



February 9, 2016

Calendar

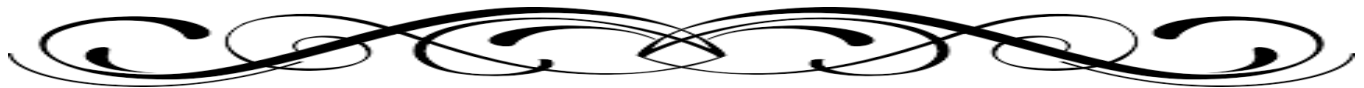
2016 School Year

Week 3

Tue 9/2 :	Parent Information Session	Kindergarten: 3.15pm
		Years 1-2: 4.00pm
		Years 3-4: 4.30pm

Week 4

Wed 17/2:	Parent Information Session	Years 5-6: 3.15pm
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Principal's Message:

Our Parent Information Sessions have been organised for this afternoon for years K-4. Times are listed in the newsletter above. Years 5-6 Parent Information Sessions will be held next Wednesday 17 Feb at 3.15pm. We look forward to meeting parents and caregivers. If you are unable to attend these sessions please have chat with your child's teacher about receiving the handout.

Thank you to the parents who supported our students at our school Swimming Carnival. We had a great day even though the weather wasn't perfect. A big thank you to Mr Hellier and the staff for organising a successful event. Thank you also to the staff at Swansea Pool. Students are commended for their excellent behaviour and manners.

The P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 10 Feb at 6.30pm in our school Staff Room. We welcome new and returning members to come along to support our students and our school.

Thank you to parents who are dropping their children at school and then leaving so the children can develop their social skills. It also helps to ease the congestion under the COLA especially on rainy day's.

Sue Holt
Relieving Principal

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



PBL Focus of the Week

Using the Canteen Correctly

Hoax Bomb Threats

As you may be aware there have been numerous hoax bomb threats to schools across Australia since the beginning of the school year. It is believed that the computerised threats are originating from outside Australia, in every case the threat has been designed to cause disruption and there has been no danger to students or staff. I would seek to reassure you that our school has a detailed emergency management plan. In the event that we receive any type of threat the students and staff would be immediately evacuated and the NSW Police engaged to investigate, we would ask at this time that you support the school by not contacting or attending the school as this can interfere with our capacity to manage the event. The school will always seek to keep parents informed whilst prioritising student and staff safety. Our school would give early communication via Skoolbag app. If you have any concerns, please contact the school so we can discuss in further details.

Library News

*Welcome back for a new and exciting year at Swansea Public School!

Happy Chinese New Year – the Year of the Monkey



Chinese New year begins on 8 February 2016 and as usual, students will be studying and researching this wonderful celebration as school returns. We began this area of study a few years ago to satisfy new requirements in the Australian Curriculum (South East Asian influences) and one of our school directives – South East Asian cultural awareness. It is very popular and a wonderful way to start the new school year.

If you would like to learn more about this year's celebrations, click on the site below; it's a great place to start.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/china/12144891/chinese-new-year-2016-year-of-the-monkey.html>

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



Swimming Carnival

A big thank you to the parents and children who made the carnival a great success in less than perfect weather. The sportsmanship and behavior of our children was wonderful. Zone representatives will be announced later in the week.

Mr Hellier



Swansea Public School Bell Times

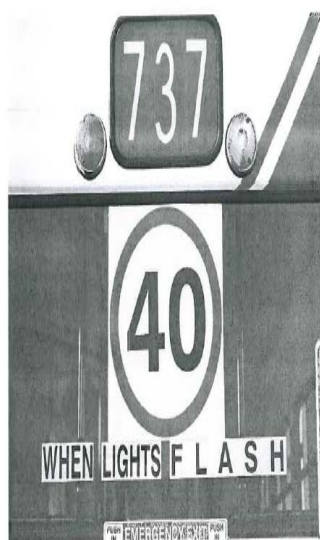
9.00am: School starts
11.00am: Lunch eating time
11.10am: Lunch play (40 min)
11.50am: Classes resume
1.35pm: Recess
2.00pm: Recess concludes
3.00pm: School Finishes



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.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to bake a healthy lunch box treat.

Homemade muffins are a great way to add a fruit or veg-filled treat to lunch boxes.

Apple and date muffins

Ingredients: 3 apples, chopped; 1 cup boiling water; 200g dates, chopped; 50g butter; 2/3 cup brown sugar; 2 tps mixed spice; 1 egg; 1 tsp baking soda; 1 tsp baking powder; 2 cups wholemeal flour.



Method: Preheat oven (180°C). Chop apples and dates. Add boiling water, butter and sugar. Mix until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Add spice and allow to cool. When fruit mixture is warm, not hot, add spice and egg. Mix well. Add baking soda, baking powder and flour. Mix, but do not overbeat. If mixture is too dry, add a little milk. Spoon into the prepared muffin tin. Bake for about 15 minutes.

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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 \$319 + 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



Swansea Public School Stationery Requirements for 2016

A list of stationery requirements that your child will need, in addition to the textbook fee and voluntary contribution, is listed below. Would you please ensure that your child is supplied with these items and replaced when necessary throughout the year. Please ensure that these items are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.


STUDENTS WILL COVER THEIR BOOKS AT SCHOOL

Kindergarten	Year One – No liquid paper	Year Two – No liquid paper
Library bag with name clearly labelled Plastic paint shirt 2 x large boxes tissues Old hand towel Packet of wet-ones Packet of whiteboard markers	Library bag Paint shirt 4 HB Pencils Coloured pencils Eraser Pencil Case 2 Large boxes of tissues 4 Glue Sticks (Bostik brand) - not pots of glue or glue pens Cylindrical pencil sharpener with case Scrapbook for homework Packet of whiteboard markers	Library bag Paint Shirt 8 HB Pencils – no novelty pencils Coloured pencils /Wind up crayons Eraser 2 different coloured highlighter pens Thin Textas - no more than 24 1 only Pencil Case (Large) 30cm Ruler (clear plastic - not bendy) 2 Large boxes of tissues 4 Glue Sticks (Bostik brand) - not pots of glue or glue pens Cylindrical pencil sharpener with case Scrapbook for homework 1 set earbud headphones - labelled (these are available from bargain shops for around \$3) Old hand towel
Year Three – No liquid paper	Year Four – No liquid paper	Stage 3 – No liquid paper
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