



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

"The more you feed your mind the healthy thoughts it needs, the stronger you become."

~Vironika Tugaleva

**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

Welcome to Week 9.

It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of another term. In the last few weeks the leadership team have been working hard to develop the External Validation Submission for Swansea Public School. This process has enabled the schools leadership and staff to examine our school performance against the School Excellence Framework domains of Learning, Teaching and Leading. It has been a time for reflection on the wonderful teaching and learning that happens every day in our classrooms and provides an opportunity to think about where to next. Early next term we will host an External Validation Panel of two Principals to share our journey.

This year is also the final year of our current school plan. Staff are beginning to explore the vision and directions our school needs to provide the best possible outcomes for our students. Parents will be invited to share their hopes and dreams with us to ensure the school captures the aspirations of the community for its young people.

An important part of this process is gathering information from our community through the Tell Them From Me Survey which is conducted across all NSW Public Schools. In the newsletter today is the link to the current parent survey. I encourage you to participate as it is valuable for us to have feedback from our parents as we move forward. If you would like more information please contact the school. Staff have completed their survey and students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will participate next week.

I wish staff and students in Stage 3 well as they head off to Canberra tomorrow. I know students are very excited and will have wonderful experiences. I would also like to acknowledge Miss Welch, Mrs Daley and Mr Gaul who are giving up time with their families to provide this experience for students in addition to the organisation it takes to have 55 students away for 3 days. It certainly demonstrates the commitment of all the staff at Swansea Public School in providing enriching experiences for our students.

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey link:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/tq8kx>

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).



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

What's the buzz this week?

Focus: Playing inside school boundaries

It is important to 'Be Safe' by playing inside designated school boundaries, both in the quad areas and the park areas. In these areas, students are visible to the teacher on playground duty.

PBL Training

This Tuesday and Wednesday the PBL team will be attending further training to support the work being done at Swansea PS to refresh PBL! This will be a valuable experience in maintaining up to date information in the strategies implemented to improve PBL and also to network with other PBL schools.

Surveys

We continue to accept surveys to the end of this week only. Planning is underway taking into consideration survey results from the staff and the community on what works well and any adjustments needed to make PBL the best it can be in benefiting the students of Swansea PS. It is not too late to have your say!

Positive Behaviour for Learning reaches beyond the school grounds- we need your support and involvement to make our community the best it can be!

'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. **WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOUR IMPROVED BEHAVIOUR!** We hope to spot you!

At Swansea Public School we would like to give a shout out to Mr David Keelan.
A big thank you for your tireless efforts in supporting the home reading program



WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Swansea Public School are participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn. 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.



DISCO GRAND FINAL DAY

When: Thursday 21 September, 2017

Where: Swansea Public School Pavilion

Time: Years K-2 5.00 pm to 6.15 pm
Years 3-6 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

Cost: \$5.00 per child

Theme: Grand Final Colours of any Sport

A drink and a packet of chips will be provided in the cost. A Canteen will also operate for limited sales.

Children will need to bring their permission note and money with them on the night. Parents must pick their children up at the end of each disco. No child will be released until their parent is sighted.

Okonomiyaki: Japanese Pancakes

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- about 1/2 a large cabbage
- 2 cups flour (I use self-raising, my mother says plain flour)
- 2 2/3 cups water
- 4 eggs
- 2 tsp dashi powder (can be replaced by chicken stock powder)
- 1 Tbsp *beni-shouga* (pickled ginger) chopped finely
- 1 large negi (shallots/scallions/spring onions) sliced thinly,
- Japanese Mayonnaise
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Okonomi Sauce is the Best, and Tonkatsu Sauce is also excellent and can be used for many other Japanese dishes so I recommend those. However, if you don't have either, try mixing:

2 Tbsp Barbecue sauce,

1 Tbsp Ketchup,

1 1/2 tsp Soy Sauce,

A dash of worcestershire sauce.

Method

1. Finely slice cabbage.
2. Mix flour, water, eggs in a large mixing bowl, pickled ginger. Add cabbage and combine well.
3. Heat a little oil in a frypan. Spoon Cabbage into the frypan, to make a circle about 22cm across and 1.5cm thick. Make sure there's enough batter to hold it together. Neaten the edges by using a spatula to push in the edges and any cabbage or batter that's sticking out.
4. Cook over med-low heat about 5 min. Flip, then cook another 3-5 min. When cooked through, turn onto a plate, meat side UP.

Spread sauce generously on top. Decorate with Mayonnaise, and Okonomi sauce

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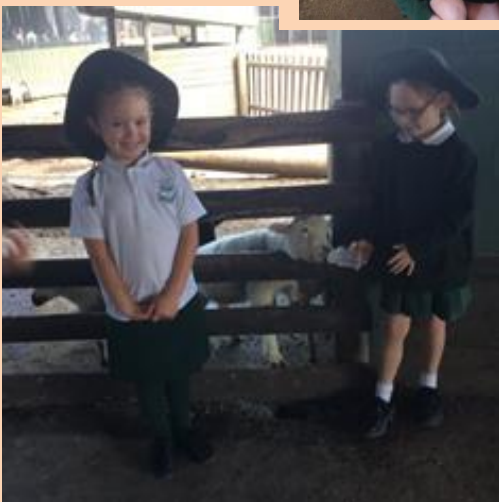
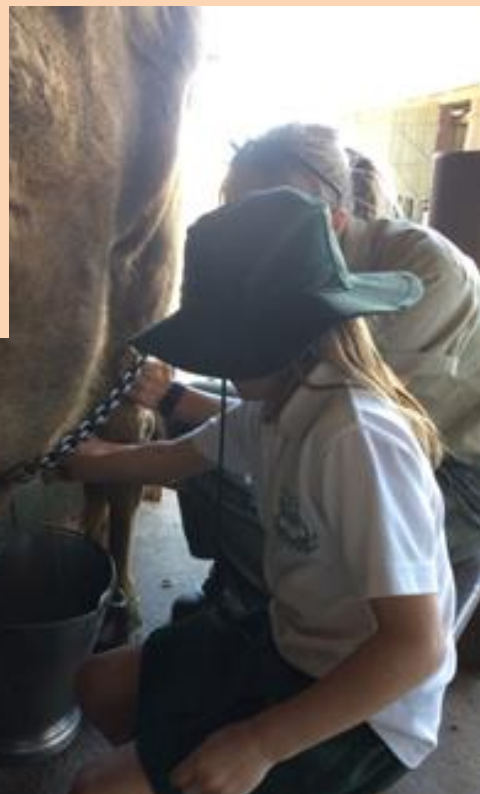


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K-2 EXCURSION TO OAKVALE FARM AND FAUNA WORLD

The students had a fantastic day at Oakvale Farm. We started with a tractor ride around the farm and then students had the opportunity to milk a cow and feed the lambs and kids (baby goats). Students fed the kangaroos and patted a koala, lizard and snake. It was a fun day on the farm!



CHIRP! CHIRP! CHIRP! THANK YOU!

We have had to say goodbye to our chicks! Students enjoyed having a nurse of the chicks and taking care of them. They were able to observe the chicks hatch and watch them grow. We would like to thank Henny Penny Hatching for the hatchery and chicks.

We would also like to thank the families that adopted our chicks. We are lucky to have so many wonderful families willing to take care of them. We hope you have many yummy eggs to eat in the future!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

~ Registrations **NOW OPEN** ~

Are you a passionate Junior netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills?

Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE

**2 DAY SKILL CLINICS
FOR 7-12 YEAR OLDS**

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FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS**

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For further info contact email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au
www.pivotnetball.com.au

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Games - Theme Days - Excursions - Movies - Cooking

Enquiries: 4929 2954 - yncle@bigpond.com
(Child Care Benefit Available)

Monday, 25 Sept	Tuesday, 26 Sept	Wednesday, 27 Sept	Thursday, 28 Sept	Friday, 29 Sept
 Disney IN-HOUSE	 EMOJI MOVIE EXCURSION	 MINECRAFT IN-HOUSE	 ARRRRGH... TALK LIKE A PIRATE IN-HOUSE	 SILLY SPORTS and GAMES EXCURSION
Monday, 2 Oct	Tuesday, 3 Oct	Wednesday, 4 Oct	Thursday, 5 Oct	Friday, 6 Oct
 Sorry we're CLOSED CLOSED	 CARTOON SUPERHEROES EXCURSION	 hunterwetlandscentre EXCURSION	 ASIA IN-HOUSE	 Hunter Valley ZOO EXCURSION

Venue: YWCA Hunter Region Inc, 24 Dawson Street, Cooks Hill 2300

Opening Hours: 7.30am-6.00pm

Ph: 4929 2954 Email: yncle@bigpond.com

Cost: \$45 per day (plus additional excursion/incursion costs)

Child Care Benefit/Rebate available to eligible families.

PLACES ARE LIMITED, DON'T MISS OUT!

To book visit www.ywcahunterregion.org.au



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

SPRING holiday activities

Saturday 23 September Living Smart Festival 8am-2pm Speers Point Park All ages Free National Learn to Swim Day Charlestown, West Wallsend or Swansea Swim Centres All ages Free Ruby Wishfingers: King of the Castle and Furry Money book launch 10-11.30am Cardiff Library 6-10 years Free Monday 25 September Learn to swim Monday 25- Friday 29 September Charlestown, West Wallsend or Swansea Swim Centres 3+ years \$55 Crafty kids 2.30-3.30pm Wangi Wangi Library 2+ years Free Tuesday 26 September Teddy bear tea party 10.30-11.15am Edgeworth Library 3-6 years Free Fold and fly: Paper plane making 10.30-11.15am Swansea Library 5-12 years Free Creative Bookmaking 10.30am-12.30pm Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 7+ years \$20	Wednesday 27 September Design, Build, Program, Robotics 9am-2pm Cardiff Library 8-14 years \$20 member, \$75 non-member Sea creatures of Lake Macquarie 10-11am or 11.30am-12.30pm Morisset Library 5-10 years Free Re-using old books to make beautiful artworks 10.30am-12.30pm Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 7+ years \$20 Thursday 28 September Frog Prince puppet show and storytime 10.30-11am Charlestown Library 3-6 years Free Rainbow Connection 10.30am-noon Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 3-6 years \$10 Friday 29 September The lost skill of wool craft 10am-noon Toronto Library 10+ years Free Out of this world stories and craft 2.30-3.15pm Bander Park, Nords Wharf 3-8 years Free	Tuesday 3 October Learn to swim Tuesday 3-Friday 5 October Charlestown, West Wallsend or Swansea Swim Centres 3+ years \$54 Out of this world stories and craft 10-10.45am Reserve in the Circle (opposite shopping centre), Bathurst 3-8 years Free Creative Bookmaking 10.30am-12.30pm Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 7+ years \$20 Wednesday 4 October Drive-in to Storybox Library 4-7 years: 10.30-11.30am 8-11 years: 3-4pm Toronto Library Free Re-using old books to make beautiful artworks 10.30am-12.30pm Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 7+ years \$20	Thursday 5 October AR game design 9am-3pm Charlestown Library 6-14 years \$70 member, \$75 non-member Rainbow Connection 10.30am-noon Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 3-6 years \$10 Go wild for stories 10.30-11.15am Swansea Library 3-6 years Free Crafty kids: Bugged out 10.30-11.30am Speers Point Library 3-9 years Free Friday 6 October The lost skill of wool craft 10am-noon Toronto Library 10+ years Free Meet the author and illustrator: Ollie's Treasure 11-11.45am Belmont Library 4-8 years Free
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Bookings essential

Lake Mac Libraries

book online at

library.lakemac.com.au/events

Lake Mac Swim Centres

Charlestown: 4921 0782

Swansea: 4921 0733

West Wallsend: 4921 0738

Art Gallery

4965 8260

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A family orientated club that encourages members of all ages to develop their swimming skills and provide a pathway for success in the pool.

Club Nights run every Tuesday – October through to March

Club night entries start at 6pm with Races starting at 6.20pm

Season starts Tuesday 10th October 2017

For more information:

SWANSEA SHARKS SWIMMING CLUB



<https://www.facebook.com/swanseasharksswimming/>



swanseasharksswimclub@gmail.com



www.swanseasharks.swimming.org.au

2017 – 2018 Season Meet and Greet

Come and join us for a chat, meal, drink and let the kids have a play before the 2017-2018 season gets under way!

When: Sunday 17th September 2017

Where: Pelican RSL, 1 Piriwal Street, Pelican

Time: From 3pm

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SEPT./OCT. SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Kids Art Days

- Monday 25th Sept. for 5 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Animals and Habitats - explore the wetlands to see birds & reptiles and build some large bird nests on site.

- Tuesday 26th Sept. for 5 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Draw it - Paint it. - Find the best places to see wildlife. Draw wetland birds & animals to create a wetlands mural.

- Tuesday 3rd Oct. for 7 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Sensory Walk & Journey Sticks - Go on a Sensory Garden walk, create a scented candle, and a Journey Stick that tells a story.

Cost \$ 25 per session per child or \$20 per session if the same child is booked into more than one session.

Bookings are essential as places are limited. Phone: 49516466



Bush Skills

For 8 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 27th Sept. and Friday 6th Oct.

Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential Phone: 4951 6466

Make (and eat) a damper, build a bush shelter. Take a guided walk and learn basic survival skills. Meet some of our resident reptiles.

Wetlands Explorer Club

For 5 to 8 years 10.00am to 12.30pm

Wednesday 27th Sept. and Friday 6th Oct.

Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential Phone 49516466

Let's play the Magpie Geese Game, help feed the Magpie Geese & learn about their life so you can make & play the Magpie Geese Game.



Sand Art Fun

(For 3 years +) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon

Friday 29th Sept. Cost: \$5 per child (plus \$2 entry)

Drop in and use coloured sand to create an amazing picture to take home.

Plaster Fun

(For 3 years +) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon

Monday 25th Sept. Cost: \$5 per child (plus \$2 entry)

Drop in and paint a plaster model.



Wetlands Passport & Wetlands Explorer

Available any time during the school holidays. Cost: Free

Follow clues to explore the wetlands. Go in the draw for a weekly prize.

Biodiversity Day - Thursday 28th Sept. at Blue Gum Hills Regional Park

Come and say hello to us at this free family fun day.



Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre

A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!

Open 9am to 4pm

Entry \$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). Under 3 free. \$5 general entry

Activities

- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am.
- Try Dipnetting from the jetty.
- Playtime at Discovery Playground.
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
- Reptile Encounter - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. Check at front desk for times.
- Shop - snacks, ice-creams, drinks and affordable gifts for children & adults.



	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 State KO Touch Football	5	6 Otis Media Parent Session 2-3 Homework Centre CANCELLED	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

