



STUART TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 6 – we are officially now more than halfway through Term 4. It has certainly gone incredibly fast. There is quite a few messages in this newsletter so please take the time to read them all just to keep you up to speed with all of the happenings in our busy little school.

Thankfully, the training that has had to be undertaken from staff is nearly completed and I would like to commend the students on their behaviour when there has been a casual teacher in our school. Mrs Attwood left a beautiful note on my desk informing me of the high standard of application and quality of work from our students. As a whole staff, we are super proud.

	Monday 18/11	Tuesday 19/11	Wednesday 20/11	Thursday 21/11	Friday 22/11
Week 6	Mrs Hall and Mrs Frazer in. Wiradjuri Language Newsletter to go home	Mrs Hall, Miss Mills, Mrs Frazer and Coll in. Swimming	Mrs Hall, Miss Mills, Mrs Frazer and Coll in. Maree Angus in for Principal Coaching. Swimming HIPPIY Program/ Combined Staff Meeting with MPS at 3pm	Mrs Hall and Mrs Mason in. Miss Mills at L3 Training. Council Environmental Artist in. 9.30 - Yr 3/4/5 11.30 – K/1/2/ Kindergarten Transition Scripture P&C meeting 3.15pm	Mrs Hall and Mrs Frazer in. Lunch Order No Music
Week 7	Monday 25/11	Tuesday 26/11	Wednesday 27/11	Thursday 28/11	Friday 22/11
	Mrs Hall and Mrs Frazer in. Newsletter to go home.	Miss Mills, Mrs Frazer and Coll in. Mrs Hall at Early Action for Success Roadshow Swimming	Miss Mills and Mrs Frazer in. Mrs Hall and Coll in Orange for Budgeting Session. Playgroup in the residence.	Mrs Hall, Miss Mills, and Mrs Mason in Kindergarten Transition Scripture	Mrs Hall, Miss Mills and Mrs Frazer in. Lunch Order Last day for Hamper Donation. Raffle tickets go home.

Presentation Night

This year, our annual Presentation Night will be held on **Tuesday 19th December** in our school grounds. The evening will commence at 6pm and everyone is asked to bring a plate to share for supper. There will be awards for students who have displayed strengths in Literacy, Numeracy, sporting achievements and for the first time during my leadership at Stuart Town, the School Captain will be announced. A slideshow highlighting all of the events that have taken place throughout the year, will also be shown in the evening as it has in the past. Kindergarten parents will receive a thumb drive with a copy of the slideshow on it. If anybody else would like a copy, please send in the thumb drive that we gave you (or another one) and we will endeavour to have it to you as soon as possible.

Bobin Public School

Bobin PS is a small school on the North Coast of NSW and it has been totally destroyed by the recent bushfires. I have been in a school that was affected by fire and it is a truly devastating experience for the entire school community. Staff and students have decided that we will write a letter to the school and donate a new book to each student from our Books in Homes collection. We are very impressed with the level of compassion our students at Stuart Town have shown for those impacted upon by such a tragic event.

School Expectations

Students will be engaged in quality teaching and learning activities right up until Tuesday Week 10 so everybody needs to come to school prepared to have ongoing 'sweaty brains'. Our school expectations are

Safe, Thinking and Polite and students usually adhere to these incredibly well but I just want to reiterate the importance of maintaining these expectations right up until we break for holidays. This will ensure that all students are able to participate in the wide range of fun activities that will be on offer.

Swimming

Thank you to everyone who have returned the permission note and money for Swimming School. Students will be instructed by an employee from Wellington Aquatic Centre and this has contributed to the increase in cost. I realise it is the beginning of the 'silly season' so I am happy for parents to pay \$5 per lesson rather than the \$20 upfront if that makes it a better financial option? Please don't hesitate to speak to myself or any other staff member if you need more time because I would be saddened to think anyone would miss out on something as fun and important as swimming lessons.

Student Absences

The Home School Liaison Officer will be making another visit to us in the next couple of weeks and one of the things they look at, is student absences that are not explained with either a letter or a phone call. We usually don't have a problem with unexplained absences but if students are absent for more than 2 days, a doctor certificate is required.

If a student is away on a school day where there is an extra-curricular activity being held **AFTER** school, they are not permitted to attend the after-hours function. This is a Work Health and Safety (WH&S) issue that we as a school, need to comply with and support. Thank you for your understanding in this area

P&C MEETING

There will be a P&C meeting this Thursday, 21st November at 3pm in the Primary classroom. Please come along and share your thoughts and ideas for our upcoming Christmas Raffle. I encourage everyone to bring along toddlers, they can play while we have a cuppa and discuss the path we would like to take as a P&C in 2020.

End of Year Celebration

This year, our End of Year Celebration will be held in Dubbo on **Wednesday, 18th December** – the last day of school. Students will be attending Flip-Out (Flip-Out socks will be provided to students) and then we will go to Hogs Breath for lunch. This activity is **FREE** of charge as it has been in the past. Previously, students have worn their 'good' clothes eg dresses/sandals but due to the inclusion of Flip-Out, it would be best for everyone to come in clothes that are suitable for 'flipping' in, like comfortable shorts and t-shirts. A permission note will go home late this week.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you for all of the donations to the P&C raffle. We are slowly filling up the baskets so if you haven't already contributed, it's not too late. As I mentioned last week, we have had a hooded barbecue donated to us from Bunnings and Coll has generously offered to collect it from Dubbo this Friday for us. Thank you Coll.

Lunch Order

This week we will be having Potato in the Jacket with sweet chilli sauce/sour cream and a slushy.

Ice Blocks

It is predicted to be quite warm throughout the week so on **Wednesday**, we will be selling Zooper Doopers for \$0.50 at lunchtime if any student would like to purchase a nice cool ice block.

Playgroup

Playgroup will be on next week from 10am – 12pm in the residence. I urge everybody to take advantage of this amazing, free, community resource to ensure it continues in 2020.

Thank you
Mrs Jody Hall

