to be held Thursday 13th Feb at Macksville Pool. All students who are 8+ years are eligible to compete. The carnival will start at 9.45am and conclude after lunch with relays. All students from Years 3-6 must compete and parents are responsible for organising individual travel. Specific details are in the permission note. School will operate as normal for K-2 students.

Newsletters: The window to our world! School newsletters are issued to the eldest in the family and go home fortnightly on a Monday every 'even' week. They are a vital form of home - school communication and include information about school happenings, P&C reports, canteen and uniform information, and so much more! Children who receive special school awards, including our 'nightly' reading certificates are also recognised. Please take the time to note key events as they are published.

We also continually update our **website** so please ensure you logon at <http://www.stuartsp-t.schools.nsw.edu.au/> as this is another excellent means of communication with our school community.

Bell times

Start school	9am
Recess	11.00 – 11.30
Lunch	1pm – 1.45pm
Home	3pm

Assembly

Assembly will be held fortnightly (on even week Fridays) at 2.30pm with the exception of this week when we will start at 2.15pm to leave time for our P&C to hold a 'welcome back to school' afternoon tea.

Sport

Held every Friday morning between 9-10.10am in Sport House groups. We participate in K-6 whole school sport during the morning session which fits in well with our sun-safe policy.

Scripture: is held each Friday between 11.30-12.10. These lessons take the form of social skills, citizenship and values. A separate permission note will come home for newly enrolled students.

Library Day: Please ensure your child has a suitable library bag to protect borrowed books.

- Mr Fuller's class (2/3/4): Tuesday
- Mrs Miles-Gavin's class (4/5/6): Wednesday
- Miss Williams class (K/1) Thursday

We have **Fruit Bat Break** every morning at 9.20am.

Please remember to send some fruit or vegetables with your child. (It can be dried or fresh)



Please add details of upcoming events to your **calendars** as they come to hand. It's a good way to keep in touch with the activities your child may be involved in at school.



Special Roles for 2020

School Leaders

All senior students will be given leadership opportunities for this semester.

We will continue **absence monitoring** this year with our daily attendance chart on the smartboards in our classrooms. Each child will fill this in before they start school at 9am. Remember it is mandatory to notify the school in writing when your child has been absent.

This Friday a welcome afternoon tea will be held after assembly for all families. This is a great opportunity to meet, mix and mingle with new and old friends. Could everyone please bring a plate to share.

Thanks for your support and I look forward to working with you all throughout 2020.

Tonya M Worling

Expression of Interest

A casual employment opportunity currently exists at Stuarts Point Public School for a School Learning Support Officer (SLSO). Please enquire at office. Applications close 3pm Friday 14th February 2020. Applicants should have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance.

Messages

Surviving the first weeks back at school

- Children are often very tired in the first weeks of school. Your child will need lots of sleep.
- Start your child's day with a healthy breakfast.
- Make sure your child always knows how they will be getting home.
- Check your child's bag each night especially for leftover lunch and notes home.
- Try to establish regular morning routines.
- Be on time for the afternoon pick-up.
- Start a home reading routine each afternoon.
- Chat to your child about their day at school.
- It is important that your child still has time to relax, play outside and do things that they enjoy.

Removing head lice and nits

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. Find out more:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/health-and-physical-care/health-care-procedures/conditions/head-lice>

DATES TO REMEMBER



Week 1

- 28th Jan - SDD Professional Learning
- 29th Jan - All students K-6 commence

Week 2

- 3rd Feb - Newsletter (Mon fortnightly)
- 3-14th Feb - Best Start Kindy Assessments
- 7th Feb - Assembly 2.15pm followed by Welcome Afternoon Tea

Week 3

- 11th Feb - Breakfast program (weekly) 8.30-9am
- 11th Feb - P&C Mtg 9.15am (Library)
- 12th Feb - Class Mtg: Mr Fuller 2.30pm
- 12th Feb - Class Mtg Mrs Miles-Gavin 2.30pm
- 13th Feb - Class Mtg Miss Williams 2.30pm
- 13th Feb - Swimming Carnival 9.45am 8+yrs

Week 4

- 17th Feb - Newsletter
- 18th Feb - PLP Mtg: Mrs Miles-Gavin
- 20th Feb - District Swimming Carnival
- 21st Feb - PLP Mtg: Miss Williams
- 21st Feb - PLP Mtg: Mr Fuller

Upcoming

- 5th Mar - Debating Workshop
- 13th Mar - YEC Renewable Energy
- 2-3rd April - Peer Support Camp
- 9th April - Egg Drop

*Welcome everyone to school for 2020 –
a year to be Strong and Smart!*



Parent Information



Everyone knows that enjoying a good book has lots of benefits. These include helping develop problem-solving skills, building resilience and expanding vocabulary. Here are 10 recommended reads for this term.

1. Fly by Jess McGeachin
2. Whiffy Wilson: The Wolf Who Wouldn't Go to School by Caryl Hart
3. Charlie and Lola: I am Absolutely Too Small for School by Lauren Child
4. Magic Beach by Alison Lester
5. A Banana is a Banana by Justine Clarke, Josh Pyke and Heath McKenzie
6. The 13-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton
7. 101 Collective Nouns by Jennifer Cossins
8. Starting School by Jane Godwin and Anna Walker
9. Macmillan Primary Dictionary
(And one for adults)
10. Unplugged Parenting: How to Raise Happy, Healthy Children in the Digital Age by Elizabeth Kilbey

Live Life Well @ School



Healthy lunchbox inspirations

- Keep it fresh and healthy
- Avoid packaged snacks full of sugar
- Think small and easy to pick at for kids
- Cookie cut sandwiches for fun shapes
- Separate items with silicone cups

Have fun and be creative!

For more inspiration visit School Lunchbox
www.schoollunchboxblog.wordpress.com/



Health
Mid North Coast
Local Health District



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to cook with kids.

Providing lots of opportunities for kids to be involved in the kitchen is a great way to raise healthy eaters, teach them life skills and boost their development.



Young kids can:

- Wash fruit and veggies
- Tear foods like lettuce or bread
- Use scissors to trim veggies
- Add premeasured ingredients
- Stir and sprinkle

Older kids can:

- Use measuring cups, spoons and scales
- Use equipment like salad spinners, and blenders under supervision
- Prep easy to chop foods with kid's knives
- Be in charge of preparing simple recipes

healthylunchbox.com.au

P&C NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 2 3/2/2020

The P&C would like to welcome all students, parents/carers and teaching staff back to another wonderful year at SPPS.

There will be a number of key fundraisers on the agenda again this year. Information will continue to be communicated through the Newsletter and at P&C Meetings. These meetings are held in Weeks 3 & 7 of each Term on a Tuesday morning.

The uniform shop is available for anyone wishing to buy uniforms. Order forms are available through the office and payment is required at the time of ordering.

Canteen resumes this Friday, and hopefully every Friday offering yummy and healthy food options for recess and lunch. Unfortunately, we are very low on volunteer help so we encourage anyone who can spare a Friday between 8.30-2pm to please fill out the form below. If we do not get enough helpers Canteen will cut back to every second week only. So please check your calendars and be sure to talk to the school or a member of the P&C for further details. Working with Childrens Check (WWC) criteria will need to be met for all volunteer work.

If you like any information on what the P&C is about and what we do come along to our next meeting to be held next Tuesday 11/2/2020 in the Library at 9.15am.

Lee Taylor

Vice- President

We need VOLUNTEERS for canteen

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW AND RETURN TO ROBYN IN THE OFFICE - THANKS



CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS



Name_____

Email Address_____

Phone No _____(hm)_____(Mobile)

WWC (If already obtained):_____

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

THE P&C HAVE IN STOCK OR CAN ORDER:

Polo Shirt (Short sleeve with emblem)	\$17
Polo Shirt (Long sleeve with emblem)	\$18
Boys Grey Shorts	\$17
Girls Tailored Check Shorts (made to order)	\$24
Girls Check Tunic (made to order)	\$32
Girls Maroon Pants	\$18
Boys Long Grey Trousers	\$18
Sports Polo Shirt (Cooper, Stuart, Wheaton & Hennessy)	\$17
Black Sports Shorts	\$13
Wide Brimmed Hat with Emblem	\$10
Maroon Flying Jacket	\$30
Maroon Zip-Up Hoodie	\$25
Maroon Hoodie	\$22
Maroon Jumper	\$17
Maroon Rain Jacket (bought to order)	\$22

Check Uniforms are supplied by;

Joys Place (Abbey Video)

67 Smith St

Kempsey 2440

02 6562 6671

Please contact Joy's Place for any assistance

It is the responsibility of Parents/Carers to have their child fitted for correct sizing.

Uniforms may be collected from School OR Joys Place

ORDERS NEED TO BE PAID IN FULL AT TIME OF ORDERING



STUARTS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

Uniform Order Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

	PRICE	QTY	SIZE	SUBTOTAL
School Shirt - Short Sleeve with emblem	\$17.00			
School Shirt - Long Sleeve with emblem	\$18.00			
Boys Grey Shorts	\$17.00			
Boys Grey Long Trousers	\$18.00			
Girls Tailored Check Shorts (made to order)	\$24.00			
Girls Check Tunic	\$32.00			
Girls Maroon Pants	\$18.00			
Sports Shirt PLEASE SPECIFY HOUSE	\$17.00			
	HOUSE GROUP _____			
Black Sports Shorts	\$13.00			
Hat with emblem	\$10.00			
Maroon Zip-Up Hoodie	\$25.00			
Maroon Crew-Neck Sweater	\$17.00			
Maroon Pull-Over with hood	\$22.00			
Maroon Rain Jacket	\$22.00			
Maroon Flying Jacket	\$30.00			
Second Hand Clothing	\$1.00			

Receipt Number _____

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