



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 3

- Tues 10/5: NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5) Language/Writing
AECG Full Members Meeting
Windale Public School 5pm
- Wed 11/5: NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5) Reading
High School Taster Lesson (Yr 6)
P&C Meeting, AGM. 6.30pm
- Thur 12/5: NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5) Numeracy
Peer Support
- Fri 13/5: Sport in School

Week 4

- Mon 16/5: Yrs 3 & 4 Camp
- Tues 17/5: Yrs 3 & 4 Camp
- Wed 18/5: Yrs 3 & 4 Camp
Zone Cross Country
- Thur 19/5: Senior Knights K/O
GRIP Leadership Workshop
- Fri 20/5: Sport in School
Walk Safely to School Day

Principal's Message

We hope everyone enjoyed a lovely Mothers Day. A big thank you to the parents who organised the stall and sale of gifts for the children.

P&C AGM – Wednesday 11 May at 6.30pm. All new and existing members welcome. See attached roles for the P&C.

Side Gate Access/Walkway Improvement - At the end of May, the current walkway between the toilets and the canteen will be removed and replaced with a brand new walkway. The current side entrance to the school will be closed when the fences are up for construction. All school access will be via the two front gates. Staff will now park on the channel side of the front entrance and parents will be able to park in the area near the pavilion to ensure easy access. We are currently closing this gate at times for safety reasons. We hope you will understand that safety is very important as we transition to the permanent closing of these gates except for deliveries and garbage pick-ups. All visitors to the school should be entering through the front gate and signing into the school office.

NAPLAN Assessment is being held this week for students in years 3 and 5. Please ensure your child arrives on time to avoid disruption to the class.

Stage 2 Camp - Students and staff are excitedly preparing for the camp next Monday to Wednesday at Morisset. We know they will have lots of fun.

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

Playing by the Rules

Assembly Awards

Term 2 Week 2

KA	Eli Johnson
KB	Johnathon Gray
1T	Dylan Sinclair
2/1G	Ryley Dews
2B	Jackson Bennett

Best Class KB



Peer Support

We are commencing our Peer Support lessons this week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Peer leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in the classroom.

We are working on a module called *Living Positively* helping us explore the concept of optimism. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in the group, agreeing on how they will work well together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about what it means to be optimistic.

We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week, as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.



COUNTDOWN TO STAGE 2 CAMP

Please be at school on Monday 16 May by 8:30am packed and ready to go.

We will be leaving school promptly at 9am.

We will be arriving back at school on Wednesday 18 May at approximately 2:15pm.



Hello everyone!

Our names are Trinity and D'Laney from 4/3D. We are doing a fundraiser for a great local animal rescue group called Newcastle Dog Rescue <www.newcastledogrescue.com.au>. We love our animals as part of our families and we think it is so sad to see so many dogs abandoned and ending up in the Pound. They all need and deserve a good home.

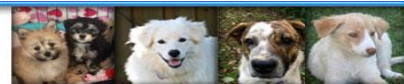
We decided to help Newcastle Dog Rescue because they save cats too. They have saved over 6000 dogs and 600 cats since beginning their charity. Dogs and cats are saved from being put down and loving people foster and look after these fur babies in their home until a good home can be found.

In the 5th week of this term, we will be having an Out of Uniform Day to raise money and donate things that can help animals in foster care such as food, old beds, towels and any pet supplies. We will provide more details closer to the date. Each week we will be putting some animal care information in the school newsletter, to help everyone be better animal carers.

Thanks for helping out animals in need.

Trinity and D'Laney.

Dog Rescue Newcastle



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. All change can be collected in the afternoon from the office.

Fri 13/5: Final payment Year 6 Shirt

Fri 20/5: Stage 3 Camp to Bathurst/Dubbo deposit due

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



finance system.



Dogs

A tan dog has entered the school grounds on two occasions in the last two weeks. We have made a report. If you recognize the dog, could you please let us know who the owner is and their contact details. Please let the owner know that their dog is escaping from their yard. The dog does not have a collar. Discuss with your children about approaching dogs that they do not know.



Head Lice

The dread head lice cycle has started. Please check your child's hair regularly. Notes went home yesterday to two classes.

Head lice The facts

Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.

- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

Treatment

- daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)
- school communities may need to hold 'check and treat' or Nitbuster days where everyone learns about and starts treatment on the same day. See the NSW Health website for more information about [Nitbusters](#) and for standard forms that schools can download and reproduce for organising a Nitbusters Day. These forms are also available in [translation](#).

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

Students leaving school grounds without permission

If a child leaves the school grounds without permission, the staff monitor the child from a distance and are usually not in plain sight. Staff are **NOT** allowed to leave the school grounds to follow a student. The parent is telephoned and the police are notified if the parent is unable to be contacted.



The simplest way

...to cook a delicious curry.

Lamb & Vegie Curry

Serves: 4

Top tip: Reduce the amount of meat and increase the vegetables – you'll save money and make the meal healthier. Applies to stir fries, curries, pizzas and mince dishes too.



Ingredients: 1 tsp olive oil; 2 tbsp curry paste; 1 medium brown onion, chopped; 2 cloves garlic, chopped; 300g diced lamb; 3 large carrot, cut into chunks; 250g button mushrooms; 400g tinned tomatoes, diced; 100g red lentils; 500ml reduced salt chicken stock; ½ cup fresh coriander.

Method: Heat oil in heavy-based pot and cook onion, garlic and curry paste until fragrant. Add lamb and brown over a high heat. Add tomatoes, stock, carrots, mushrooms and lentils and reduce the heat to simmer. Cook for about 1 hour with the lid on, stirring regularly until lamb is tender. Mix through coriander reserving a small amount for garnish. Serve with brown rice.

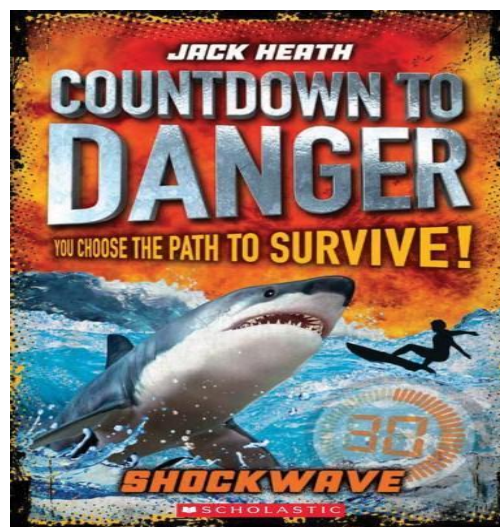
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New Books Coming to the Library



30 dangerous paths, 1 brave reader. 30 minutes to escape. YOU CHOOSE THE PATH TO SURVIVE. Will you survive, Or will you die?

You are swimming through the ocean, trying to escape dangerous mercenaries who have planted a bomb on the mainland. Behind you, getting closer, is the largest shark you've ever seen. An explosion rips out the shoreline and a massive wave flings you closer to the stunned shark's open mouth. You don't have much time and you need to get to land. Do you keep swimming, or do you climb onto the shark's back to ride to shore?

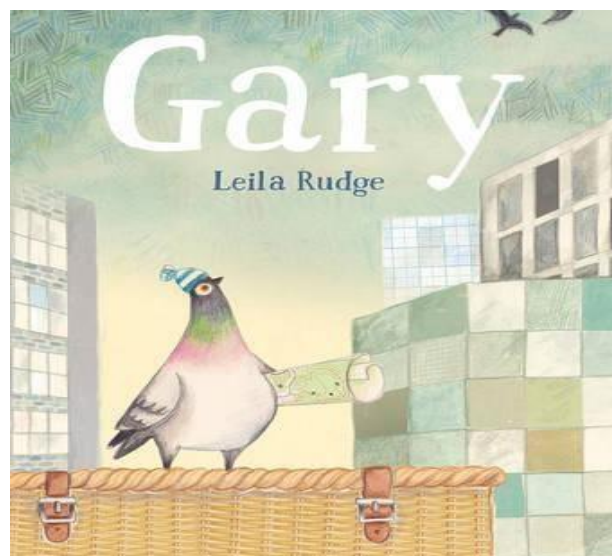
Swansea Fire Brigade Open Day

Saturday 21 May, 2016

Swansea Fire Station is holding its annual Open Day on Saturday 21 May, 2016 between 10am and 2pm.

Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station's fire truck, hold a fire hose and chat with firefighters about what they do.

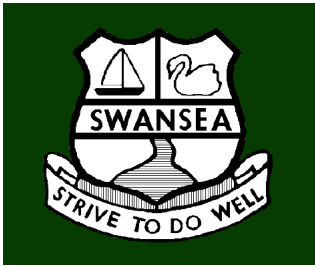
This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and with winter just around the corner, which is the worst time of year for house fires, this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety.



Any bird can find adventure. Even Gary.

Gary the pigeon can't fly. When his racing pigeon friends head off in their travel basket, Gary stays at home. He organises his scrapbook of travel mementos and dreams about the adventures the other pigeons are having. But when Gary accidentally ends up a very long way from home, he discovers that flying is not the only way to have adventures.





Swansea Public School P & C Association

Swansea Public School P & C Association aims to promote the interest of the school by bringing teachers, parents, grandparents, carers, students and the community together as one.

We are a group of community minded people who take on a more formal role to assist the school in providing:-

- * Facilities and equipment for the school via fundraising efforts
- * Providing additional resources to support and enhance student learning
- * Parents with opportunities to be involved in their child's education
- * Encourage parent participating in curriculum and other educational issues.
- * Share information to benefit the school community.

Only financial members are able to be elected and stand for a position. The cost is \$1.00 which is payable at the meeting. The positions and roles are as follows:-

President

- * The successful functioning of the P & C Association
- * The attainment of the P & C Association's objectives
- * Ensuring that the P & C Association takes part in decision making processes at the School
- * Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- * Supporting volunteers
- * Consistent adherence to the P & C Constitution
- * Acting as the P & C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- * Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- * Being a signatory on the Association's Bank Accounts
- * Chairing meetings
- * Ensuring the smooth and efficient running of the School Canteen and ensuring any decisions affecting the canteen are put to a meeting and voted on accordingly.
- * Participating in Kindergarten Orientation, presenting a speech and overview of the function of the P & C Association and encourage new parents to join
- * Ensure all volunteers particularly those working in the canteen have a current "working with children's check".
- * Responding to emails and correspondence
- * Preparation of policies and procedures including the social media policy, canteen and employment contracts
- * Maintain the P & C Association's facebook page
- * Represent the P & C Association in functions that are held outside the School.
- * Organisation and participation of fundraising events for the School.

It is really important the President becomes familiar with the school community which includes parents, teachers and local businesses in the area. The President is essentially the voice for the

parents, a representative for the School and as such has a responsibility to ensure that when making public statements they accurately reflect the views of the Association.

Vice President

- * To support the President
- * To step in for the President in the event that they are unable to fulfil their obligations
- * To oversee and support sub-committees in their specific duties and ensure they are aligned and consistent with the P & C Executive.

Secretary

- * To be responsible for carrying out the administrative task related to the decisions of the meetings as resolved
- * Prepare in consultation with the President all meeting agendas
- * Attend every association meeting and take notes of the discussion in order to produce accurate minutes
- * Receiving and tabling all correspondence as well as writing and dispatching outgoing correspondence as resolved/appropriate.
- * To issue notice of all meetings
- * Maintains official records of the P & C Association such as the constitution, by-laws, rules of sub-committees, ABN details, list of financial (voting) members, Minutes, Attendance book.

Treasurer

Whilst all P & C members must be mindful of complying with financial accountability requirements, this is the Treasurer's primary responsibility.

- * Receives and deposits monies, maintains records and draws cheques.
- * Provides a report in the form of an income and expenditure statement together with a reconciled bank statement at every P & C Meeting
- * Ensures that all funds held and handled by the P & C are properly and openly accounted for
- * Responsible for all funds held in the name of the P & C. This includes the canteen and any other P & C committees
- * A signatory on the P & C accounts and this responsibility cannot be delegated.
- * Encourage members to understand the state of the finances
- * Ensure books are kept up to date, record all financial transactions of the P & C Association
- * Financial management of the canteen including payment of all accounts from suppliers
- * Ensure books are kept up to date for the canteen and records are maintained
- * Ensure the Canteen Manager's weekly wage is paid
- * Ensure the Canteen Manager's superannuation is paid
- * Payment of all insurance including worker's compensation
- * Preparation of BAS Statements
- * Banking of canteen funds twice per week.
- * Banking of any fundraising money.
- * Ensure an auditor is appointed each year.

Events and Fundraising Committee

Traditionally this has not been the sole responsibility of one person but rather the whole P & C Association.

They co-ordinate and organise the raising of additional funds to support school facilities and learning programs.

In past years we have organised numerous events including:-

- * Family Fun Day
- * Cinema Under the Stars
- * Daniel Morcombe Day

It is difficult to come up with interesting and new fundraising ideas but it is imperative that this is organised as quickly as possible so you have a clear fundraising goal for the year.

Uniform Shop Coordinator

- * Opens one day per week for 2 hours in the morning from 8.30am - 10.30am
- * Opens the day prior to school returning each year.
- * The ordering and maintaining of all stock
- * Keeping accurate financial records
- * Stocktake once every 3 months
- * Preparation of a monthly report for the P & C Meeting
- * Open the uniform shop for Kindy Orientation
- * Request permission from the P & C Association if the order is over \$1,000.00

*We welcome and encourage new parents, carers and grandparents to join.
We are there for one reason - to support our beautiful school, the students and their education.*