

Stroud Public School Newsletter

Care, Respect, Responsibility and Fairness



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WHAT'S ON

2023 !

Term 1

Week 1

Friday 27th Jan

School Dev Day - No Students

Week 2

Monday 30th Jan

School Dev Day - No Students

Tues 31st Jan

Year 1 to 6 1st Day of Term 1

Wed 1st Feb

Beststart Kindergarten

Thurs 2nd Feb

Kindergarten 1st Day of Term 1

Fri 3rd Feb

Combined Swimming Carnival 8 yrs + able to swim 50mts

CANTEEN

Week 1	No canteen
Week 2	Help needed!



Principal's Report

Presentation Day on Tuesday was a wonderful chance to celebrate a terrific year at school. We all loved seeing so many parents here - thank you for your attendance at our special event. The report I delivered on Presentation Day is below.

“Today is a very special day on our school calendar. We plan for it, look forward to it, worry about it going smoothly, hope that the weather is right and triple check that we haven't forgotten anything. **Edit: I did - my deepest apologies to you Zazen!**”

There are nerves and butterflies about standing at the microphone, smiles and giggles at the wonderful performances, appreciative applause for the award winners and maybe a few tears as we look at the cute photos of our Year 6 students as babies!

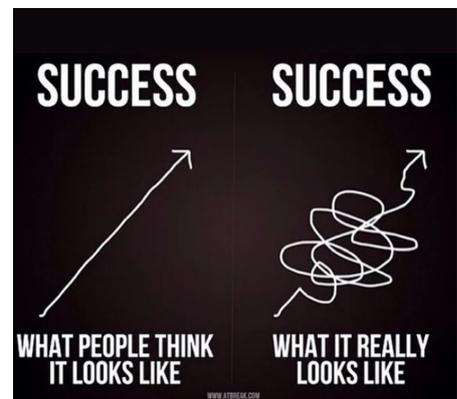
There might also be some disappointment. You might get a funny feeling in the pit of your belly because you don't get to go home with a prize.

All of these emotions I am talking about – the joy, the nerves, the pride, the disappointment – they're all okay. They are all part of our learning. Boys and girls, I am so incredibly proud of all you have achieved this year. I, and all the staff are proud of all the big things – like winning a very special award here today – all the way to the littlest things like tying a shoelace for the first time. The reason we are so filled with pride at these achievements – big or small, is because they take **effort**.

Effort means you care about something.

Effort means you care enough about something to work hard at it, even if it is difficult. Effort means that if you get it wrong, you try again.

I have a little picture here that I would like you to look at:



Learning new things can be a bit wobbly and a bit tricky! Remember when you first learn to ride a bike? Or when you first learn to write words? Or when you make your first cake? It takes a few attempts – and maybe a few burnt cake tins before we can say we have nailed it. What I love about the children here at Stroud Public School is that when they face a challenge, they flex their effort muscles and take that challenge on!

What I also love about our great little school is that there are a whole team of people celebrating and cheering you on every step of the way. We have dedicated teachers, exceptional support staff and supportive families – Stroud is a great place to learn!

Enjoy today's celebration, thank you for all your support and have a wonderful Christmas. I can't wait to see what our effort muscles achieve next year.

Erin Wilson

Relieving Principal





Remember our 4 bees:

Be caring,

Be respectful,

Be responsible and

Be Fair

Holiday support

As we move into the holiday period we wanted to make you aware of the supports that are available to your young person when they are not at school. Changes to routine can be hard and your young person may experience times when they feel a range of challenging emotions such as sadness, stress, or loneliness.

During the holidays we encourage you to check in/yarn with your young person. It can be helpful to let them know that you are available to speak with them. You may also like to encourage them to stay connected with friends and family, look after their physical health and engage in the activities that they enjoy.

If you notice that your young person may benefit from chatting with someone, support them to access services. This may be engaging with your local headspace centre, GP or access online or telephone supports through eheadspace (1800 650 890) or kids helpline (1800 55 1800). Please note that you can also call these numbers to help guide your support, alongside parentline (1300 1300 52).

This information has been provided by Barb Wright, Assistant Principal for Learning and Support for the Great Lakes Network.

Merit Awards—Week 9

Wattle	Piper	Mia
Bottlebrush	Sienna	Finney
Banksia	Bella	Thomas
Mrs Wilson	Blaze	Romey, Bodhi



Headlice Alert

Please be aware that we have had some reported cases of headlice at school. Please check your children's hair thoroughly and treat as necessary. It would be awful for these little critters to ruin your school holidays! Early action and continued checking will knock out these pests!

Presentation Day 2022

Congratulations to all award recipients at Presentation Day! Well done also to all students who enthusiastically performed the songs and items. There were smiles everywhere as we enjoyed your performances!

For Academic Excellence

Hazel, Pippa, Eliane, Makayla, Thomas, Bohdi H and Abbygail.

Citizenship

Wattle - Cleo

Bottlebrush - Jesse

Banksia - Chelsea

Special Achievement

Wattle - Piper

Bottlebrush - Xavier

Banksia - Bella

Premier's Reading Challenge

Gold - Jesse, Makayla, Charlotte, Hunter, Abbi and Hallie

Platinum - Lucas and Abbygail

Premier's Spelling Bee Stage Winners

Kindergarten - Hazel, Stage 1 - Eliane, Stage 2 - Thomas, Stage 3 - Chelsea

Newcastle Permanent Merit Awards

Hallie and Abbygail

Premier's Sporting Medallion

Sarah

House Point Champion

Dawson

2023 School Leaders

School Captain - Taj

School Vice Captain - Bohdi

School Leader - Alicia

School Leader - Charlotte

Year 6 reflections on their time at Stroud

I enjoyed history lessons and hanging out with friends. I am most proud of being on the leadership team in 2022.

- **Evie**

At school I enjoyed playing sport and representing Stroud at sporting events.

- **Bodhi**

At Stroud I enjoyed hanging out with friends at recess and lunch and my funniest memory was falling off the slide. I am proud of working hard to improve at maths this year.

- **Lily**

My favourite memory from Stroud was being a reserve for state at regionals and I loved playing so many sports and hanging out with my friends.

- **Grace**

My favourite memory from Stroud Public School was when I was announced as Prime Minister for 2022. I enjoyed all the sport we played at school.

- **Lucas**

My favourite memory from Stroud Public school was going on the Bathurst excursion. I am most proud of always being myself and I love hanging out with my friends.

- **Chelsea**

At school I enjoyed talking and reading and making others laugh and one time Taj made me laugh so much I choked on my water.

- **Sienna**

My favourite memory from Stroud is playing soccer at recess and lunch and I am most proud of receiving the Sports medal at Presentation Day this year for all my sporting achievements.

- **Sarah**

My favourite memory at Stroud Public School is when I met all my friends and how much fun we have had in the gazebo at lunch time.

- **Hallie**

My favourite memory from Stroud Public School is when we get our Kindergarten buddies in Year 5.

- **Abbygail**

All the best for high school Year 6 -

A new chapter is ready to begin!

Class structure and Staffing 2023

I would like to alleviate any anxiety and conjecture regarding class placement for students in 2023. It is a complex process staffing a school - our entitlement of staff is based on an algorithm of student numbers, our socio-economic demographics and student need. Our main priority is to have a class structure that is best for our students. In 2023 we will have a K / 1, Wattle, which will be shared by two teachers, Mrs Tina Fletcher and Mrs Lauren Munn. We will have a 1/2/3/4, Bottlebrush, which we are currently recruiting for a teacher through merit selection. 4/5/6, Banksia, will be taught by Mrs Trudie Murray.



Mrs Karla Hattam will be our Learning and Support Teacher 2 days a week, also providing RFF (Relief from face to face teaching) to teachers. I will also provide RFF to teachers, as well as some small group learning intervention, in addition to being your Relieving Principal for Terms 1 and 2. I am incredibly grateful to be given the opportunity to be your Principal for another semester. Ms Rebecca Morris will be on Banksia one day a week to allow Mrs Murray to work as Digital Classroom Officer, a new role created by the Department of Education to build the capacity of staff in implementing technology in lessons.

Mrs Jodie Waters and Mrs Debbie Forbes will continue in their roles of SAM and SAO / SLSO. They do an amazing job, and quite simply, the school would fall to pieces without them. Mr Steve Davis will begin the year as our General Assistant.

Miss Kylie Hughes will be working 5 days at Stroud Road PS and Mr Chris Monaghan will be returning to Tanilba Bay. We are very sad to be saying good bye to two fabulous teachers who care so deeply about their students. We wish both of them all the very best! We look forward to working closely with Miss Hughes in her role at Stroud Road, particularly with sport, and we hope Mr Monaghan keeps in touch with us.

Happy birthday!

Wow! Look at all the birthdays in the school holidays! Happy birthday to all our December / January babies including Mrs Murray.



STROUD COMBINED CHURCHES

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

Sunday, 18th Dec. @ 5 PM
on the Uniting Church Lawn

Carol Singing

Items by Stroud Crowd
Choir and Stroud
Public School

BBQ by donation: to
raise funds for Mission
Aviation Fellowship
(MAF)

Bring a chair/ picnic rug

ALL ARE WELCOME!