



August 30, 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

Term 3

Week 7

- Tues 30/8: Collection of Spectacular tickets (see newsletter more information)
Wed 31/8: Spectacular rehearsal at school
Thur 1/9: Father and Friends Breakfast (7.30-9am)
Father's Day Stall
Fri 2/9: Jobquest - University visit

Week 8

- Mon 5/9: Spectacular full dress rehearsal at Swansea High School
Tues 6/9: Galgabba Spelling Bee at Swansea HS
Wed 7/9: School Spectacular 7.00pm

Week 9

- Mon 12/9: Kinder Parent Orientation 6.30pm
Tues 13/9: Kinder Parent Orientation 9.30am
Galgabba Soccer Gala Day – Stage 2
Wed 14/9: Stage 3 Bathurst/Dubbo Excursion
P&C Meeting 6.30

Week 10

- Wed 21/9: Touch Football Gala Day
Fri 23/9: Last day of term.

KidsMatter Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who completed our surveys.

Students

Analysis of our students surveys that generally speaking children are happy at school and they like coming to school. Some children said that they do not like themselves. Teachers will be addressing this issue over the coming weeks.

Staff

Staff feel that we provide a safe and inclusive learning environment and that we strongly value getting to know our students and their families. We feel that we can improve our relationships with our families and get a better understanding of our community.

Parents

There was a strong desire for more community education to help parents dealing with issues such as cyber bullying, child development and learning, children's well-being, bullying and resilience. We will run some extra workshops in these areas over the next 12 months. Please support the workshops so that we can continue to build on our relationships and develop knowledge to help our children be successful learners. We also urge parents to make an appointment to meet with us to discuss any concerns regarding their child. In 2017 we are considering holding family meetings with staff at the end of Term 1 so that we can meet our parents at the beginning of the year.

Stage 3 Parent & Student Excursion Meeting

On Tuesday 6 September we will be meeting in the Pavilion at 5.00pm to discuss the upcoming excursion. Camp expectation notes were sent home yesterday and need to be signed and returned to school ASAP.

Homework Centre

Homework Centre will finish this week and resume week 1 term 4

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

Being a Good Listener

KidsMatter

From our KidsMatter Parent surveys we have noted, that some parents are unsure of who to contact regarding issues with their child. The first person to contact is your child's teacher. If you can contact the office and leave your name, contact number and child's name, the teacher will ring you to make an appointment time. The school councillor comes to Swansea Public School on Thursdays. Please contact the Principal to organise a time to speak to Mr Doug Reidy. We have pamphlets in the office for family support services. Please speak to our friendly office staff, the class teacher or our Assistant Principals Mrs Dallaway Yrs 3-6 or Mrs Stewart K-2 after school.

PBL Rewards Day

Our PBL Rewards Day at the end of each term will be to reward our students for their positive behavior all term. Students who have been in the planning room will unfortunately not be considered for this day.

Binless School

Next term Swansea Public School will trial a Binless school EVERY Tuesday. Students will be encouraged to reduce packaging everyday- but especially on Tuesdays. If your child brings food wrapped or packaged, they will bring the packaging home in their lunchbox. Labelled containers are a great way to reduce packaging. Thank you for supporting this initiative.

SPECTACULAR

Tickets have almost sold out so be quick to
snatch up the last remaining tickets to

The Invasion of Swansea

They are on sale Tuesday – Friday in the Pavilion from 8.30-9.00am

All tickets that have been purchased were given out this morning, if you were unable to pick them up they will be with your eldest child to bring home today.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

The beginning of the Spectacular has a spooky, mysterious introduction with some scary music and children dresses as monsters roving through the audience. It may be a good idea to forewarn your toddlers who may be frightened by this and explain it is only part of the "acting" in the show.

Due to the size of the Spectacular Hall we will not be able to accommodate prams inside as the students use the aisles during their performance, we are seeking your cooperation in leaving prams outside on the night .

Looking forward to seeing you there on Wednesday 7 September.

The Spectacular Committee

Science and Engineering Challenge

Stage 3 students went with Mrs Rippon and Mrs Chensee to the Science and Engineering Challenge day at St Marys Gateshead. Students used paddle pop sticks, straws and lots of masking tape to build a tower to withstand an earthquake, a chair to hold a garden dog and cat statute, bridge to support a trolley and ingot bars. They also provided power to lots of buildings in a town using string and cables. Kyah Stewart and her team won the strongest bridge in the morning activity. Congratulations!

All the students had fun as they learnt team work and how to be an engineer for the day. Thank you to all our parent helpers and parents who helped with transport.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Chicken Pasta Bake

Ingredients:

2 large (about 500g) chicken breast fillets
 1 1/2 cups (175g) small dried penne pasta
 260g butternut pumpkin, seeded, peeled, cut into 2cm cubes
 1 cup (150g) frozen peas
 1 cup (70g) broccoli florets
 1 1/4 cups (310ml) tomato pasta sauce
 1/2 cup (40g) coarsely grated light cheddar

Method:

Step 1

Preheat grill on high. Cook the chicken under grill for 6-7 minutes each side or until cooked through. Set aside for 10 minutes to cool slightly. Coarsely chop and place in a large bowl.

Step 2

Meanwhile, cook the pasta following packet directions until al dente.

Step 3

Cook the pumpkin in a large saucepan of boiling water for 10 minutes. Add the peas and broccoli and cook for a further 1 minute or until tender.

Step 4

Preheat oven to 180°C. Combine the chicken, pasta, pumpkin mixture and pasta sauce in a large bowl. Divide among four 2-cup (500ml) capacity ovenproof dishes. Sprinkle the cheddar over each dish. Bake for 15 minutes or until heated through.

Chirp! Chirp! Chirp! What's that we hear?

A big thank you to the wonderful families that adopted our little chicks. We are missing them already but know they have gone to good homes and will be well looked after.

We hope you have many yummy eggs for breakfast in the future.

Nat Body



Swansea Public School
Kindergarten 2017

We would like to invite families with children starting Kindergarten in 2017 to visit our school, take a tour and enrol your child.

Our first Kindergarten parent meeting is on Monday September 12 at 6:30pm or Tuesday September 13 at 9:30am.

Please contact our school for more information.

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 Rawson St, Swansea e. swansea-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
 NSW 2281 w. www.swansea-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

 facebook.com/SwanseaPublicSchool/events



Library News

A Big THANKYOU to everyone who participated in our annual Book Fair/Book Parade. It really was a great event and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Thank you to all those who purchased books at the Book Fair. The Library Monitors had a successful time selling second hand books, managing their own float and by the end of the day had raised \$90. What a great effort!

Thank you to Mrs Melville and Ms Body for coming to school early to help with the morning rush. It was much busier than last year so the extra help was great!

A big thank you to Sharon Worley and Alexie Meiners who volunteered their whole day to helping out in the Library. It was a very busy day and their help was invaluable.

Thank you so much!

Mrs Clack, Hannah, Bella and Parka, Harper, Tanah and Kyah Stewart all stayed after school to help me pack up the left over books. It took a long time and I am very grateful for their help. Thankyou!

As the photos are still coming in I will have a little section in future newsletter called, "Book Week Memories". Here are some photos to enjoy.

Thanks again for a wonderful day!

Dr N. Henry



How parents and carers can help

- Tell your children stories to help them to develop a strong cultural identity and share a sense of pride in your culture.
- Talk to children about the Australian cultural values you appreciate. This will help them see how they can be part of both cultures.
- Seek support and advice from people you trust. Talking with relatives and friends who understand your values can help you think through the different problems you might face as a parent.
- You can contact your child's school if you have any questions about your child or their education. Schools welcome questions from parents and carers.
- Take an active interest in activities at your child's school. Get to know your child's teacher and look for ways to get involved at school, for example, by helping in the classroom or by joining parent working groups.
- If children complain of being teased or bullied, be sure to tell your child's teacher so the school can take action to stop it.



Things schools can do

- Provide opportunities for students to express and listen to different people and their cultural perspectives to develop respect for and appreciation of diversity.
- Talk to parents, carers and families about their cultural values and needs.
- Respect individual differences – don't assume that membership of a cultural group means everyone has the same values and needs.
- Invite family members into the classroom to observe and participate.
- Promote and model inclusive behaviour, for instance, by providing information and school correspondence in a number of appropriate languages for parents and carers.
- Work with interpreters or multilingual aids to ensure accurate communication with parents or carers whose English language skills are limited.
- Encourage social opportunities for parents, carers and families to support and learn from each other.
- Link families with local services to provide culturally-appropriate support and assistance.

The following websites may be of interest

About diversity:

www.cyh.com

Translated materials on parenting:

www.kidscount.com.au

Raising children in a different culture:

www.raisingchildren.net.au

Waratah Skills Clinic 7th September.

NSW Waratahs and Macquarie Sports are partnering to produce the "Macquarie Bank Rugby clinic being held at Maitland Rugby Club".

The Macquarie Bank skills clinic details are as follows;

Date: 7/09/2016

Time: 4.30pm / 6pm

Students: 5-14 year olds

The Macquarie Sports' Rugby clinic aims are to;

Provide young Australians with a quality sporting experience through coaching clinics featuring qualified NSW Waratahs development staff coaching participant's fundamental skills and drills.

What the Kids Will Get;

Children will receive coaching and guidance from current NSW Waratahs

development staff and NSW Waratah players including: Jed Hollaway, Harry Jones & Hugh Roach

BUT WAIT THERE IS MORE!!

As well as receive a free Gilbert Rugby Union Football, delicious BBQ, and an opportunity to meet with NSW Waratahs players competing in the NRC competition.

If you're interested in participating please click onto the following link to be a part of this exciting and limited opportunity.

<https://www.trybooking.com/221404>

MEET A
NSW WARATAHS
PLAYER!

NSW WARATAHS
SUPER 7s **RUGBY CAMPS**

**TELL ME
MORE!**
UT-UIA CAMPS

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
26TH - SYDNEY NORTH	5TH - TAMWORTH
29TH - NEWCASTLE	6TH - CENTRAL COAST
29TH - SYDNEY WEST	7TH - MUDGEE

**NEW SOUTH WALES
WARATAHS**

NSWRUGBY.COM.AU/CAMPS

