

Stroud Public School Newsletter

Care, Respect, Responsibility and Fairness

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FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

WHAT'S ON

2021

Term 4

Week 10

Swimming continues

Tuesday 7 December

Minimal supervision at school

Week 11

Monday 13 December

Class party day

Tuesday 14 December

Presentation Day
9:15am

Thursday 16 December

Last day for students

Friday 17 December

Last day for staff (School Development Day)

CANTEEN

Week 10	No canteen— swimming
Week 11	

Don't forget to bring your hat to school each day.

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Principal's Report

Let's dry out ... and just take a breath.



It has felt a little hectic this week - wet weather, swimming scheme, finalising reports, Christmas artworks, preparation of class items as well as lots of learning of course! Stroud students are hard workers and they have really coped well with the routine changes we have had this week.

Next week myself, a staff representative and a P & C representative will meet with our prospective leadership team for 2022 to ask some informal questions about their potential roles and responsibilities. The leadership team will be announced on the following Tuesday.

Skoolbag

Some parents have reported to me that they have had issues with SkoolBag. If you have not been receiving notifications or the newsletter, SkoolBag have advised me that if you uninstall the app and then re-install the problem should be fixed. Let me know if you continue to encounter issues with the app.

Presentation Day will occur on Tuesday 14 December at 9:15am. The following paragraph is the Department of Education's operating advice regarding Presentation Assemblies.

"Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if invited by the school to complete a specific role (such as presenting) All visitors must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination." <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#Term2>

If your child is receiving an award or you are required to present something you will receive an invitation. The presentation assembly will be live streamed. The Zoom link will be posted next week. Thank you for your understanding.

Please see an attached letter that outlines details for next Tuesday due to Industrial Action.

Have a wonderful weekend! Enjoy some sunshine if you can.

Erin and Staff.

Happy birthday!





Remember our 4 bees:

Be caring,

Be respectful,

Be responsible and

Be Fair



Easy Christmas craft—Cupcake Wrapper Trees

1. Fold cupcake wrappers in half and then half again.
2. Layer and glue.
3. Decorate

Merit Awards

Wattle	Eliane for effort and achievement in spelling.	Mia for her efforts in literacy.
Bottlebrush	Hunter for a huge effort in the multiple intelligences choice board.	Thomas for excellent work with trading in maths.
Banksia	Bohdi for trying his best during the swimming scheme.	Abbygail for a fantastic poem about summertime.



Spelling Bee in Wattle

There were some exciting moments on Tuesday when Kindergarten and Year 1 students battled it out in the Spelling Bee. All students showed how hard they have been working in spelling their 'racetrack words' accurately. It was great to have some parents on site for this event. Well done Pippa and Ava for taking home the spelling bee trophies.



P & C News

Attached to this newsletter is your family's set of raffle tickets. Please support this raffle by sending back the money and ticket book by Monday 13/12. If you would like more tickets, pop into the office. Thanks also to all the families who have donated an item for the Christmas raffle hampers. These can continue to be dropped off until Friday 10/12.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



All the classrooms are looking very Christmas-y and the office is as well. The students have created some lovely Christmas artworks which can be seen at the hardware store as part of Poppi & Seed's Christmas Markets. Be sure to pop in and have a look!

Intensive Swimming Scheme



The students have been swimming in all weathers this week! Well done everyone on your persistence and determination - even when it has been a bit tricky. Swim instructors Jess and Cathy have told me how much everyone has improved after just four days.

Don't forget to pack a hat, towel, swimmers, rash shirt, thongs and sunscreen each day.





3 December 2021

Dear parents and carers

The department is currently negotiating a new Award with the Teachers Federation with the help of the Industrial Relations Commission. The Industrial Relations Commission is the official place where pay negotiations take place in NSW.

The Industrial Relations Commission has ruled any industrial action by the NSW Teachers Federation is illegal while negotiations are underway, and the department is urging them to call off any industrial action including the proposed 24-hour strike on Tuesday 7 December.

As a result of the strike our school will be providing minimal supervision of students on Tuesday 7 December. This means the cohort arrangements that have been in place this term will not be in operation. However, our school will still operate in a COVID-safe manner in accordance with NSW Health guidelines.

We are doing all we can to resolve this dispute with the Federation.

The current Teachers' Award expires on 31 December 2021. Rather than wait for the outcome of an arbitration decision by the Industrial Relations Commission in May next year, the department intends to offer a 2.5% salary increase for teachers and related employees as soon as the current Award expires, ensuring our staff don't miss out. This is the maximum amount allowed per annum under the Industrial Relations Act.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this disruption, especially given the challenges we have all faced this year. We will keep you updated on further developments as they come to hand.

