



November 22, 2016



Swansea Public School is an innovative school promoting quality programs to its community. The school offers a wide variety of programs which enhance citizenship, teamwork, equality, social justice and tolerance.

Calendar

- Week 7**
Wed 23/11: Intensive Swimming
Fri 25/11: Growth Mindset Workshop- 6pm
Swimming for Sport (Primary)
- Week 8**
Tues 29/11: Intensive Swimming
Wed 30/11: Christmas Scripture Service
Christmas Performance-Swansea
Retirement Village
Homework Centre (Last Day)
Fri 2/12: Swimming for Sport (Primary)
Staff Welcome BBQ 2.30-4.00pm
- Week 9**
Tues 6/12: Hello High School (Year 6)
Christmas Performance-Lake
Macquarie Support Services Centre
AECG Meeting (Windale PS) 6.00pm
Wed 7/12: Year 6 Farewell
Thu 8/12: PBL Rewards Day
- Week 10**
Tues 13/12: Presentation Day 2016 9.30am
Wed 14/12: Pool Party (Primary)
Party Day (Infants)
Fri 16/12: Students Last Day



New Staff for 2017 – We will warmly welcome Ms Karen Rowen from Wirreanda PS (near Medowie), Ms Vicki Morante from Canley Vale PS (in Sydney) and Ms Rebecca Welch from Kanwal PS (Central Coast). Ms Morante will be the new Assistant Principal for K-2. We will also have a new Instructional Leader Ms Corrine Smith from Belmont North PS who will be working across K-3 classrooms supporting our students in literacy and numeracy.

All of the new teachers are very excited and happy to be joining the Swansea PS team. Mrs Patterson will continue in the LMBR training role for 2017 and I have also excitedly accepted the Relieving Principal position for 2017. Some of our temporary teachers will still work at Swansea Public School as casual teachers or in part time positions. The new staff are filling permanent positions vacant after retirements. Mrs Chensee will continue to work with Reading Recovery and Enrichment and Ms Body will fill one temporary position. When we are sure of our 10 classes we can appoint one teacher. **Please let us know if your family is leaving our school in 2017.**

A welcome BBQ will be held on Friday 2 December at 2.30-4.00pm for parents and students to meet our new staff. Tickets for a chocolate flower box and fruit box will be on sale at \$1.00 a ticket.

Bus Passes – A note was sent home last Thursday regarding the need for students travelling on the bus to apply for an OPAL card. There must be an application for each student. If you cannot access an online application, please come to the office. If we don't have enough students using the service to our school it will be terminated which would be very sad and inconvenient for some of our families.

Intensive Swimming – started yesterday with Mr Gaul and Mrs Armstrong accompanying our 47 students each afternoon. Mr Brooks will take KA each afternoon and Mr Gaul's year 1 students will be split between KA and 1T. If there are any issues please contact the staff. Don't forget to pack a spare plastic bag for wet clothes and double check bags each afternoon. Happy Swimming!



PBL Focus of the Week

Being a Good Listener

Christmas Cheer – Our students will sing at the Retirement Village next Wednesday 30 November and the following Tuesday 6 December at Lake Macquarie Support Services Centre. The older generation love hearing our children sing and it is a great opportunity to connect with our happy community. Please return notes as soon as possible so that we can organise these events. Thank you.

Hello High School - will be held at Swansea High on Tuesday 6 December. Our year 6 students will enjoy a day learning about the great activities at the high school

Our last scripture lesson - will be held on Tuesday 29 November. We will start with a breakfast at 8am for the scripture teacher and a Christmas service will conclude the year. Thank you to the scripture teachers for a wonderful year of learning

Year 6 Farewell – We are looking forward to the Year 6 Farewell which will be held on Wednesday 7 December at Belmont Golf Club. Students have separate notes about the event.

Our PBL Rewards Day - will be held on Thursday 8 December for all students who have received their Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards.

Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 13 December starting at 9.30am. We would love for all our parents/carers, grandparents and friends to attend on this special day.

A thank you morning tea will follow the Presentation day for all of the parent helpers

Library News - Borrowing will cease in the next few weeks so overdue notices will be sent out very soon. Unfortunately the overdue notices look like a bill. Please don't take this personally as this is the way they print out on our current system.

If you are sure the book/s have been returned then please write this on the notice and return to school. If you are unsure, just have a look and see if it's hiding somewhere. Library books like to hide in bookshelves (with your own books), under car seats and sometimes they hide at Grandparents homes. Just keep an eye out and return to school when you can. If you know a book is lost please pay for a replacement book at the office. I try my best to source an identical book so the students can continue to borrow that title.

If you have already paid for the book on the overdue notice, please write this on the notice and return to school.

A new Library borrowing system called Oliver, will be introduced to our school early next year so hopefully some of the glitches from our current system will be solved. My fingers are definitely crossed!

Thank you so much for your patience.



Stage 3 students recently asked Parents and Carers if they would like to attend a Student run workshop on Growth Mindset. There were enough numbers to run the following workshop:

Wednesday 23rd November 6pm

Students who are running the workshop will need to be back at school by 5.45pm. Light refreshments will be provided. If you were unable to attend this time, don't worry. If this session is successful, we hope to run another early next year.

Thank you to all the Parents/carers who have made an effort to attend. It's a wonderful chance to learn how to support your child's learning at home.

Dr N. Henry
Teacher/ librarian

The Responsible Pet Program



Hunter Wildlife Rescue K-2 Visit

Last Tuesday K-2 classes had a visit from some volunteers from the local wildlife rescue group. The students were able to see an orphaned baby tawny frog mouth, a baby magpie and an orphaned baby flying fox. It was a wonderful experience for both students and staff and valuable information regarding our precious native wildlife was shared. If you come across an orphaned or injured native animal, please call the number provided below. The volunteers who answer will give you the best advice. Most importantly, if you find an injured bat or baby bat/flying fox DO NOT TOUCH THEM. Call the Hunter Wildlife Rescue immediately!



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