CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:50AM AND 3:40PM WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Calendar

April

Fri 4th  Assembly at 9am – Easter raffle drawn
         Last day of Term 1
         2.30pm Dismissal

May

Wed 7th  Grade 6 Shakespeare performance 1:30pm at the Memorial Hall

Thur 8th  Shakespeare Day, banquet and school performance of Julius Caesar 1:30pm at the Memorial Hall

Friday 9th  Cross Country
         Grade 6 Shakespeare Night performance of Julius Caesar at the Memorial Hall 6:00pm

Wed 28th – Fri 30th  Grade 5/6 Rawson Camp

Principal’s report

Tomorrow is the last day of term 1 and what a busy term it has been. We will have a Parent assembly at 9.00am to hand out attendance and reading certificates as well as draw the Easter Egg Raffle. If you have time, stay for a coffee and chat and get to know other members of our school community.

Three way interviews; This was a great success with parents being delighted by the confidence their children showed when talking about their learning and the progress they have made during term 1. If you missed this opportunity please make a time early next term to catch up with your child’s teacher.

This morning we had parents making U turns near the school crossing and parking illegally in the bus zone. It was also reported that one car made a turn right on the crossing almost hitting children who were using the crossing correctly. Please abide by the road rules and be careful at drop off and pick up times. An avoidable tragedy will affect everyone.

I will be taking Long Service Leave during the first 6 weeks of term 2, and Mrs Joan Keil will be taking on the Principal’s role. Mrs Jenny Nowak and Mrs Clare Bailey who have worked often in our school will be taking the grade 3/4. Mrs Keil has been planning with the teachers to make the transition as seamless as possible. There will also be some small timetable changes particularly for Physical Education Classes. There will be more information next term.

On behalf of the staff at Stratford Primary School I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday with your families.

Zonda Lynn – Principal

...Stratford Primary School Developing the Whole Child...  Stratchat 1
Sunsmart Policy
The school’s Sun smart policy requires all students to wear their school hats for all outside activities until the end of April.

GRADE 5/6 RAWSON CAMP
Payments Reminder
DEPOSIT Due: Friday 14 March
Amount $60.00
PAYMENT 1 Due: Friday 28 March
Amount $60.00
PAYMENT 2 Due: Friday 2 May
Amount $60.00
PAYMENT 3 Due: Friday 16 May
Amount $68.00
ALL MONEY TO BE PAID BY FRIDAY 16th May 2014

World Autism Awareness Day
Go Blue for Autism
Thank you to all the families who supported this fundraiser. $158.00 was raised towards our sensory room equipment.

Good Friday Appeal Easter Raffle
The Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal is a fundraising activity for the school which we participate in each year. The Easter raffle will be drawn at tomorrow’s assembly. Thank you to all who gave donations and good luck in the draw!

Trashless Tuesday!
This week’s scores are as follows:
1st Prep with 57%
2nd 2/3M with 53%
3rd 5/6G with 50%
4th 3/4K with 44%
5th 1/2H with 25%
6th Staff with 0%

Cross Country
Our school cross country will be held on Friday the 9th May at the Knob Reserve. Students could use their holiday break to begin their training! 9/10yrs will run 2km & 11/12/13yrs will run 3km.
Joan Keil

GRADE 5/6 CLASS
During our theme “Discovering Democracy”, we learnt about King John, the Barons and the Magna Carta. We also learnt about the issues the Barons had 400 years later with King Charles, who had a Parliament but didn’t have to listen to them. The result was seven years Civil War which ended with the removal of King Charles head!

The students have used the basic events and main characters to write Narrative (Fictional) stories.

KING JOHNS DIARY:
My beautiful taxes have just come in. I want more! So far I have only counted $102 I wanted $122 those dirty barons must of taken out $20 and divided it among themselves! I think I should have a little word with those disgusting barons!

DAY 8
“But the people don’t have any more money! Sir they can’t pay them any more” says the Barons and right to my face! They should be thankful I haven’t cut off their heads yet! Without me they would be defenceless.

DAY 12
Today I think I will take a walk through my kingdom and see how much money they’ve got. First the workers then the farmers, the landowners, the merchants, the bishops, the judges and finally the Barons. [So then I can see who lied]

DAY 20
I’m thinking of marrying one of the judges’ daughters... but which one? Maybe the richest or the prettiest or the smart one. I don’t know. This just came to my mind, how about all of them? Yes! I will ask them in the morning.

DAY 22
Yesterday did not go well all I gained was a red face covered in hand prints! First I asked the prettiest one she said yes [who wouldn’t say yes to me] but when she saw me propose to the smart one she went bonkers! Then all I know is that I pretty much got slapped to death!

DAY 29

Today the barons wanted to talk to me and when they did they introduced the Magna Carta and forced me to sign it because if I didn’t they would cut off all my supplies! So I signed it luckily I didn’t have to give back all of my money! That would be terrible.

By Elody

“Barons” King Charles shouted “I need money so I’m going to tax!”
“No please sir we have barely any money left from the last tax,” the Baron cried.
“Be quiet! I’m King so what I say goes!”
King Charles sent the baron out with a flick of a wrist. The baron rushed out and sounded an alarm.
“Tax time everyone. Get your money out as our soldiers are coming around!”
Soldiers marched around taking money from poor workers.
“King, sir what are you doing with your tax money?”
“Well I want to take over France, Sweden, Wales and Scotland for no good reason.”
“But you shouldn’t do that!”
“Quiet! Alfred go away you useless man. Tax everyone again or I will kill you and say it was an accident!”
With a toss of his head the baron went.
King Charles ordered all his barons to his office.
“Now! I don’t have enough money MORE TAXING!”
“NO” shouted four barons.
“Excuse me. NO-ONE talks to me like that!”
“Be quiet or we will kill you. If you hurt us we will put your armies on you!”
The barons got the soldiers and got ready to fight.
“You won’t stand a chance baron,” laughed King Charles.

The armies ran. Swords flung everywhere. People dropped and others stabbed.
“Our country is at war with itself!” yelled the barons.
Families flee as soldier’s race. Heads fling everywhere as the bloody battle goes on. The civil war didn’t end until King Charles’ head dropped to the ground. Parliament took charge with the barons and England ended happily for now!

By Grace

King John

SLING! There goes another head as King John cuts off a kind person’s head. “Ha ha, don’t mess with me kind person. Laughed King John. “Hey King John, there are too many taxes. Said the barons.
“Well do something about it!” yelled King John. “NO NO NO!!!” Screamed the barons.
“WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY!!!” screamed back King John.
“You heard me, NO!” Yelled the barons.
“Well off goes your heads.” said King John.
“No, please don’t, we have designed a new signing paper”. cried the barons.
“Well what is it called” said King John.
“It is called….. The Magna Carta” said the barons.
So King John signed the Magna Carta and guess what happened… most people got rights that means if someone took 3 horses their head would not be chopped off, unless it was proved that they were guilty in court. After signing the Magna Carta King John had no more absolute power.

By Paige
Mrs Schultz – Instrumental Music Tuition
As my first term at Stratford closes, I’d like to thank the music students, their families and the school staff for their interest and encouragement. Every student has made really good progress on their instrument for the term and we are all looking forward to term 2! I wish all students, families and staff a safe & enjoyable holiday.

Community News

Lego Club @ Stratford Library
Friday 11 April from 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Do you love all things to do with Lego and would like to meet other Lego fans? Come and join in the fun as we brainstorm and build totally awesome creations! Donations of Lego are welcome!
Venue: Stratford Library
Cost: Free

Starlab and Cosmodome Planetariums
During this April we will witness two Partial Eclipses
April 15th - Partial Lunar Eclipse – When the Earth is between the Sun and the Moon and Earth’s shadow appears on the Moon. With the Full Moon, we will witness a Partial Eclipse of the Moon, between 3.58pm and 7.33pm.
April 29th - Partial Solar Eclipse - When the Moon and the Sun are on the same side of Earth, the Moon will appear to cover part of the Sun. With the New Moon on 29th April, we will witness a Partial Eclipse of the Sun, after 3.58pm and until Sunset. About half the Sun will be covered.
If you would also like a copy of our Holiday Skywatch - giving greater details of the April night sky - please just simply email us at starlab@tpg.com.au

STRATFORD AUSKICK
Come and join your local Auskick club.
The NAB AFL Auskick program provides boys and girls with a fun and safe Australian Football experience that serves as an introduction to a lifetime of involvement in the game.
When: Thursday 1st May
Where: Stratford Football Oval
Time: 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Register & pay online before at www.aflauskick.com.au
Contact: Hayley 0407546423 or Luke 0400933471

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Plant propagation for kids.
Learn how to grow vegetables and other plants from seed and cuttings. Go home with some plants to grow in your own garden.
(Brought to you by Wellington Community Gardens Group – Free Event)

Easter Craft Project
Simple and fun craft making session. All materials provided. $20

Cookie making.
Learn how to make simple and yummy refrigerator cookies that are perfect for snacks and school lunch boxes.
All materials provided $20.

Painting for kids.
A fun session where you will be inspired by the skills of the old masters and take home a masterpiece of your own.
All materials provided $20.

Bookings are essential and numbers limited so get in early.
Segue is a community facility run by talented and enthusiastic local volunteers.
Parents are welcome to accompany their children too.
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