

# Stroud Public School Newsletter

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TERM 1 WEEK 3

MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY

## WHAT'S ON

2023

Term 1

Week 3

Tuesday 7 February

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 8 February

AECG meeting.

Week 4

Monday 13 February

Meet the Teacher BBQ

## Principal's Report

# WELCOME BACK!

We're back and ready for a wonderful year of learning and growing together!

A very special welcome to all our Kindergarten students and their families and to our two new families who have moved to Stroud.

Our three classes have been spending the first week of school getting to know each other, becoming familiar with routines and understanding classroom and playground expectations.

At Stroud Public School, our 4 Bees are



and teachers are spending time discussing with all our students what these mean for them as learners at our school.

Teachers are on this learning journey also. I often speak with students about how I am still learning - teachers don't know everything!

At the moment, teachers are deeply immersed in some professional learning on two new syllabuses - English and Mathematics. We are excited about learning the best way to help our students master key concepts in literacy and numeracy.

What we are particularly interested in is how flexible the new curriculum is for students of different abilities - we can adapt and adjust for students who need support and for students who are ready for extension.

This is excellent for our multi-grade classrooms. The benefits of a small school are numerous. Our new curriculum changes also support our teachers in ensuring each child - no matter what grade - is catered for.

I know there may have been some community concern regarding the spread of our students in a K/1, a 1/2/3/4 and a 4/5/6 class. Please be reassured that our teachers are exceptionally committed to providing an outstanding education to **your** child. There will be plenty of opportunities for students who may be missing their friends in another room to interact, play and be together at other times throughout the week.

I look forward to seeing and meeting with you all over the next few weeks.

Enjoy this beautiful summer weather!

*Erin and staff.*

## CANTEEN

Week 3	No canteen
Week 4	Helen



## Merit Awards - Week 2

Wattle				
Bottlebrush	Elora	William G		
Banksia	Zane	Darbi		
Mrs Wilson	Kobe	Cleo	Romey	



### Healthy Cous Cous Salad



- 2 tomatoes
- 1 Lebanese cucumber
- 1 red capsicum
- 2 shallots
- ½ cup cooked cous cous
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- 2 tbs lemon juice
- 2 tbs olive oil
- 2 tbs chopped coriander

1. Chop tomatoes, dice cucumber, thinly slice capsicum and shallots.
2. Cook cous cous according to directions and set aside.
3. To make the dressing mix lemon juice, olive oil, cumin and coriander together.
4. Add dressing and vegetables and cous cous. Toss well.

OPTIONAL: Add chick peas, tuna or cooked chicken.

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## Welcome Kindergarten!



## Administration and Housekeeping

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The beginning of the year is a good time to reflect, evaluate and refresh our procedures and processes to ensure the best possible outcomes for student learning and wellbeing.

### Attendance and leave:

We are continuing to aim for 83% of our student cohort attending school 90% of the time or more. We know sickness will inevitably affect this and we appreciate you keeping your child at home when they are genuinely sick. Please advise the school via Skoolbag, phone call, email or written note the **specific reason** your child is away. It is kept confidential but is necessary to maintain accurate attendance information. Unfortunately, 'unwell' or 'sick' is not enough detail. The Department of Education's Student Attendance Policy states: *'Principals can request the parents to provide a medical certificate if they have concerns with the explanation provided, or where there is a history of poor attendance.'* Family holidays are considered as an absence. If you must take family holidays during school terms, please consult with the Principal at least 2 weeks before the vacation commences. Please be aware that unnecessary leave applications may not be approved.

### Uniform:

It was just lovely seeing the students walking into school on day one proudly wearing their school uniforms. Our school uniform promotes a sense of belonging and identity for our students. Please support students in wearing the correct school uniform, including socks, shoes, jumpers and hats. Jewellery should also be kept to a minimum: a watch and sleepers or stud earrings are acceptable. Fake nails are not appropriate and make it difficult for students to write, type and engage in sport safely. If you need extra uniforms, call in at school and pick up a uniform order. Some items are in stock in the storeroom. Financial assistance for uniforms is available.

### End of day procedures:

Please ensure your child knows what is happening for them at the end of day. Little people get very anxious if they are not sure how they are getting home to you and it can worry them unnecessarily throughout the day. Please advise the school if there are any changes to routine. We are loving seeing parents coming into the school to pick up children from the COLA. Please help us make this a smooth process by only coming in at 2:55 when you have heard the school bell and wait near the steps to Wattle room to ensure a clear passage way for the bus students. It is imperative that we get the correct students on the first bus promptly. Thanks for your support with this!

### Lunchboxes:

Please make sure your child's lunch box contains food that will provide them with the energy they need to play and learn. Lollies are yummy - but they have zero nutritional benefit. Sugary treats must be consumed at home.

### Mobile Phones:

Each day, students must hand in their phones into the office. Students can collect their devices, from the office, at the end of each day. If a student is found with a mobile phone or other electronic device, it will be confiscated and taken to the school office where a parent will be contacted. If a parent needs to contact a student during school hours, please call the school office.

## Happy birthday!



Happy birthday to Ivy, Flynn, and Elora! We hope your birthdays are very special! Happy birthday also to Mrs Fletcher.



## **Mr Steve Davis**

Steve is our General Assistant and you can usually find him on the lawn mower or around our school grounds making sure they are safe for our students. Steve and his wife Bec have two boys, Levi and Noah. Mr Davis loves to play sport, go camping and fishing.

## **Mrs Amanda Field**

I'm Amanda, I help out 2 mornings a week in the K/1 classroom as an SLSO. My children all went to school here in Stroud and I really enjoy working at this beautiful school. I love reading and all things books and am passionate about early childhood literacy. I'm looking forward to getting to know all the new kindy students and their families.

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## **Mrs Tina Fletcher**

I'm Tina and I moved to Girvan about 12 months ago after spending 25 years teaching in various roles at Coonamble PS. I was appointed to Stroud late last year as a permanent part time teacher. This year I am co-teaching Wattle with Mrs Munn. I have a husband, Nick and three children, Grace, Fred and Thomas. My favourite sporting team is the Rabbitohs. My favourite things about working at Stroud are the students, the staff and the community. I can't wait to get to know you all!

## **Mrs Deborah Forbes**

I'm Debbie and I have been at Stroud PS for over 10 years now. I started just 2 mornings a week as an SLSO (school learning support). I am now an SLSO 4 days a week and the SAO (admin officer) on Fridays. My loves are my family, reading, taking care of my house and garden and walks on the beach, I really enjoy my SLSO role as I get to work with the children. A major part of my SAO role is looking after the Library which I also enjoy very much.

## **Mrs Karla Hattam**

I am looking forward to a fresh, fun year of learning with all our amazing students and staff. I will be filling the Learning Support/RFF role again this year, while also filling the APCI role for the first few weeks. I will be giving Mrs Murray and Miss Snowdon release time, during which I will teach Science. I am excited to see what this year will bring for our little school!

## **Mrs Lauren Munn**

I'm Lauren and I am excited to be teaching Wattle this year each Thursday and Friday. I have been teaching for 12 years schools on the Bucketts Way Community of Schools and I live locally in Stroud with my family. I enjoy spending time in the garden with my kids and exploring the local area. I love being a part of the Stroud School community and seeing the kind nature of our students every day.

## **Ms Rebecca Morris**

Watch this space!

## **Mrs Trudie Murray**

I am proud to have been a permanent teacher at Stroud for just over a year now. I currently teach Years 4, 5 and 6 in Banksia. I moved to Gloucester in 2021, after spending 11 years in Lightning Ridge. While there, I taught at the Central School in a range of teaching roles. I am passionate about providing quality public education and being an active part of the community. My husband, Chris Murray, grew up in Gloucester and is also a teacher. I have two children, Jaz and Olley, and a fluffy little dog named Zoey. I also volunteer as a NSW Justice of the Peace. I look forward to another fabulous year at Stroud!

## **Miss Georgia Snowdon**

Hi everyone, I am Miss Snowdon and I am the teacher on Bottlebrush this year. I have taught for six years in the surrounding areas and feel so lucky to have reached permanency in such a special community. I am a local Stroud person and attended this school when I was a child which makes this journey even more exciting. When I am not at school I am either riding my horses or playing with my two cheeky sausage dogs. I am looking forward to an awesome year ahead!

## **Mrs Jodie Waters**

I am Jodie and am proud to have been at Stroud PS nearly 2 years as the Administration Manager. I feel very fortunate to have recently gained permanency at this lovely school. I was so excited as I love working at Stroud. I enjoy my job but I especially love the interaction with the children as this is where I started my career, as an SLSO in the classroom. Glenn is my husband, we have 3 children; Joshua, Dominic and Imogen. I love animals especially dogs. Yogi is our Cocker Spaniel who was a rescue dog, he spends way too much time on the lounge and my bed! The best part of my day is saying hello to all the children who come through my door! I am a passionate small school advocate and don't think there is a better place for children to be educated.

## **Mrs Erin Wilson**

I started at Stroud Public School as your relieving Principal mid 2021 and I have loved every minute since! Your child will see me each week as part of their library lesson. Mr Wilson, my two daughters Clare and Fern, our kelpie, kitten and blue tongue lizard are all loving life in this beautiful part of the world. I love all reptiles - including the venomous ones! My family love camping and being outdoors. The Stroud Public School community is very special, caring and welcoming and I am so proud to be your Principal again this Semester.



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# BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ



Come and meet the teachers,  
see the classrooms and connect  
with other parents.

**MONDAY  
13TH  
FEBRUARY**

**5:00 -  
6:00PM**



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## STROUD BRICKTHROWING COMMITTEE



### Bus Trip to Broken Hill & Western NSW

Leaving Stroud Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
and returning Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May

**\$1690.00 per person**

Price includes all meals, accommodation  
and entry fees.

#### Highlights include:

Broken Hill City Sights

Royal Flying Doctors Base Tour

Albert Kersten Mining & Minerals Museum

Kinchega National Park

Menindee Wetlands Cruise

Absalom's Gallery

Sulphide Street Railway Museum

Silver City Mint

Sculpture Symposium

Menindee Sightseeing

Pro Hart Gallery

Daydream Tourist Mine

Travelling through the towns of Merriwa, Dunedoo, Dubbo, Nyngan, Cobar and Wilcannia.

**For more information or a copy of the full itinerary please contact**

**Dale on 0428 140 506**

**Come and join us for a fun filled adventure holiday.**