

Stroud Public School Newsletter

Care, Respect, Responsibility and Fairness

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TERM 4 WEEK 8

FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 2022

WHAT'S ON

2022

Term 4

Week 9

Monday 5 December

Year 6 excursion tenpin bowling

Tuesday 6 December

Scripture assembly

Thursday 8 December

Year 6 dinner at Stroud Country Club

Friday 9 December

Reports home

Week 10

Tuesday 13 December

Presentation Day

Wednesday 14 December

Singing carols at The Lodge's Christmas Party

Thursday 15 December

Class parties

Friday 16 December

Last day school

Term 4 rewards day

CANTEEN

Week 9	Helen, David, Bec, Erin
Week 10	No canteen. Happy holidays!



Principal's Report

The Christmas earrings are out, the elves on shelves are visiting, everyone's talking about what they are hoping for from Santa and we are all humming along to our favourite Christmas songs. It's a lovely, yet busy, time of year! That hasn't stopped the learning however as students are continuing to pursue their personal learning goals in their classrooms.

Banksia have been demonstrating their advocacy for their local community by writing letters to the local mayor regarding road safety. I have copied a couple for you to read.

Dear Council

Dear Miss Pontin

We need a zebra crossing in Stroud. There are too many people getting seriously hurt because the drivers can't see the little kids unless there is a parent. We need a zebra crossing at the pub because a lot of people use that road to cross and at the pool because now that it's summer a lot of people are crossing the road there.

From Taj Smith Stroud Public School

Why I Think We Should Add A Zebra Crossing In Stroud

Dear Ms Pontin, MidCoast Council Mayor

My name is Alicia Dearle and I am a student writing to you from Stroud Public School.

I am writing to you today to talk about keeping kids and adults safe in our lovely community. I think we should add zebra crossings from the Local Pub and the Friendly Grocer and the milk bar and butcher so when kids walk or catch the bus home from school and they get off at the shop they can cross the street to the milk bar.

I also think there should be a crossing at the post office so kids can cross there and walk down to our lovely primary school.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Alicia Dearle
Year 5 student
Stroud Public School

A brief reminder about school attendance: school commences at 8:55am and concludes at 2:55pm. If children are consistently late every morning, they miss valuable time where they can connect with peers, walk into the classroom with the rest of the class and feel settled and calm. Children who are often late may feel quite anxious when walking into the classroom as everyone is already seated and working. Set the alarm 10 minutes earlier and encourage your child to be here by 8:55am.

Special thanks to all the parents, families and businesses who have supported our P & C's Christmas raffle. There are some amazing prizes! It's not too late to buy some tickets.

Please have a good hunt for any outstanding library books. If you are unable to locate your book, you may receive a notification to pay for a replacement.

The next two weeks are going to be busy ones! We look forward to seeing you at some of our end of year events.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Erin and staff.

Happy birthday!



Happy birthday Scout, Matilda and Lily!

P&C News Week 8 Term 4.

Hi everyone,

I just wanted to update you on our latest P & C Meeting and AGM held last week. Thank you to those who came along and hopefully we'll see more and more people joining our P & C next year. We have some new people moving into positions for 2023. I will be stepping down as President at the end of this year, a big thank you for all your support over the last few years. Our positions will be:

President: Bec Evans

Vice-President: Helen Pundi

Secretary: Lauren Munn

Treasurer: Bianca Gilfillan

Canteen Supervisor: Helen Pundi

Uniform Co-ordinator: Sam Osborne.

Congratulations to our board members for 2023 and thank you to all those parents who have put your hands up to support your school in 2023.

Please keep your donations for our Christmas Raffle Hampers coming into the Office. The girls are holding a stall on Saturday to sell more tickets and raise funds from the local community. More raffle tickets are available from the Office if you would like to sell on to friends and family. We have some wonderful prizes up for grabs this year so get behind this fundraiser as you could win big. All funds raised will be used to purchase new laptops for our 2023 classes.

Thank you to all those parents who returned the Canteen surveys last week. Please speak to Helen or Bec if you have any thoughts or ideas on improving our Canteen menu for next year. We're looking to simplify the menu and create some healthier options for the students.

Our P & C Dinner is being held on Thursday 15th December at 6.30pm at the Stroud Country Club. Please let me know if you are coming along on the night so I can confirm for table numbers.

Thanks again for everyone's assistance in raising funds in our final event for the year. Prizes are drawn at the end of year Presentation Day. All the best in the draw.

I hope you all have a wonderful December and January. Enjoy the time with family and friends. Stay safe and your P & C will be here next year doing what we can to support and improve your children's school experience.

Cheers, Kate Temple-Smith 0408534139.



Remember our 4 bees:

Be caring,

Be respectful,

Be responsible and

Be Fair

**Gratitude Christmas Paper
Chain**



Here's a lovely Christmas decoration that you can make at home.

1. Cut strips of paper.
2. Every day through December, write one thing you are grateful for on a strip.
3. Watch your gratitude paper chain grow as you add more and more links, each one depicting something to be happy about this Christmas.

Merit Awards—Week 7 and 8

Wattle	Matilda	Ruby	Riley	Mack
Bottlebrush	George	Hunter	Makayla	
Banksia	Thomas	Jeremy	Charlie	Callum
Mrs Wilson	Violet	Glacier, George	Jesse	Zane



Premier's Reading Challenge Awards

Well done to the students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Students committed to reading a set number of quality texts between late February and mid August. Some students will receive a special award on Presentation Day for their extra dedication to the PRC.



The Giving Tree

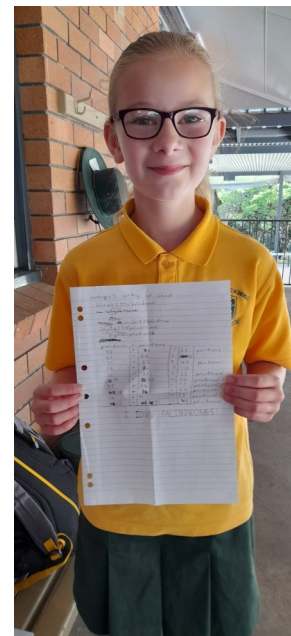
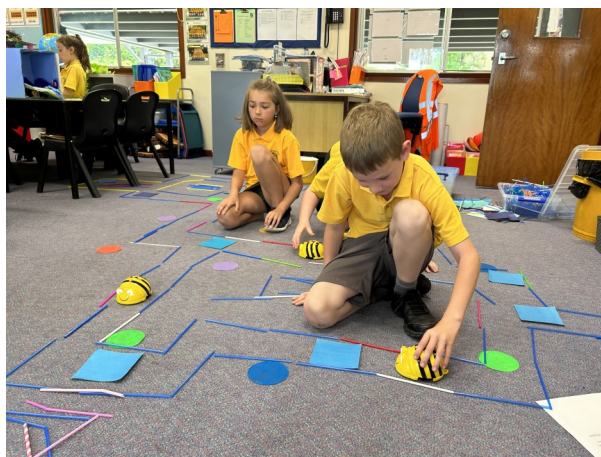
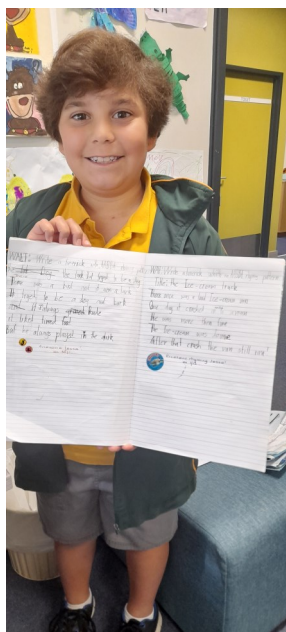
Some families can have a difficult time over Christmas. We are proud to be supporting R & R Property's 'Giving Tree'. Please consider buying a gift for a child you may never meet, but who would be very grateful for a present on Christmas morning. We are collecting gifts all of next week. The box is located in the office. The last day to drop off a gift is Monday 12th.



Busy in Bottlebrush

The children in Bottlebrush have been busy bees the last two weeks, with many students sharing their poetry, maths and science work with me.

Jesse was one student who read out some very clever limericks to me and Makayla and I had a wonderful conversation about palindromes. All students have enjoyed coding the bee bots in their literacy groups.



The importance of breakfast

Breakfast **gives children the energy they need to start their busy days**. Children who eat a healthy breakfast can concentrate on playing, learning, remembering and solving problems, because they aren't distracted by feeling hungry. This means that a **healthy breakfast can help children perform better at school**. I have been concerned lately for children who are arriving at school and have not had anything to eat since the day before. Children who eat breakfast tend to:

- have better school attendance than those who regularly skip breakfast
- be more emotionally healthy than non-breakfast eaters
- stay at a healthy weight, because they're less likely to snack on unhealthy foods.
- Are generally more healthy overall.

Toast, cereal, smoothies, eggs, fruit and yoghurt are excellent choices, For more gourmet breakfast ideas have a look here: <https://www.kidspot.com.au/kitchen/galleries/healthy-kid-friendly-breakfast-recipes-school-mornings/wpdgwtz1>

