



SWANSEA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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 5

Thu 10/11: Learning Support Meetings
Fri 11/11: Swimming for Sport (Primary)
Remembrance Service

Week 6

Wed 16/11: P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Thu 17/11: Kindy Orientation 9.30-11am
Fri 18/11: Swimming for Sport (Primary)
Responsible Pet Program

Week 7

Fri 25/11: **Intensive Swimming**
Swimming for Sport (Primary)

Week 8

Tues 29/11: **Intensive Swimming**
Christmas Scripture Service
Fri 2/12: Swimming for Sport (Primary)

Week 9

Tues 6/12: Hello High School (Year 6)
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**



Kinder Orientation – Kinder Orientation is going really well and our gorgeous new kinders and their buddies are enjoying getting to know each other.

The last transition session will be held on Thursday 17 November from 9.30-11.00am. The parent session will be about uniforms and healthy lunchboxes. It will finish with a treasure hunt. We look forward to sharing the session with our parents and children.

Uniform – Thank you to the parents who are supporting our wonderful school culture by ensuring their child wears proper school uniform.

Boys are not to be wearing black shorts on Mon-Thur. The following socks need to be worn:

Girls – white socks

Boys – grey socks

Please ensure your child is not wearing coloured and flowery headbands and necklaces. Green or white plain headbands are acceptable.

The behaviour you allow is the behaviour you condone. We must continue our focus on respecting our uniform.

Enrolments – Please let the office know if you are definitely leaving our school at the end of this year, as this has a huge impact on our class formation. We are currently very close to 10 classes for 2017 but 3 or 4 students leaving or arriving may affect how many classes we form.

Please encourage anyone thinking of coming to Swansea PS in 2017 to contact us ASAP.

4H – Mr Hellier is still on sick leave due to ongoing health problems. Miss Meiners will be teaching 4H Mon-Thurs and Mrs Melville teaches 4H on Fridays while Mr Brown is travelling overseas.

Scripture – Our last Christmas Scripture lesson will be held on Tuesday 29 November. We will be holding a BBQ before school to thank our scripture teachers.

Intensive Swimming – Will start on 21 November for 2 weeks, every day from 2-3pm at Swansea Pool. All non-swimmers in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to attend. A note will go out to Years 3-6 today.

Notes and money need to be in by Friday 11 November. Don't miss out on your child receiving a very important LIFE SKILL. Swansea is surrounded by water.

Remembrance Day – If children would like to bring in some fresh flowers for our Remembrance Service on Friday 11 November it would be greatly appreciated.



PBL Focus of the Week

Speak Positively

Staffing – We are starting our planning and organisation of classes in the next couple of weeks. Our staff for 2017 will be confirmed by 21 November and the new staff will come to the school to meet us after that date. We look forward to welcoming four new teachers.

Halloween Disco – The disco was a great success. The students looked amazing and startled Mrs Holt a few times before they finished for the night. Thank you to the staff for ensuring a wonderful night for our students

P & C Meeting – the P&C meeting will now be held on **16 November at 6.30pm**. Please come along and share your ideas for the end of year and 2017. We will discuss how to use the \$6500 grant from DOE.

****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 disregard the overdue notice.

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 disregard the notice. Unfortunately, the current borrowing system will continue to show this book for 3 years after you have paid. 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. This research, both from educational neuroscience and educational psychology supports a learning mindset that expects challenge, develops resilience and perseverance and an authentic study of the parts of the brain that affect learning. It challenges previous beliefs of 'smart' and 'not so smart'. The students have been very engaged in this area of study, and feel they have learned valuable information about learning and would like to share this with their parents and carers. Two sessions have been proposed:

Tuesday 22nd November 9.30am or Wednesday 23rd November 6pm

Unless we have at least 20 Parents or Carers at a session, we will not be able to run each session.

If you have lost the original note sent home, please write which session time you would like to attend on a piece of paper and send to school with your child/ren. We will announce in the next newsletter if we have the attendance numbers to run one or both of the sessions. It's a wonderful chance to learn how to support your child's learning at home. Please try to come along.

Dr N. Henry
Teacher/librarian