

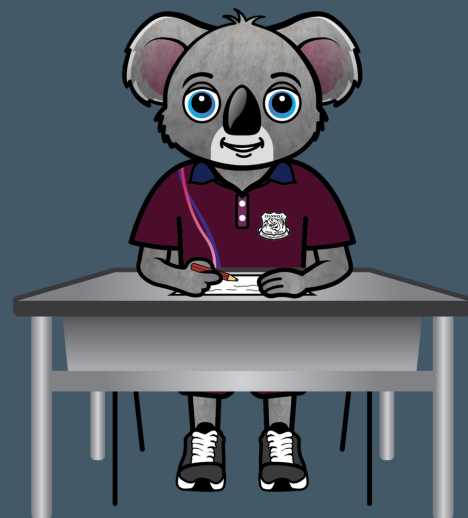


Newsletter

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STANWELL STATE SCHOOL

Study Service Sincerity



From the Principal

JACLYN TITMUS

WEEK 3 News

As we move through Term 3, it has been wonderful to see students deeply engaged in their learning across all year levels. In English, students have been exploring narratives, focusing on understanding story structure, character development and the language features that make stories engaging for readers. In Mathematics, students have been learning about shape and measurement, building their understanding of two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes, measurement concepts and the practical applications of these skills in everyday life. It is pleasing to see students applying their learning with enthusiasm and confidence.

Last week, our students participated in the Hearing and Vision Screening program. These screenings provide valuable information for families and support the early identification of any hearing or vision concerns that may impact learning. We were delighted to receive outstanding feedback from the screening facilitators regarding the respectful behaviour, cooperation and positive attitudes demonstrated by our students throughout the process.

The annual School Opinion Survey is now open and will remain available until 21 August. Families should have received an email containing a unique survey link sent to their nominated email address. The survey provides parents and carers with the opportunity to share their views about our school, including areas such as communication, student learning, wellbeing and school culture. If you have not received the survey email, please contact me for assistance.

We are also looking forward to celebrating NAIDOC Day this Friday, 31 July. We are excited to welcome students and staff from Marmor, Bajool and Westwood State Schools for a day of learning, connection and celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Students will participate in a range of rotational activities including beading, nature collage, storytelling, painting and traditional games. These experiences will provide valuable opportunities for students to learn about and appreciate the rich history, culture and achievements of First Nations peoples. To help make the day even more enjoyable, our school will provide all students with a sausage on bread and a popper for lunch. We look forward to a wonderful day of learning, collaboration and community spirit.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and our students. I look forward to sharing more of their learning and achievements with you throughout the term.

Jaclyn Titmus

BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER

Thank you

A big thank you to our staff, parents and families for assisting with the organising of our 150th celebration.



P-2 News

SELINA SAUNDERS

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 3! We've had a fantastic start to the term, and it's been wonderful to see the students settling into their routines and engaging in their learning with enthusiasm. Here's a snapshot of what we've been up to and what's coming up in the next few weeks.

What We've Been Learning

English: This term, we've been exploring narratives! The students have been learning about characters, settings, and sequencing events in stories. Last week, we read the much-loved Australian classic *Possum Magic* by Mem Fox. The students loved learning about Hush's adventures and the special Australian foods that made her visible again.

Mathematics: The students have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We've been identifying shapes in our environment, exploring their properties, and sorting them into groups. Next week, we'll shift our focus to numbers and begin investigating how to use part-part-whole organisers to complete number work. This will help students develop a deeper understanding of how numbers can be broken down and combined in different ways.

Science: A big thank you to all the families who have helped their children complete their homework by observing the night sky! The students have been excited to share their discoveries about the stars, moon, and planets. In class, we've also been exploring the day sky. The students have been observing their shadows and learning how the sun casts shadows. We've had fun experimenting with how moving changes the size and shape of our shadows. These activities are helping us understand how light and movement interact in our world.

Special Activities

Last Tuesday, we celebrated National Lamington Day by making lamingtons in class! This tied in beautifully with our reading of *Possum Magic*, as lamingtons are one of the special foods that helped Hush become visible again. The students had so much fun dipping the sponge cake into chocolate and coconut – and, of course, tasting their creations! This week, we'll continue our Australian food journey by making pavlova in class. Next week, we'll finish off with a classic Aussie favourite: Vegemite sandwiches. These activities are a great way to connect literacy, culture, and hands-on learning.

Reminders

Homework: Homework folders go home every Monday and are due back on Friday. Please encourage your child to read daily.

Hats: As part of our SunSmart policy, students must wear a hat during outdoor play. Please ensure your child brings their hat to school every day.

Lunchboxes: A friendly reminder to pack a healthy snack for fruit break and a water bottle for your child each day. A healthy snack can be fruit, yoghurt (not chocolate) or cheese and crackers.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's learning journey. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.



ATTENDANCE

*Be at school to learn,
grow and succeed.*

Please report absences to Mrs Titmus or Mrs Saunders via the school mobile. It is a requirement to give a reason for any absence.

Announcement

150th Celebration

8th August at
Stanwell State
School

Announcement

NAIDOC Day
Friday 31st July -
Westwood SS,
Bajool SS and
Marmor SS will
be joining us
throughout the
day.

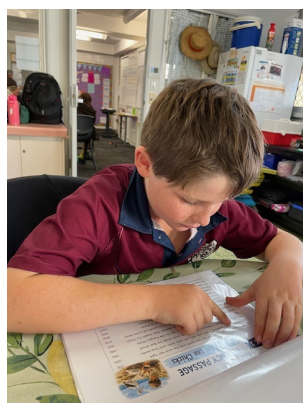
3-6 News

JACLYN TITMUS AND ALISON BLACKLEY

This term in English, students in Years 3-6 have been studying the novel Storm Boy. Through this unit, students have been exploring the structure and language features of narratives, developing their understanding of how authors engage readers through carefully crafted stories. They have also begun examining setting and character development, learning how these elements contribute to creating meaningful and engaging narratives.

In addition, students are focusing on improving their reading fluency by practising reading with accuracy, expression and appropriate pace. Reading fluency is important because it helps students read smoothly and confidently, allowing them to better understand and enjoy what they are reading.

Students have also been busy organising the room for the 150th celebrations and deciding what is going to go into the time capsule on the day. Our students have also been busy practicing our school song ready for our upcoming celebrations.



Announcement PHOTO DAY

Our photo day is scheduled for 18th August. more information will be coming home soon.



Student Awards

WEEK 2

BEAU WORKMAN
ROCCO VALE-
CONNORS
HARMINEY

SCARLETT
VICTORIA BLACKMAN
KLAY WHITE

Student Awards

WEEK 3

HOPE ABBOTT
TOM TEAGUE

ALYX HUXLEY

150th Celebration - 8th August





1876 2026

**Celebrating
150 YEARS**

1876 – 2026

STANWELL STATE SCHOOL

Proud of our past • Inspiring our future



**SATURDAY
8 AUGUST 2026**

10:00AM – 5:00PM



STANWELL STATE SCHOOL
**10 TEAKLE STREET,
STANWELL**

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF HISTORY, MEMORIES & COMMUNITY!


**10:00AM
HIGH TEA,
CANTEEN & DRINKS**
Enjoy a cuppa,
snacks and drinks
available


**HISTORICAL
DISPLAYS &
MEMORABILIA**
Explore 150 years
of our school's story


**1:00PM
MAIN CEREMONY
& ROLL CALL**
Official opening,
roll call and
commemorative
group photo


KIDS' ZONE
Petting Zoo
Face Painting
Scavenger Hunt
Traditional Games


MERCH FOR SALE
Grab your 150th
merchandise
and show your
school pride!


STALL HOLDERS
Browse a variety
of local stalls
and businesses



FOLLOW OUR EVENT ON FACEBOOK:
Stanwell State School 150th Celebration

**PAST STUDENTS • STAFF • FAMILIES
COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

All welcome

150 years celebration

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Celebrating 150 Years – A Day to Remember



On Arrival

- Sign the Visitor Register for Roll Call
- Collect your name badge and event program

10:00am	Event Commences
10:00am – 11:00am	High Tea available
11:00am – 5:00pm	Canteen Open (closed through official opening)
10:00am – 3:00pm	Merchandise Available for Purchase (closed through official opening)
10:00am – 3:00pm	Stall Holders & Kids Amusements Open
	Memorabilia Display (Library & Administration Building)
11:00am	Morning Bus Tour (16seats available)
	Visit the old school building, original school site and Stanwell Power Station
1:00pm	Official Opening
	Welcome & Speeches by Mrs Titmus and invited speakers
	Roll Call of Past Students by Past Principals
	Group Centenary Photo and Roll Call Decade Photos
	Cutting of the Celebration Cake
2:00pm – 5:00pm	Bar Open
3:00pm	Traditional Games (egg spoon race, three legged race & more)
5:00pm	Event Concludes

Program times may be subject to change. Please listen for announcements throughout the day.

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