

## WHAT'S ON

2020

Term 1

### Week 4

Tuesday 18 Feb

Parent teacher afternoon

Wednesday 19 Feb

Athletics program

### Week 5

Wednesday 26 Feb

Athletics program

P&C meeting

## CANTEEN

There will be no canteen until rosters have been filled and finalised

# Stroud Public School Newsletter

Care, Respect, Responsibility and Fairness

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TERM 1 WEEK 3

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2020

## Principal's Report

*Our parent teacher afternoon will be on Tuesday 18th February. A note was sent home this week with the details of the afternoon. We are looking forward to seeing you all there. If for some reason you did not get the note please just contact the school for the information.*

### Attendance

At the beginning of the year it is important to be reminded about making sure your child attends school regularly. I have attached a flyer from the department about attendance. In the educational interests of your child it would be beneficial not to be late to school and to not have to leave early at the end of the day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Carolyn and Staff.



## School Events

This term the school has received a Tablet Robotics kit from the STEM Share library in the department. The students had their first lesson last Tuesday and had a wonderful time. The school has employed Ms Parsonage, who has a lot of expertise in this area, to teach both the students and the teachers on how to use the kit. We have the kit for this term.





Remember our 4 bees:

Be caring,

Be respectful,

Be responsible and Be

Fair

Remember  
to wear  
your hat!

## Positive behavior for learning

This week we have been looking for students who have been caring. There are some very beautiful and caring students at our school. Congratulations to Sienna ( for being caring to Miss Hughes), Chris, Lacie and Madison (helping with the new kinders), Violet and Patrick (helping year one settle into Waratah), Matilda (being a caring friend) and Ava ( being helpful with Evie).



Years 3,4,5,6

Could you please send in an old shirt or Tshirt for the children to wear when painting. K,! And 2 already have a paint shirt.



## School sport activities

Our Athletics program has started so the children can wear their sports uniform on Wednesday and Friday and they can wear their joggers on the other days.

### Swimming Carnival

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the combined schools swimming carnival again due to the weather.

Students who wanted to try out for zone went to the pool today and were timed for their events.

Lunch orders for the carnival will be transferred to our whole school carnival. Date to be decided, depending on the weather.

Term 1 Week 4	
Tuesday	Dance
Wednesday	Athletics Program
Thursday	Fitness run
Friday	K-6 sport

## School Information and Reminders

### Textbooks

The textbook note is attached to the newsletter this week. The school does not ask for a voluntary contribution so we would greatly appreciate it if you could send in the money as soon as you can. If you are having financial difficulties and would like some support to pay for the textbooks then please contact the school. A payment plan will be negotiated with you.

### Online Payments

Just a reminder about how you can pay your payments online. You can access the make a payment tab on the school's website : [www.stroud-p.school.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stroud-p.school.nsw.edu.au) Visa or Mastercards only are accepted. You enter payment details, your credit card details and can receive an online receipt. When entering payment details for excursions please put the receipt number on the permission note which will still need to be sent to school.

### Book Club

Back by Wednesday 19 February.



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

### Our Library days are:

Monday: Banksia 5/6

Tuesday: Wattle K/1

Wednesday: Bottlebrush 3/4

Thursday: Waratah 1/2

Please bring in your library bag on your day.

## Learning News

### Music

This year we welcome Ms Jordan Eyb to our school to teach music. She will be coming to our school every two weeks on a Monday. Ms Eyb plays the piano and also teaches music at Dungog High school. **All children from year 3 and up will need to bring their recorders to school on Monday. If your child is in year three and does not have a recorder you can either buy them one outside school or the school have recorders for sale for \$8. They will use their recorder for every year until year 6.**

The children have already had a lesson from Ms Eyb and they all enjoyed their time with her very much. We are very lucky to have Ms Eyb teach at our school.



## Community Information

Please find attached to the newsletter information on:

- ◆ Information on the school banking program
- ◆ Pancake Party at St John's on February 25th
- ◆ Registration for Port Stephens AFL

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to  
Miss Hughes for last  
Wednesday!





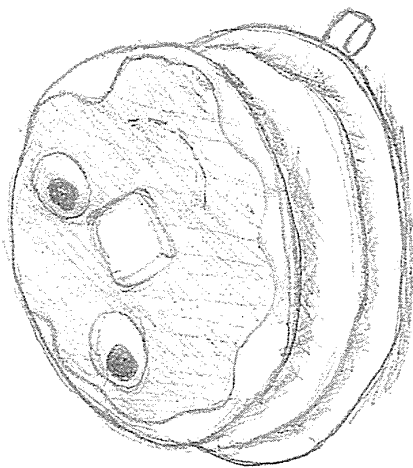
# Pancake Party

St Johns Rectory Garden

February 25th

Shrove Tuesday

3.30pm - 5.00pm

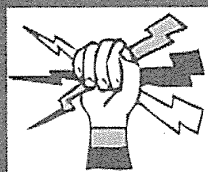


Games for Children

**All Welcome**

*Children must be accompanied by a parent or another person  
designated by the parent*

# Register now!



**Port Stephens  
Power  
AFC**

Julie McKimm 0412 322056  
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Open for boys and girls 5-17yo



Sign up for junior footy **play.afl**



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## Textbooks

Dear Parents,

Each year at Stroud Public School students will need textbooks to work on in the classroom. Our school does not ask for voluntary contributions and would appreciate your payment for the books as soon as possible. In previous years we have subsidised parents who have to pay for more than one child but unfortunately again this year our budget constraints mean that we will not be able to offer this discount. We hope that you are understanding in this as we need to prioritise our money across the school programs we are implementing to improve learning at our school.

Below are the books the class will be using and the cost:

Kindergarten	Spelling Workbook and Maths	\$30.00
Years 1/2	Maths and Handwriting	\$30.00
Years 3/4	Maths and the school magazine	\$30.00
Years 5/6	Maths and the school magazine	\$35.00

You can make a payment for this on the school website or send the money back to school in an envelope marked with your child's name and class. Payment will need to be made by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Thanking you for your continued support of our wonderful school,

Carolyn Bowman  
Principal  
13<sup>th</sup> February 2020

# School Banking program, 2020. Parent guide.



## Getting started.

If you'd like your child to take part in School Banking, they'll need a Youthsaver account. Designed for anyone under 18 years of age, this account has no monthly fees or withdrawal fees. They'll also earn bonus interest when they make at least one deposit\* and no withdrawals each calendar month on balances up to \$50,000.

### Three ways to open a Youthsaver account



**Apply online at**  
[commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



**Log on to your CommBank app (if you bank with CommBank)**  
From the menu in the top left corner, select 'Products and offers', then 'Bank accounts' and 'Student and youth accounts', scroll down to Kids and tap 'Open account'



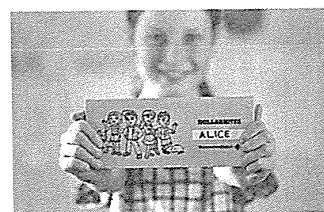
**Visit any CommBank branch**

### What you'll need to apply

Personal identification for you and your child. You can use a birth certificate, passport, driver's licence or citizenship certificate\*. To help us identify you as the parent or legal guardian and complete the application process, please bring your child's birth certificate and/or an applicable Court Order into branch.

### What you'll receive

When you open a Youthsaver account, your child will receive a **Dollarmites deposit wallet** in branch, or we'll mail it to you if you opened the account online.



**Things you should know:** \*Excluding interest and bank-initiated transactions.

\*The CommBank Youth app is available to download from the App Store on any iOS 9+ device. Your child will need a NetBank client number and password to log on. You can set this up when applying for a new account. Existing customers simply visit a CommBank branch with identification for you and your child's birth certificate, or if you can see your child's account in your NetBank or CommBank app, you can set this up online at [commbank.com.au/youthapp](http://commbank.com.au/youthapp). The CommBank Youth app is free to download, however your mobile network provider may charge you for accessing data on your phone.

\*The Bank will accept one of the following documents as acceptable identification on its own. Please note citizenship certificate can only be used as identification in branch. Birth certificate or the birth extract issued by an Australian state or territory. Birth Certificate issued by a foreign government, the United Nations (UN) or an agency of the UN. Citizenship certificate issued by the Commonwealth. Citizenship certificate issued by the Commonwealth. Citizenship certificate issued by a foreign government. Note: If written in a language not understood by the person carrying out the verification, the document must be accompanied by an English translation from either a translator at the level of Professional Translator (or above) currently accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters Ltd (NAATI) or another accredited translator who currently holds an equivalent accreditation. NAATI is the Australian government owned National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters. Please refer to [commbank.com.au](http://commbank.com.au) for identification requirements.

As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Full terms and conditions for the Youthsaver account are available at [commbank.com.au](http://commbank.com.au) and should be considered in any decision about the product. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, please contact the Commonwealth Bank's dispute resolution service on 1300 333 333. Complaints can also be made to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) on 1800 047 888.

# Help your child practice good saving with School Banking.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Good saving takes practice. So to help your child develop good saving skills, you can choose for them to be part of CommBank's School Banking program. Here's how it works:

## Weekly, hands-on saving practice



- Children are encouraged to save a little money each week and bring it to school on their designated School Banking day.
- The money is deposited into their Youthsaver account (see over for details) and they can track their progress towards their savings goals in their School Banking Dollarmites deposit wallet, or digitally via the CommBank Youth app\*.
- In a survey of more than 500 parents of School Bankers, four out of five parents found School Banking valuable, as it helps their child understand the value of money and how to be careful with their spending^.

## Fun and rewarding



- Most parents also think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour\*. So we have five friendly characters, called the Dollarmites (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat). This year, the Dollarmites are in their jungle gear, ready to take children on a Treetop Savers adventure to the enchanted Treehouse of Savings – full of fun financial activities and rewards for saving.
- Each time your child makes a deposit at school, they'll receive a silver Dollarmites token.
- Once they collect 10 Dollarmites tokens, they can redeem them for a Treetop Savers reward – see all the choices overleaf.

## Helping your school



As your child saves regularly through School Banking, your school will receive financial support to assist with, and recognise, the program administration required.

## Money education resources for you

We also have The Beanstalk, an online resource for parents, with useful tips, educational videos and fun activity sheets to help you teach your child smart money skills. Visit [commbank.com.au/beanstalk](https://commbank.com.au/beanstalk)

To find out more about School Banking or explore activity sheets like the School Banking Savings Tracker for your child, visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](https://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

Kind regards,

The CommBank School Banking Team

^Parents of children participating in CommBank's School Banking program, School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018.

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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

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