



# 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 4

Tue 16/2: Aboriginal Education Meeting  
5pm Milabah  
Wed 17/2: Parent Information Session  
Year 5-6 3.15pm  
Fri 19/2: Deposit for Yr 5-6 Excursion Due

### Week 5

Mon 22/2: Zone Swimming  
11am-3pm  
Tue 23/2: Aboriginal Education Meeting  
6pm Wirrapang  
Wed 25/2: Zone Swimming  
9am-3pm

### Week 6

Thur 3/3: Technology Workshop for Parents

### Week 7

Tue 8/3: Disco  
Wed 9/3: Aboriginal Education Meeting 2pm  
P&C Meeting 6.30pm

### Week 8

Tue 15/3: World's Greatest Shave  
Thur 17/3: Parent Public Speaking Workshop

### Week 9

Thur 24/3: Easter Hat Parade  
Fri 25/3: Good Friday

### Week 10

Mon 28/3: Easter Monday  
Thur 31/3: Reptile Park Excursion Kindy-Yr 2

### Week 11

Thur 7/4: Anzac Day Service  
"You Can Do It" Performance  
Fri 8/4: Last Day of Term 1

## PBL Focus of the Week Walk on Hard Surfaces

Due to enrolled children's life threatening anaphylactic allergic reactions to all nuts and peanut products, we would like to encourage families not to send these products to school with their children. These include peanut butter, Nutella, sesame seeds, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars or any products containing any type of nuts



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## Principal's Message

Our last parent information session will be held tomorrow afternoon for years 5 and 6 at 3.15pm. We look forward to meeting parents so come along to hear about all the Stage 3 events for 2016.

This week we have started two days of fitness-endurance and dance in the morning. Thank you to Miss Fletcher and the staff for building our students skills and fitness.

The P&C held their first meeting last week. Sports shirts will not be changed in 2016. The AGM will be held next month and many of the executive will be stepping down due to work commitments. They are happy to mentor any new parents who would be willing to take on the roles of President, Secretary or Treasurer. Thank you to Kylie and Kath for all of your hard work for the students, staff and parents of Swansea Public School.

We will be holding the World's Greatest Shave on Tuesday 15th March at 10.15am. If you would like to have your head shaved please let Heather or the school know.

### LMBR

The schools in the area will all be undergoing a complex financial system change this year. We are all looking forward to the improvements which will include a Parent Online Payment system. The office staff will be undertaking extensive training over the next two terms so we would appreciate minimal interruption in the office when possible. We are of course still very happy to provide our high levels of service.

Thank you for your understanding

Sue Holt  
Relieving Principal

## Survey on People in Places

Stage 2 students are studying Geography this term where we are comparing places that are similar and different. Reminder for students in years 5-6 to return their survey by Monday 22 Feb, to their classroom teacher .  
Thank you

### Swansea Public School Bell Times

9.00am: School starts  
11.00am: Lunch eating time  
11.10am: Lunch play (40 min)  
11.50am: Classes resume  
1.35pm: Recess  
2.00pm: Recess concludes  
3.00pm: School Finishes



### From the Office

A reminder to all parents/caregivers that money needs to be returned to the office in a sealed envelope/zip lock bag with the child's name, class, note and amount of money enclosed.

Our school will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

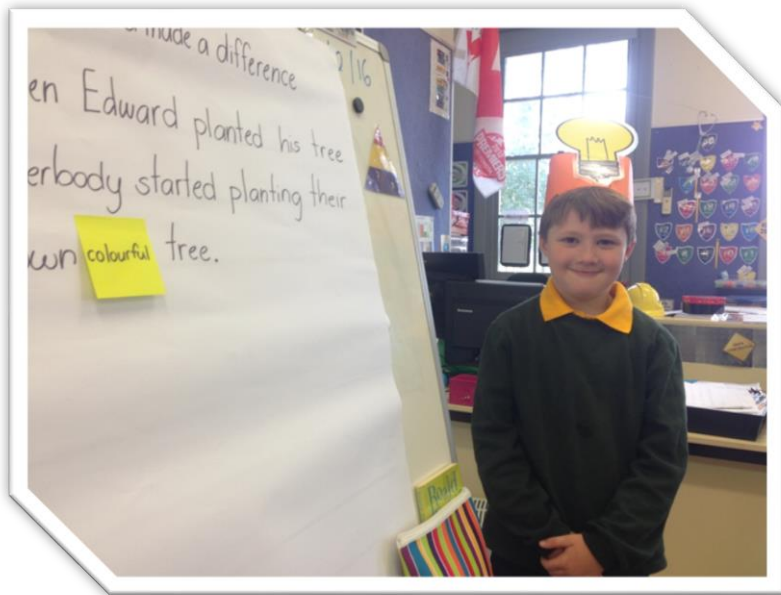
To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

Cash and cheque payments: Between 8 June 2016 and 15 June 2016, we will not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to a new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before 8 June 2016. From 15 June 2016, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

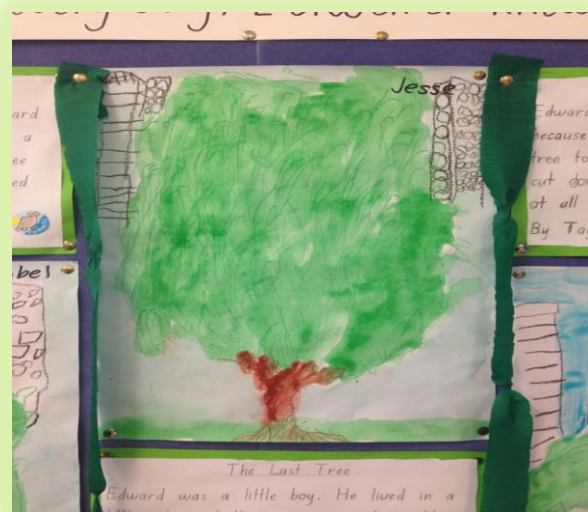
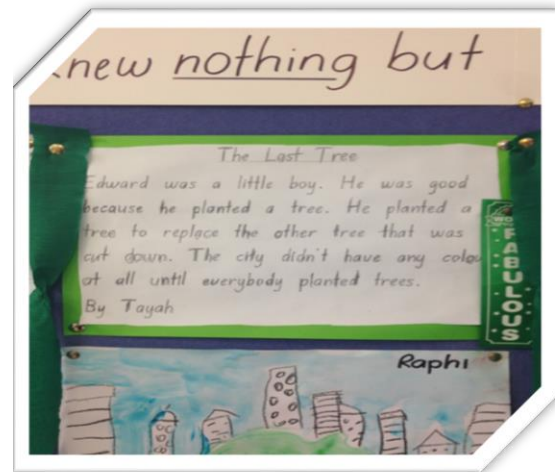
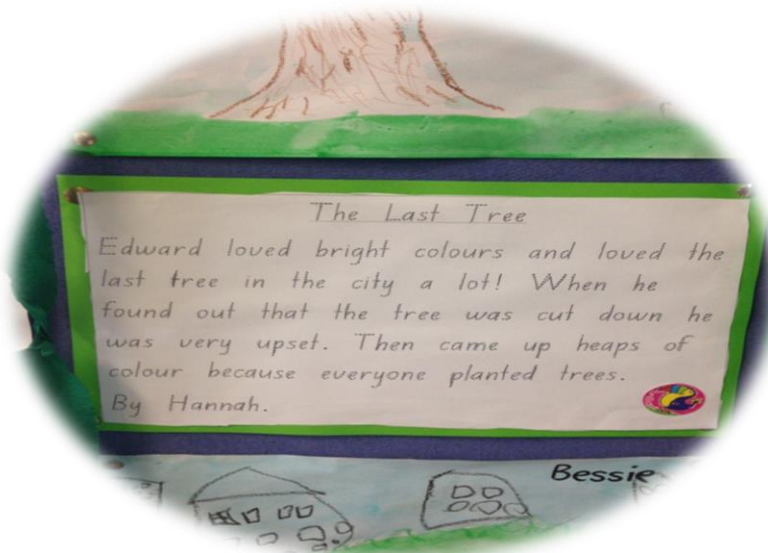
We thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any further questions, please contact the office on 49711267.



## Class Snapshot: 2/1G



We have been so busy already in 2/1G! We have studied the book 'The Last Tree in the City' by Peter Carnavas. Our students have been learning to participate in what we call 'Quality Discussion' in which they share their ideas about a text. Students can agree or disagree with others, they can change their mind, they can support and add to a classmate's idea or question to find out more. Our discussion is always followed by writing a response. We thought we'd share a snapshot in this week's newsletter. We are now going to use recycled materials and grow our own trees, just like the main character Edward.





## Safety around school buses

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

- There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is picking up or setting down school children.
- This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.
- The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear 'wig-wag' lights on the bus flash.
- Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.
- A fine and the loss of demerit points will apply for failing to observe the 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus when the 'wig-wag' lights are showing.
- If you park illegally in a bus zone, there is a minimum fine of \$253 and the loss of 2 demerit points.



## Good for Kids good for life

### BENEFITS OF TEAM SPORTS

Participation in team sports is a great way to increase your child's physical activity. But did you know there are a number of other benefits to team sports, including:

- Teaching children skills in teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Helping children gain confidence through interaction with other kids
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly having fun!



There are many different team sports to choose from such as soccer, netball, touch football and hockey. Why not see what team sports are available at your school or in the community for your child to participate in?

## SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2015



Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP your vehicle** at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

#### MAXIMUM PENALTY

**\$319**

+ 2 POINTS



Means that you have no more than **2 minutes** for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within **3 metres of your vehicle**.

#### MAXIMUM PENALTY

**\$177**

+ 2 POINTS



Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are **not allowed to stop your vehicle** unless you are driving a bus.

#### MAXIMUM PENALTY

**\$319**

+ 2 POINTS



#### DOUBLE PARKING

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

#### MAXIMUM PENALTY

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+ 2 POINTS

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$319 + 2 points, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: \$425 + 2 points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$177 + 2 points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: \$531

## Art Classes!

I hold art classes for 8 years to adults.

Students will learn with acrylics, inks, water colours, mixed media and journaling.

Kids Classes—every thing is supplied. Paintings are sealed and made ready to hang and are every

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4.30—6pm (excluding school holidays).

Adult Classes are every Thursday 4.30—6.30pm (including school holidays), paint and brushes

available or you can bring your own along with a canvas or what ever you would like to paint on.

All you need is your imagination and be prepared to have a fun time.

Phone Janelle on 0423 209 142 for further details.

**Janelle Cookson Art**

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## Library News

### Kindergarten Class Information Night

Thank you to those parents who attended last Tuesday afternoon. It was wonderful to speak with you about the fun and productive teaching and learning experiences, students of Swansea Public School participate in during weekly lessons in the Library.

### Donation

This week the school received a large and very useful donation of books; big and small. Sophie Haracz's (KA) Grandma, Mrs Loraine Unsworth has graciously donated a large amount of Big Books for our class teachers to use. Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation.

Keep reading and learning!

N.Henry

Teacher/librarian

## Friday Assembly

Parents are welcome to come along for our award presentations at the Friday morning Assembly at 9.00am

### Morning and Afternoon Routines

We love that parents come to the school but we would like parents to wait for students under the walkways near the canteen and on the grass outside the administration block in the morning and afternoon. In the morning parents need to ensure that they are standing away from the classrooms so that we can move quickly and safely to class.

Thank you



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The simplest way

...to encourage healthy eating.

If you've got a fussy eater in the family, a behaviour reward chart can be a great way to get them eating and enjoying new foods and more fruit and veg.

Praise from parents or the offer of small rewards is a good motivator for many children.

A behaviour reward chart can work wonders too. Remember to decide on rewards and goals in advance and keep them realistic and motivating.

Want more great tips and strategies to overcome fussy eating? Register for a Fruit & Veg Sense workshop online: [eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au)




## My Fruit and Vegetable Chart

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day	Amount of Vegetables	Amount of Fruit
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Fruit per \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Vegetables per Day for a Week

**Tip 1**

1 cup of fruit = 1 cup of vegetables

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Find this chart and others online too.

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