



Week 2, Tuesday, February 6th February 2018

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, nut or chocolate bars or any products containing any type of nuts.



NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2 TERM 1

2018 Calendar Term 1

Week 2

Tues 6/1: Canteen CLOSED every Tues

Week 3

Mon 12/2 : School photos

Mon 12/2 : Meet the Teacher evening

Tues 13/1: Canteen CLOSED every Tues

Tues 13/1: School Scripture & Ethics Class begin

Wed 14/1: P&C Meeting 6pm

Thur 15/1: Debating Workshop

Week 4

Tues 20/1: Canteen CLOSED every Tues

From the Principal

Dear parents and carers

Thank you so much for welcoming me back to Swansea Public School. Even though I have been away for two years and undertaking another role within the Department of Education, it feels like I have never been away! You all know that this school is "where my heart is", so I am very happy to be back here to continue my work to support your children to become confident, resilient and responsible learners and citizens.

We have had a very smooth start to the 2018 school so thank you to parents, carers and of course teachers and support staff who have made sure that our students make a happy transition into their new learning environment .

The first **P and C meeting** is to be held next week, Wednesday 14 February at 6.00 PM. We would love to see you there and to share your ideas how our parent community can support the teaching and learning at the school. P and C meetings are a lot of fun and a very special way of connecting with the school.

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Newsletter

Our newsletter is delivered to our parents/carers via our Website, Facebook page and our Skoolbag app. If you would like a hard copy please send in a written request to the school office.



From the Principal continued

At this stage we have formed 10 classes, however this will need to be reviewed at the end of this term.

Our 2018 classes and teachers are:

Early Stage One

KA with Mrs Vanessa Armstrong
KD with Mrs Jemma Daley
Support Staff: Ms Sarah Manning

Stage One

2/1T with Mrs Deb Tyrrell
2/1B with Ms Body
2/1M with Mrs Vicki Morante (Assistant Principal)
Support Staff: Mrs Alison Dates and Mrs Sarah Clack (Speech)

Stage Two

3/5F with Ms Carrissah Fletcher and Mrs Karen Rowen on Fridays only
3/4G with Mr Peter Gaul (Assistant Principal)
5/4R with Ms Alison Tonkin (replacing Mrs Denise Rippon who is on leave for Term One)
Support staff: Mrs Di Bellette, Mrs Sarah Clack (Quicksmart) and Ms Tina Adamthwaite

Stage Three

6/5R with Mrs Hopton
6/5H with Mr Hellier
Support Staff: Ms Tina Adamthwaite and Ms Robyn Dignan

Other staff at our school are:

Mrs Corinne Smith, Instructional Leader
Mrs Sue Stewart, Assistant Principal and Learning and Support Teacher
Mrs Michelle Melville, Release from Face to Face- Monday to Thursday
Dr Nerelee Henry, Teacher Librarian- Monday to Wednesday
Mrs Karen Rowen, Interventionist-Monday to Thurs
Mrs Pei Ling Chensee, Support Teacher Literacy and Enrichment (Friday)
Mrs Melissa Anderson, Learning Support Teacher- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Mr Douglass Reidy, School Counsellor-Thursday

Administration Staff:

Mrs Gloria Be Bono, School Administration Manager
Mrs Barbara Hughes, School Administration Officer

This is the last week we have Mr Matthew Hartley working as our school's General Assistant. Matt is leaving the area to take up new work in Sydney - we wish him all the best and thank him for making our school look so attractive. Matt will be replaced by Mr Steve Saurins.

Some events coming up in the near future are included in the calendar attached to this newsletter. Our school **Photo Day** will be held on Monday 12 February. I apologise for the late notice; however the information and payment envelopes only arrived at school on Monday 5 February. Payments for the photos can be made on the day or online (payments will be accepted for a week after the event). I thank you for your understanding and patience on this matter.

Our annual **Meet & Greet** classroom sessions have also been set down for next Monday, 12 February 2018. I encourage you all to come along to our Meet & Greet sessions as they are an excellent way to being formally introduced to your children's teachers & to hear about proposed plans for teaching & learning within the classroom. The sessions will start after school on Monday, from 3.15PM & should finish around 4.25PM. Teachers will also answer questions related to class & school activities.

In 2017, the school conducted a thorough evaluation of the PBL systems including the rewards system and the whole school PBL approaches. Both systems have been the hallmarks of the school for many years now, so the evaluation conducted by Mr Gaul, Mrs Morante and Ms Body were very timely. With the ideas from our school community, we are now moving forward this year to take up the new ideas, systems and approaches that will rejuvenate our school's PBL practices. Through our newsletter, school Facebook and Skoolbag we will communicate the very important changes to our systems. Watch this space!

As a means of assisting parents with health matters, we have attached some ideas from the Good for Kid's project. I have also included an article from the *Sydney Morning Herald* about the growing concern of the effects of fruit juice on the teeth of children. Just for interest purposes only!

Congratulations to Isabella Petersen (Year 6) who heads off next week to climb Mt. Kosciuszko, the highest mountain in Australia. This climb is to support the Cerebral Palsy Alliance and Isabella is a valuable member of this alliance. So far, Isabella has raised more than \$14,000 for Cerebral Palsy. If you would like to donate to this great cause, please go to Isabella's page on krazykosciclimb.com.au Go Team Isabella!

In 2018, Newsletters will be issued on a fortnightly basis- Tuesday's even weeks.





Inaugural Healthy Lunchbox Week



encouraging parents to **bring back the sandwich!**

In celebration of the launch of Healthy Lunchbox Week, a free 20 minute webinar delivered by Grains & Legume Nutrition Council is available to inspire parents to maximize nutrition & keep lunchbox stress to a minimum.

When: on demand until Feb 18th 2018

Where: webinar viewing only

<http://www.nutritionaustralia.org/national/news/2018/01/inaugural-healthy-lunchbox-week>

Our kids eat a third of their daily intake at school so it's important it is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3

- 1) Make it healthy
- 2) Keep it convenient and
- 3) Make is enjoyable



It is recommended a good quality insulated "cooler bag" and an ice product is used when packing lunches through summer months . It is important to remember a drink bottle is an essential part of a packed lunch.

Keep an eye on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter for simple healthy & fun lunchbox ideas.

School Photos

Thank you to parents who are ensuring that our students wear correct school uniform which includes plain black shoes/joggers.

REMINDER School Photos are on Monday 12th February

P&C Meeting

The first P&C Meeting for the year will be held in the staffroom at 6:00 pm on Wednesday 14th February.

We welcome any new parents/carers to the group & welcome back our returning members.

Come along to your school & support your child's education. Be part of the friendly team working together to enhance citizenship, equality, social justice & tolerance.



Student Items

Please ensure your child's clothes, lunch box, pencil case etc are clearly labelled with their name. This helps identify lost items which can be found in our yellow Lost Property box situated under the COLA area to the left of the stage.



Classroom Book Pack

Thank you to the families who have paid for the equipment/ book pack.

Remember you can make small weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. Students are ready to learn and enjoy having a fully equipped classroom.



Community Notices

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J&B DANCE

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Classes at Swansea Public School

Wednesday

3:15 pm - 5 to 12 Yrs Jazz Technique

3:45 pm - 5 to 12 Yrs Jazz

4:15 pm - 5 to 12 Yrs Hip Hop

4:45 pm - 5 to 12 Yrs Contemporary

5:15 pm - 5 to 12 Yrs Acrobatics

Go to WWW.JBDANCE.COM.AU



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Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all those students who participated at their swimming carnival.

Excellent behavior and enthusiastic involvement.

Lots of fun was had by everyone on this overcast day.

War cries were booming throughout the day as team mates cheered each other on!



House spirit was very visible at our recent swimming carnival.



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The effects of fruit juice on teeth!

Dentists are pleading with parents to cut the amount of sugar in their children's lunch boxes, as figures show NSW is in the grip of a child tooth decay crisis!

More than one third of NSW children aged five to ten have decay in their baby teeth. Tooth decay is a preventable dental problem.

Dentists say some of the biggest culprits are highly processed, sugary foods and drinks.



Swapping each sugary item for a wholegrain sandwich with Vegemite; carrot sticks with a beetroot dip; Chobani plain yoghurt or fresh apple will reduce the overall sugar content by 82%.

Sugar will further be reduced by switching their drink for a bottle of water.

Sydney Morning Herald

Uniform Shop

Our school uniform shop is located next to our Library and will be open on Tuesday mornings from 8:40 - 9:40 am.

Keep an eye out!

Parents please be aware students are being given the following notes that need to be completed and returned to the Office

- 1.Student Details
- 2.Scripture/Ethics note (not Kindergarten)
- 3.Photo Day envelopes





say cheese

School Photo Day is

12 February 2018

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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Payments:

- Parents can pay for all of their children's orders in one envelope. However each child requires their own envelope on photo day to ensure their order is placed and processed (even if the payment is in a sibling's envelope).
- Payments can be made by cash, cheque, or money orders only.
- Online payments can be made through our website www.msp.com.au using Credit or Debit cards from Mastercard or Visa. The website will display an order reference code, which should be noted on the o the back of the envelope in the box provided. Each child will require their empty envelope on photo day. Orders can be placed online up to one week after photo day.

Envelopes:

- Spare order envelopes are provided for the school office. These can be handed out upon request to any new students, or anyone that has misplaced the original.
- Family Photo envelopes are provided for the school office to be handed out on request. These photographs are for school aged students attending your school only (i.e. no babies or parents can be accommodated in these photographs)

Products:

- The products on the envelopes come as is and are the only packages that we have available. Unfortunately the packages cannot be altered in any way.
- Photographs are delivered approximately 4 weeks after photo day.

Single Parent Families:

- Parents can place multiple orders for children by either:
 - Placing all the orders on the one envelope
 - Handing in multiple order envelopes (they can collect a spare one from the school office and complete it as usual). If this is the chosen method, it may be worth having them label the envelope as either "Mums Copy" or "Dads Copy", so upon delivery the correct photo order is returned to the correct parent.

Please feel free to pass on our Contact Detail Slips to parents, as we are more than happy to help with any queries that they may have.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
W	5	6	7	8	9	10/11

TERM 2

UPCOMING EVENTS



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 2	5	6	7	8	9	10/11
Week 3	12 School Photos Meet the Teacher	13	14 P&C Meeting	15 Debating Workshop	16	17/18
Week 4	19	20	21	22	23	24/25
Week 5	26	27	28	1	2	3/4
Week 6	5	6	7	8	9	10/11
Week 7	12	13	14	15	16	17/18
Week 8	19	20	21	22	23	24/25
Week 9	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31/1 Easter Weekend
Week 10	2 Easter Monday	3	4	5	6 Athletics Carnival	7/8
Week 11	9	10	11 School Disco	12 ANZAC Day presentation	13 Last Day of Term 1	14/15



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