



Week 8, Tuesday, November 28, 2017

NEWSLETTER WEEK 8 TERM 4

Food Drive

We are holding our FOURTH food drive. Last year, we collected enough food to help at least 30 local families. This year we would love to help even more people but we need your help!

We will be collecting non-perishable food items like breakfast cereals, long-life milk, baked beans, rice, pasta, jams & spreads, soups and canned foods that are not out of date.

The New Hope Community Church at Caves Beach will distribute the donations to families in need.

There is a box in the Office if you would like to help us with a donation!
The Clack Family



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

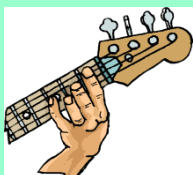
Planning is well underway for 2018. Staff have been working on the 2018 – 2020 School Plan which focuses on student engagement, expert teaching and strong community partnerships.

This is certainly an exciting time for the school as we unpack the school vision statement – At Swansea Public School we have a growth mindset where everybody can connect, succeed and thrive. This vision, developed in consultation with the community, staff and students, captures the wonderful work done from the last plan and sets a path for the future.

As part of our planning Mrs Sandra Patterson will return as Principal and I have accepted the Principal's role at Dudley Public School. I have enjoyed working closely with the students, staff and community of Swansea Public School and look forward to seeing your successes in the future.

Guitar Message

Rockcave
make-up lesson
will be this Wed
29th Nov at 2 pm



PBL

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) team is meeting this Thursday to finalise changes for 2018. These changes will be presented to the P&C and will be outlined in the school newsletter. Watch this space!



Supporting your child's learning at home

Active learning

Exploring vocabulary, probability, area and time through sport

Topic: Sports and games **Year level:** Years 3-4

Capability: Literacy, Numeracy

Talking about sport with your child gives you lots of chances to build vocabulary and math skills. Here are a few things you can practise with your child as you play and talk about sport together:

- using prepositions – e.g. describing where the ball went (past the goal, through my legs, over his head, onto the roof)
- turning verbs into nouns – e.g. bowl/bowler, pass/passing, tackle/tackling
- understanding chance – e.g. the chance of a coin landing on heads, the chance of rolling a six on the dice, the chance of scoring a goal
- estimating area – e.g. of the swimming pool, sports field, netball court or dance studio
- talking about time – e.g. how long a game is played, how much time is left in the match
- adding up time – e.g. how much time your child spends on sport / music / other outside-school activities each week
- using fractions – e.g. how many quarters have been played in the football match, how many quarters remain.



2018

The first day of school for **ALL** students will be

Tuesday 30th January

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students. Kindergarten students should arrive at 9.45am and be picked up at 2.30pm on the first day.

For the remainder of week 1 Kindergarten will start at 9am and finish at 2.45pm.

Normal school hours (9-3) will commence for Kindergarten students from week 2.

Please return your
2017 Annual Presentation
permission slip to the
Office by:
Monday 4 December



Calendar Term 4

Week 8

- Mon 27/11: Intensive Swimming Program
20 Nov- 1 Dec 2017
- Tues 28/11: Infants & Recorder Christmas Performance
- Wed 29/11: Infants & Recorder Christmas Performance
- Thu 30/11: Transition to School – Picnic Day
Session #4 9.30-10.30am
- Fri 1/12: Last Day of Canteen Sales

Week 9

- Tue 5/12: Volunteer Breakfast 8.15am
Scripture Christmas Performance 9am
Hello High School
- Wed 6/12: Reading & Gold Award Assembly 9am
Year 6 Farewell
- Thu 7/12: Swansea Library Visit K-2
- Fri 8/12: Presentation Day

Week 10

- Mon 11/12: Infants Christmas Performance
- Tue 12/12: Rewards Day
- Fri 15/12: Talent Quest K – 6



WELCOME LIVINIA MCARTHUR

We have our former student, Livinia McArthur at Swansea Public School this week on work experience. Livinia is in Year 10 at the Hunter School of Performing Arts and is aspiring to be a teacher in the future. The students are enjoying having 'Miss M' visiting their classrooms.



Congratulations Scarlett T in KB

Scarlett was selected to compete at **'The National Cheerleading Championships in Melbourne.'**

The competition is the pinnacle of competitive cheerleading in Australia and there are 14 000 competitors attending and competing for the National Title. Competitive Cheerleading is a 'team sport' and Scarlett, along with her team, has 'been training tirelessly for the whole year for this event'. Swansea Public School wishes Scarlett all the best for her competition! What an experience for a Kindergarten student!

Thank you to East Coast Allstars for providing the information.



Kindergarten Orientation

A fantastic, fun morning was had by all! Year 5 enjoyed the morning with their Kindergarten buddies and did an amazing job helping them through the obstacle course. Families were then able to find common areas around the school together on the treasure hunt.

Term 4 Week 8

**Thursday
30th November
9.30-10.30am**

Picnic Day!

A fun picnic will be held near the fixed equipment area.

Come along on our last orientation session to continue meeting and making friends with the children and families of our Kindergarten for 2018.

We look forward to another fun morning this Thursday!



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TERM 4

UPCOMING EVENTS

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
|----------------|---|---|--|--|---|---------|
| Week 6 | 20 Nov Intensive Swim Scheme 20Nov-1Dec | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25/26 |
| Week 7 | 27 | 28 Xmas Performance @ LM Support Service 10am (K-2 & Recorder Group) | 29 Xmas Performance @ Retirement Village 9.15am (K-2 & Recorder Group) | 30 Final Kinder 2018 Orientation 9.30-10.30am | 1 Dec LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN SALES | 2/3 |
| Week 8 | 4 CANTEEN CLOSED 4 th -15 th DEC | 5 Scripture Xmas Concert 9am Volunteer Breakfast 8.15am Hello High School (Year 6) | 6 Year 6 Farewell @ Belmont Golf Club Reading & Gold Award Assembly 9.30am | 7 Swansea Library Excursion (K-2) | 8 Presentation Day @ Swansea High School 10am Reports go home today | 9/10 |
| Week 9 | 11 Xmas Performance @ Workers Club 10.20am (K-2) | 12 Rewards Day | 13 | 14 Party Day | 15 Talent Quest K - 6 Last day for Students Have a Safe & happy holiday | 16/17 |
| Week 10 | 18 Staff Development Day NO STUDENTS | 19 Staff Development Day NO STUDENTS | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23/24 |

