

## WHAT'S ON

2019

Term 2

### Week 10

Wednesday 3 July

Rewards Day– inschool disco

Thursday 4 July

Yr 5/6 visit to Dungog High School for NAI-DOC day activities

Friday 5 July

Last day of term

### Term 3

#### Week 1

Monday 22 July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 23 July

Students return to school

Wednesday 24 July

P&C meeting

## CANTEEN

### Week 10

Monday 1 July	Melinda Bowden Helen Pundi Ashley
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### Week 1

Monday 22 July	NO CANTEEN
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# Stroud Public School Newsletter

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TERM 2 WEEK 9

FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2019

## Principal's Report

*Only one week to go! The last day of term is Friday 5 July. Students will return on Tuesday 23 July for term 3. Our staff will go to Stratford Public School to participate in professional learning. We will be looking at consistent teacher judgement and learning intentions. Next week the school will be having a financial and WHS audit on Monday and Tuesday. If things seem a little bit hectic in the office then you can understand the reason why! Mrs Lannigan will be continuing to take leave in term 3 and Miss Hughes will be here to carry on the learning of Bottlebrush. Thank you to Miss Hughes for her great work with the children.*

### Attendance

I have attached some information on attendance for you to read. The school has requirements that we need to fulfill to the department so if your child is away a note, phone call or skoolbag notification

should happen. If the school does not hear from you then we will be ringing you on the second day. If the school still has not heard after 7 days then a letter will be sent home. If your child is away for three days then a doctor's certificate is required. It is vitally important that your child attends school regularly and not have consistent absences as this will impact on their learning.

### Roofing Maintenance

There will be a lot of work going on around the school in the following weeks as all our iron roofs are replaced. Please bear with us as this work happens.

Have a great weekend,  
Carolyn and Staff

*Waratah played Twinkle, Twinkle with the bells at our assembly. Beautiful!*



## School Events

### Naidoc Day at Dungog High School

Next week, Years 5, 6 and other students of aboriginal heritage will be going to Dungog High School on Thursday 4th

July to participate in Naidoc activities run by the high school students. Please return your note on Monday so we can plan the event.



Remember our 4 bees:

Be caring,

Be respectful,

Be responsible and Be

Fair

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

### Awards Assembly

Thank you to all the parents who came to share our assembly today. The children really enjoy being able to share what they do at school with you. Our awards winners are below.



### Rewards day

Next week the children who have worked hard and who have received seven or more satisfactory on their communication card will be invited to our inschool disco on Wednesday 3rd July. Congratulations to everyone who has demonstrated all our 4 bees in their classroom and on the playground.

## School

Our mixed soccer team played Salt Ash today and scores will be in for next week's newsletter. We hope that they had a great time!



Term 2 Week 10	
Tuesday	Run
Wednesday	Circuit/Dance
Thursday	Class Sport K-6

# School Information and Reminders

Year 3/4 Camp

The final payment for camp is due three weeks before the excursion.

## Stroud Brick and Rolling Pin Parade

Please remember the brick and rolling parade is on Saturday 13th July which is the middle weekend of the holidays. The theme for this year is 'The Circus is in Town' and the children can dress up as any circus act that they would like. We would love to have as many children as possible to participate in the parade.



Please remember to send  
fruit or vegetables to school  
for our fruit break every day

## Learning News

After our awards assembly the students of 5/6 Did some demonstrations for the parents on how to use the sferos. I think the parents were very impressed!



*Maddox was talking to the parents about block coding.*



*Max, Ethan and Cain had an obstacle course for their sphero to navigate around.*



*Blade was explaining how to turn the sphero on, aim the sphero and then how to make it move.*



## Wattle Whispers

Again this week we have been consolidating our single sounds and 'ch' and 'sh'. In maths we are learning about data. We are tallying our results and making picture and column graphs to show our results.

We have been printing flowers in art and craft with playdough shapes, cardboard and objects around the room. There were some beautiful art works.

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Taj 30/6. We wish you the happiest day!



# This Term's Charity Day

Our Charity day this term will be next Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Children are asked to dress up as their favourite sports person or in the colours of their favourite sports team. They could also wear the clothes of a sport they like. Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation.

All money raised will be donated to Brain Injury Australia. *If you have any questions, please contact the school.*

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# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### **Policy, information and brochures:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

#### **The school leaving age:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

#### **Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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### CANTEEN-TERM 3

I am willing to do:

Canteen (Monday 10am – 2.00pm)..... a term

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are unavailable OR only available for any particular dates, please advise below:

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Please return slip to school  
OR phone/text Melinda on 0414258763

If you are a mother, father or grandparent and can spare one of two days in the term to help it is greatly appreciated.

Please remember that without your support the canteen cannot function and on those days we have no volunteers the canteen will close, this occurred for term 4 last year!



