



Week 9, Tuesday, December 5th, 2017

Due to enrolled children's life threatening anaphylactic allergic reactions to eggs, 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, not or chocolate bars or any products containing any type of nuts.

NEWSLETTER WEEK 9 TERM 4

Calendar Term 4

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
Rock Cave Performance
- 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
- Fri 15/12 Last day of Term 4 for students

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today we celebrated the wonderful work our volunteers do in all areas of our school. We are very lucky to have parent, caregivers and community who give up their time to enrich the lives of our students and support the teachers in the classrooms. Our staff are very appreciative of the help they receive and this morning's breakfast was just a small gesture to show our thanks.

Friday is our Annual Presentation Day where we will recognise the outstanding achievements of our students. It is wonderful to celebrate a fantastic year of learning.

We will also acknowledge students with excellent home reading records and our Gold Awards winners on Wednesday morning.

I wish all families a wonderful and safe break over the Christmas period and know that the students will enjoy the break and come back with that love of learning. I would also like to thank the staff, students, parents, caregivers and community for making my time at Swansea Public School so rewarding. I will watch with interest to see all you achieve in the coming years.

Uniform Shop

This week only!!!!

Open

Friday 8th Dec
8:40 am to 9:40 am



Reading and Gold Award Assembly



Tomorrow
WEDNESDAY 6th Dec
at 9:30 am
Parents/Carers are
welcome to join us



**Important School Bus message
on page 4 don't miss it!**



Swimming for Primary Sport



Food Drive
Last day Fri 8th DEC



We are collecting non-perishable food items. 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

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.

Rock Cave Guitar Lesson

Monday 4th Dec



Rock Cave Performance
Wed 6 Dec at 9:30 am



Rock Cave Guitar Lesson
Monday 11th Dec at 2 pm

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Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.

In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing grade bands i.e. going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Students enquiring about pending cancellation should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update details/make application for next year's entitlement

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure your entitlement is updated and your current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued

Please note: Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply (the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students in the Opal area applying for a SSTS or TBP entitlement for the first time will receive their card (posted to the nominated address) a week or two before the commencement of 2018 classes, they are not posted in 2017 or during the Christmas / New Year period.



Stage 2 Christmas Lunch



On Friday students got to taste the rewards from their school gardening efforts and a delicious cake from Mrs Lundy.



Kindergarten Transition Picnic Day



Thank you to all our Kindergarten 2018 families who attended the Transition Sessions. We are looking forward to welcoming your children next year!

Volunteers Breakfast



Thanks!

*thank you
for your
help!*



Supporting your child's learning at home

All about pets

Researching, observing and documenting pets

Topic: Pets

Year level: Years 1-2

Capability: Literacy, Numeracy



Pets are a great focus for practising literacy and numeracy skills, even if you don't own one yourself! Here are a few ways your child can have some pet-based fun and learning:

- play 'What Pet am I?' guessing games. If your child is finding it easy, make it more challenging by choosing an unusual (or crazy!) pet – e.g. an axolotl (Mexican walking fish), or a lion cub!
- find out about a pet that they are interested in – what food it likes, how to take care of it, where it comes from. Help your child find books at the library, or search for information on the internet.
- compare the food for a particular pet with human food. Would it be healthy for you to eat? Would your food be healthy for your pet? If you buy packaged pet food, read the ingredients list.
- collect data about your pet – e.g. how much they eat each day, how much they exercise, how many times they need to 'go outside'
- create a pet diary with photos and text to show your pet's life, and how they change over time (especially with baby animals!)
- make a chart of all the jobs involved in taking care of your pet, and who does them. Who does the most work?
- make a chart showing your friends and family and the pets they own. What type of pet is the most common?





Christmas Comes to our Village With a Visit from Swansea Public School

There was a real buzz of excitement in the air when the children from Swansea Public School arrived to entertain us with their fantastic Christmas Concert. The children were dressed in a wonderful range of Christmas themed clothes – a riot of red and white, punctuated with green; ribbons, bows and tinsel, Santa hats and reindeer antlers, T-shirts sporting Christmas trees and fun messages but most noticeable were the delightful happy faces of the children.

Their MC Jesse introduced the school's recorder band as they patiently waited to play *Softly Falls the Rain*, *Amazing Grace*, *Soul Sister*, *Saints Go Marching In*, *Silent Night* (with its intricate finger work that must have been a real challenge for the pupils) and *Jingle Bells*. Their teacher Ms Tonkin can be proud of her group and is to be congratulated on writing up the huge music sheets that gave the pupils any cues they might need.

Cheeky Elf Dilara warned us of the dangers of Christmas in Santa's workshop through to the natural events that might follow well fed reindeers as they fly through the skies – maybe we should be wary of eating any fudge offered us by cheeky imps! She also suggested we be tolerant of snowmen playing Happy Birthday and Easter bunnies that might emerge during the festive season – some creatures just get confused.

2IG thrilled us with their upbeat lively, jivey dance routines that had us all tapping our feet. Wow kids – your energy throughout left us breathless.

It was a joy to listen to the entire school singing *Santa's On the Roof and Coming Down the Chimney*, *You Better Watch Out* and the perennial *Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer*.

The speed with which the children had three quite large trees in situ for their performance of *Rocking Around the Christmas Tree* was most professional as was their singing and rocking and dancing.

My cheeks were already aching with the sheer joy of watching a great show when all the school stood, many with percussion bells, to sing *Happy Christmas to You from Me* while residents were tempted by some pupils with their baskets of sweet treats.

Their finale of *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* had us echoing their words for indeed the residents of Swansea wish the pupils and staff of Swansea a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our skilled resident artist Colin Braithwaite created two impressive oil paintings for the school. Our talented glass painters can be justifiably proud of the lovely book marks they presented to each and every student – a gift they could look forward to receiving when they were back at the school.

I watched the children begin their walk home holding hands with their buddy. It was a joy to see that they too had enjoyed their time with us.

Congratulations to each and every pupil – your contribution to the concert made sure we began our Christmas Season in good spirit.

Penny Nicoll - Swansea Retirement Village



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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to enjoy a healthy holiday season.

You can still enjoy treats this holiday season, just don't forget it's all about moderation and aiming for two serves of fruit + five serves of veg every day.

At family dinners or barbecues with friends try these healthier choices:

- Try veggie sticks with veggie dip as a starter. Fill up on healthier foods first.
- Snack on roasted chickpeas or popcorn, and baked veggie chips.
- Make sure half your lunch or dinner plate is filled with veggies or tasty summer salads.
- Serve a big bowl of fruit salad or fruit kebabs alongside dessert.



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SUMMER

holiday activities



Tuesday 2 January

Learn to Swim
Charlton, West Wolland
or Swansea Swim Centres
4-day program (8+ years) \$44

Wednesday 3 January

Wildlife Wednesday
Swansea Swim Centre
under \$4 (5-17 years) \$7.50

Thursday 4 January

Little Bang Discovery Club
Cardiff Library (4 sessions
(each Thursday)) (3-6 years)
\$80 member, \$95 non-member

Friday 5 January

Ozobots
Toronto Library (8-12 years) free

Dinosaur roar storyline
Swansea Library (3-6 years) free

Aquatic Challenger
Speers Point Swim Centre
6+ years* (\$2.50 each, \$5 family)

Monday 8 January

Learn to Swim
Charlton, West Wolland
or Swansea Swim Centres
4-day program (8+ years) \$44

Newsprint Animal Art
Speers Point Library
4-8 years | free

**Pokemon Trading Card
Game workshop**
Belmont Library (6-9 years) free

Tuesday 9 January

Pirate School
The Rover, Memorial Hall Park,
Cockshaw Street, Redhead
4-8 years | free

Kayak on the lake
Wang Wang (10+ years*) \$35 each

Brilliant Beach Bags
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
7+ years | \$20

Kayak on the lake
Morruga Beach
10+ years* | \$35 each

Hit the Road
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
12-16 years | \$25

Shark Facts
Charlton Library
10+ years | free

Wednesday 10 January

Sea Caves Exploration
Caves Beach (5+ years*) free

Whimsical Watercraft
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
7+ years | free

Wildlife Wednesdays
Charlton Swim Centre
under \$4 (5-17 years) \$7.50

Creatures of the night
Glennbrook State Conservation Area
8+ years* | free

**High seas adventure
storytime**
Mortland Library (3-6 years) free

Thursday 11 January

Be safe at the beach
Caves Beach (7+ years*) | free

Rainbow art
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
3-6 years* | \$10

**Maitland Riverlights
lantern workshop**
Charlton Library | all ages | free

**Discovering Dinosaurs
to Dodos**
Swansea Library (6-10 years)
\$5 members, \$7 non-members

Board Stories
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
11-14 years | \$20

Comic chat
Toronto Library (11-16 years) | free

Disc golf at Rathmines
Rathmines Disc Golf Course
10+ years* | free

Friday 12 January

Be safe at the beach
Caves Beach (7+ years*) | free

Aquatic Challenger
Speers Point Swim Centre
6+ years* (\$2.50 each, \$5 family)

Saturday 13 January

**Sand sculpting workshop
and competition**
Redhead Beach | all ages* | free

Aquatic Challenger
Swansea Swim Centre
6+ years* (\$2.50 each, \$5 family)

Sunday 14 January

Aquatic Challenger
Swansea Swim Centre
6+ years* (\$2.50 each, \$5 family)

Monday 15 January

Learn to Swim
Charlton, West Wolland
or Swansea Swim Centres
4-day program (8+ years) \$44

Junior fishing clinic
Speers Point Public Jetty
8-14 years | \$40

**Maitland Riverlights
lantern workshop**
Mortland Library | all ages | free

Superhero storyline
Edgeworth Library
3-6 years | free

**Crafty Kids:
paddle pop stick art**
Windale Library (8+ years) | free

**Interwoven
(Aboriginal weaving)
overlooking the Lake**
Green Point Foreshore Reserve
3-6 years* and 7+ years* | free

Tuesday 16 January

**Show and tell on the
geology of the lake**
Green Point Foreshore Reserve
7+ years* | free

Marble mazes
Belmont Library (8+ years) | free

African drumming
Speers Point Park (6+ years) | free

Pirate School
The Rover, Community Hall
Reserve, Wyee (4-8 years) | free

Skateboard stencils
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
7+ years | free

Wednesday 17 January

Wildlife Wednesday
Speers Point Swim Centre
under \$4 (5-17 years) \$7.50

**Insight into snakes -
kids workshop**
Mortland Library (6+ years) | free

African drumming
Speers Point Park (6+ years) | free

**The Chalk Rainbow -
meet the author**
Speers Point Library
3-7 years | free

**Gondwana Fossil
forest ramble**
Dudley Beach (5+ years*) | free

Brilliant beach bags
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
7+ years | \$20

Thursday 18 January

Aquatic Challenger
Speers Point Swim Centre
6+ years* (\$2.50 each, \$5 family)

JO's World of Magic
Charlton Library | all ages
\$8 members, \$10 non-members

Down chorus walk
Belmont Lagoon
10+ years* | free

Rainbow art
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
3-6 years* | \$10

Rock pool ramble
Swansea Heads (5+ years*) | free

Friday 19 January

Dinosaur roar storyline
Swansea Library (3-6 years) | free

**Over and out - two-way
radio workshop**
Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie
Pelican Base (14+ years) | free

Try sailing on the Lake
Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto
10+ years* | free

Rockpool ramble
Swansea Heads (5+ years*) | free

Saturday 20 January

Pirate School
The Rover, Reserve in the Circle,
Rathmines (4-8 years) | free

Learn to SUP
Wurmars Bay (8+ years) | \$5

Lake Mac Festival of Surfing
Redhead Beach | all ages | free
continues on Sunday 21 January

Monday 22 January

Learn to Swim
Charlton, West Wolland
or Swansea Swim Centres
4-day program (8+ years) \$44

Seagress seanter
Wang Wang (5+ years*) | free

**Interwoven
(Aboriginal weaving)
overlooking the Lake**
Green Point Foreshore Reserve
3-6 years* and 7+ years* | free

**Digby and the Yodelayhees...
Who? - Meet the author**
Cardiff Library (3-6 years) | free

**Crafty kids -
paddle pop stick art**
Wang Wang Library
5+ years | free

Tuesday 23 January

Creatures of the night
Avalabel Nature Reserve
8+ years* | free

Planetarium
Belmont Library (6+ years)
\$10 members, \$12 non-members

Beach fun storyline
Widdie Library (3-6 years) | free

Wednesday 24 January

Wildlife Wednesdays
West Wolland Swim Centre
under \$4 (5-17 years) \$7.50

**Discovering Dinosaurs
to Dodos**
Swansea Library (6-10 years)
\$5 members, \$7 non-members

Harry Potter trivia
Mortland Library (8-12 years) | free

Surf sculpture
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
7+ years | free

Insight into snakes
Cameron Park Community Centre
12+ years | free

Thursday 25 January

Ozobots
Speers Point Library
8-12 years | free

Friday 26 January

Lake Mac Festival
Speers Point Park | all ages | free



* must be competent swimmer
* children must be accompanied by an adult

Bookings
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TERM 4

UPCOMING EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 10	11 Xmas Performance @ Workers Club 10.20am (K-2)	12 Rewards Day	13	14 Pool Party	15 Talent Quest K - 6 Last day for Students Have a Safe & happy holiday	16/17
Week 11	18 Staff Development Day NO STUDENTS	19 Staff Development Day NO STUDENTS	20	21	22	23/24

PBL

Stay tuned to next weeks' newsletter for the unveiling of the name of our PBL bee.....

