



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.

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

Positive Affirmation

If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

- Dr. Wayne Dyer

Swansea Public School

Office Open

8.30am-3.15pm

Swansea Public School

P&C Uniform Shop

Located next to the library

Open Tuesday mornings

8.40-9.40am.

Cash or cheque payments only

Swansea Public School

P&C

Meetings held 2nd Wed of each month at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

Swansea Public School Canteen

Open

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri
8.30-2.00pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today we raised funds for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance to help the wonderful work they do for children with the condition. It is an organisation we have had a long association with through one of the students at our school. We raised approx. \$250 for the association that will go to programs for children in our area. I am always proud of the inclusive nature of our community and the way they support each other. As part of the day NBN came and interviewed Isabella about her fundraising and living with the condition. This is wonderful recognition for the work Isabella does in raising awareness.

We have had an increasing number of cases of Influenza A and other illness amongst staff and students. To help us keep well could you please keep your child at home if they are unwell.

On Thursday Mrs Chensee and Miss Welch will travel to Tacking Point Public School in Port Macquarie to participate in the STEM Action Project Conference. This is an exciting opportunity for our staff and students to continue to develop future focused skills in STEM. A significant part of the 2015-2017 School Plan has looked at providing enrichment opportunities for our students. This occurs through the partnerships we make and the learning our staff do in their own time. The commitment of all staff to ensuring they continue to improve their professional practice is a wonderful asset to the school and its students.

We look forward to having breakfast with the significant men in our students lives as we hold our annual Bloke's Breakfast. If you have returned your rsvp, we look forward to seeing you on Friday morning.

SHOWCASE GALCAPP 2017

The performance will be held on Wednesday night 20 September at Swansea High School starting at 6.30pm. Doors open at 6pm.

Tickets go on sale from Monday 4 September and can be purchased from the school office. Tickets are \$5 each or \$15 for a family (2 adults, 2 children).

BLOKES BREAKFAST

We will be having our annual Bloses Breakfast this Friday 1 September at 8.00am. A note was sent home with an expression of interest that will need to be returned to the school tomorrow Wednesday 30 August.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

What's the buzz this week?

Focus: Following Teacher Directions

Gotcha!

All teachers continue to be on the lookout at assembly times to spot students being ready for the second bell by sitting in lines, facing the front and being ready to listen- showing the 3 Bs. Congratulations Swansea PS, it has been a great success. **WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOUR IMPROVED BEHAVIOUR!**

This week our focus is on all students following teacher directions. We hope to spot you!

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The response from the PBL surveys was fantastic! The feedback was valuable and appreciated. The results from the community survey have been discussed with the whole staff and it was extremely helpful in helping us plan and decide where to take Swansea PS to next with our Positive Behaviour for Learning.

Major adjustments and changes will occur at the start of next year so it is not too late to have your say! We are still accepting surveys at the school office. We are a team and we need everyone involved to help make our school an even better place to be!

At Swansea Public School we would like to give a shout out to Darlene Petersen.

A big thank you for your tireless efforts in fundraising for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance and raising awareness within our school community.



CANBERRA EXCURSION

Our Stage 3 excursion to Canberra is fast approaching. Final payments due Wednesday 30 August. Please ensure that you have returned Camp Expectation note and Permission to watch PG movies.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Swansea Public School will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn that begins this week. Children will be able to collect the stickers and stick onto sticker sheets and return the sheet to the school and place in the box in the office foyer. The school earns fantastic resources from Modern Teaching Aids.



NAPLAN School Readiness Test

Our school will be undertaking a NAPLAN 'school readiness' test in Week 8 this term. The test will provide an opportunity for the school to ensure that we have resources and systems in place to make a smooth transition to an online platform. Mr Gaul and Mrs Welch have been trained to deliver the new NAPLAN format at our school.

You can find more information about NAPLAN online at www.nap.edu.au, including a public demonstration site.

Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in online practice tests on Monday September 4 and Tuesday September 5. As the purpose of this test is to assess our resources and systems, no test results will be received by the school or sent to families.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the NAPLAN online trial or the transition to NAPLAN online in 2018.

Mr Gaul and Mrs Welch - NAPLAN Online Co-ordinators



Gyoza

These lovely fried dumplings are a Japanese favourite but you should experiment with the fillings and make your own special fillings.

Traditionally they are made of a mixture of pork mince, garlic, ginger, finely shredded cabbage and soy sauce but we are not in Japan so....make up your own filling.

The general rule is 50% protein to 50% vegetable.

Dumpling sheets are sold in the cheese aisle of the local stores. The round ones are the first choice.



What to do

Shred your vegies, finely chop the ginger and garlic or use the ready made minced jars.

Mix in your mince and soy sauce (or seasoning of your own) using your hands until it is all combined.

Place about a teaspoon into your gyoza case, fold it in half and pinch the edges together. To cook.

Add sesame oil to the pan and heat it until it is quite hot.

Place Gyoza thick side down with folded edge at the top.

Fry until the bases of the gyoza are slightly golden,

Then add a cup of water to the pan and put the lid on.

Let it steam until the water has evaporated and the gyoza are soft to touch.

Serve with a dipping sauce of choice.

Traditionally half soy sauce, half vinegar with a dash of chilli oil.

You kids will love helping to make them and will love eating them too.



Father's Day Stall

The P & C Association will hold a Father's Day Stall on **Wednesday, 30 August 2017**. All gifts are priced between \$1.00 and \$10.00.

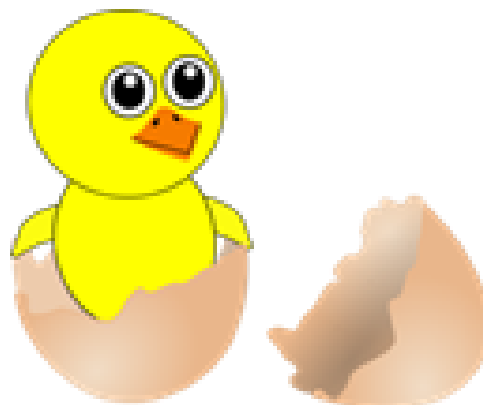
Please note one gift per child. If there are gifts leftover there will be an opportunity to buy a second gift at lunch.

Parents if you can spare a few hours on the day to help run the Father's Day Stall we would love to welcome you. For further information please contact Kylie Stevens on 0459 862 359.



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

Henny Penny Hatching is here! The hatchery will be here until Friday 1st September. Families are welcome to call in and visit the hatchery in KB (Room 1) before or after school on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. If you would like to adopt one of our chicks, please see Ms Body for more information and to register your name. Come and see the chicks!



EXCITING NEWS!

The Young Peoples Theatre Newcastle (Drama/Acting School) are lucky enough to have two fabulous students from Swansea Public School. Dilara Peacock Kurt and Archer Nicolas-Canning.

Both students attend Saturday morning classes year round and have recently auditioned and secured a role in the upcoming production of "Disney's Jungle Book".

Dilara: Colonel Hathi and Archer: Sassy monkey. Congratulations

Both students should be very proud of their efforts as it takes A LOT of commitment and dedication outside of school hours.

If you would like to come and watch the show, dates and ticket information are below. There are 8 performances, 2 casts, so make sure you select one of the dates listed below.

DILARA AND ARCHER WILL PERFORM THEIR 4 SHOWS ON:

Saturday 18th November 2017 5pm Show

Saturday 25th November 2017 2pm Show

Sunday 26th November 2017 2pm Show

Saturday 9th December 2017 5pm Show

YPT Office & Box Office Hours

Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm

Phone 4961 5345

Email ypt@ypt.org.au

Website ypt.org.au

YPT Ticket Policy

YPT has a 24 hour Box Office service!!

Online tickets can be purchased through the YPT website and Facebook (ypt.org.au)

Tickets must be paid for at the time of booking - this also applies to phone ticket sales.

Phone bookings can be made (Ph 4961 4895) during Office Hours using a Visa or MasterCard

Ticket Gift Certificates are available at the Box Office





BOOK PARADE 2017







ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE

CBCA BOOK WEEK 19-26 AUGUST 2017

Book Week/Parade and Fair 2017

What a great day we all had last Thursday!!

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who attended. I hope you had as much fun as the students and staff of Swansea Public School! Many brand new and second hand books were purchased, helping our school purchase new resources for the Library. Thank you for your support. I would like to send a big thank you to the following people, who purchased a book and donated to our school library;

Maddison and Makayla Grech, Allissa and Tyler Ebersold, Katie Clark, Myra and Dilara Peacock, Ava Blackshaw, The Clack family and Isabella Peterson.

I would also like to thank Mrs Melville, Mrs Clack, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Grech for coming in early to help sell books in the morning. Mr Brook's help throughout the day was very much appreciated.

A shout out to my Book Parade musical directors Jesse Crouch and Lachlan Gibson, our wonderful school captains and Mrs Carey for assisting throughout the parade. I'm very relieved I do not have to judge the best costume competition as there are so many to choose from.

Thank you for all your kind words and to all those parents and carers who sought me out to tell me what a great day they had. Here is the poem I read and promised to share.

Dr N. Henry

I Opened a Book

"I opened a *book* and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.
I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bends
To the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a *book* inside me."

— Julia Donaldson



MARKS POINT PUBLIC COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP!



Everybody
welcome!

Beginning 3rd August 2017

Thursday afternoons

2pm-3pm

Marks Point Public School
Community Hall

Lots of great stories,
toys, craft sessions,
activities and fun!

Literacy groups with
Family Insight-
puppets, felt and
interactive stories

Come along for a chat and a play.

For more information contact Marks
Point Public School:

02 4945 4433

Markspoint-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



BABY BEACHES

GREATER RUGBY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

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PARTICIPATION PACK

Each child will receive food and
drink after each session, as well
as a certificate and participation
pack including:

- Greater Shoe String Kit Bag
- Greater Squeeze Rugby Ball
- Greater Water Bottle
- Greater Sunscreen
- Greater \$5 Life Saver Account
- GRRAB & Rhino T-Shirt



PROGRAM DETAILS

Professionally run introduction into
Sport & Rugby for boys and girls
aged 3 to 8.

Children will develop:

- Gross Motor Sports Skills.
- Movement Skills for Rugby
and Sports.
- Modified Game Skills.

LOCATION

1A Willow Rd,
Gateshead
NSW 2290

DATES

4-Week Program
FRIDAYS
6.00pm - 7.00pm

- 1st September
- 8th September
- 15th September
- 22nd September



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SALE ON FOR 4 WEEKS ONLY



Swansea Caves Cricket Club

Is now registering boys and girls from the age
of 5-18.

Join us for some great cricket by registering at
playcricket.com.au (search swansea caves
cricket club) or call Warren for more detail -
0400432938. Season starts mid October!



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 3	31 NAIDOC Assembly 10-11am	1 Jolly Bops Science Show NAIDOC Activities Sausage Sizzle	2 GATS Camp	3 GATS Camp	4 Canley Vale PS Visit	5/6
Week 4	7	8	9 Zone Athletics P&C Meeting Postponed	10 Zone Athletics	11 Jobquest Excursion Woolies	12/13
Week 5	14	15 AECG Meeting UNSW Maths Test	16 Science Week Activities	17 State K/O League	18	19/20
Week 6	21	22	23 Book Fair Viewing Kinder 2018 Interviews Newcastle Permanent Maths Test	24 Book Parade	25 Oakvale Farm Payment due 6789	26/27
Week 7	28 P&C Meeting 5.30pm	29 Pyjama Day for Cerebral Palsy Day	30 Spelling Bee Canberra final payment due Fathers Day Stall	31 Rebels Cup	1 Blokes Breakfast Bahtabah Oztag Gala Day	2/3
Week 8	4	5	6 Otis Media Parent Session 2-3	7 U/10 Rugby League	8 K-2 Excursion Oakvale Farm	9/10
Week 9	11	12	13 Stage 3 Excursion Canberra	14 Stage 3 Excursion Canberra	15 Stage 3 Excursion Canberra	16/17
Week 10	18	19	20 Showcase Galcappa	21 Disco	22 PBL Rewards Day	23/24

