



Week 2, Tuesday, 5th February 2019

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.

From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the 2019 School Year. I trust you had a restful and enjoyable time over Christmas and the New Year.

It was lovely to see so many of our students in the new school uniform and they look fantastic!! Thank you to all Parents and Carers for the great effort you have put into this change. I had inquires about school socks over the holidays - personally I would prefer black socks as they might be easier to keep clean, however if your personal preference is for white socks, I am okay with this too.

Classes and teachers for 2019

Students have settled into their new classes and I am very pleased with their conscientious and enthusiastic attitudes towards learning. There is a really "good feel about the school", so it is such a pleasure to be part of Swansea Public School.

We welcome back Mr Trevor Watson, who has been on leave from teaching for three years. Mr Watson comes back as the school's Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) and will focus on students in Years 3 to 6 who may need extra assistance. He will be available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only.

Also, welcome to Mr Rob Low who joins our class teaching team. Mr Low comes to our school with particular interests in sport and STEM, though he has many varied interests and talents that will be of great benefit to the students of our school. Welcome Mr Low!

I am very pleased to formally announce our nine classes for 2019:

- ♦ KD with Mrs Jemma Daley
- ♦ 1/KA with Mrs Vanessa Armstrong - Carissah Fletcher on Fridays
- ♦ 1M with Mrs Vicki Morante (Assistant Principal K-2); Ms Natalie Body on Wednesdays
- ♦ 2H with Mrs Rebecca Hopton
- ♦ 3M with Ms Alexie Meiners
- ♦ 4/3R with Mrs Rippon (Monday, Tuesday) and Mrs Jo Harvey (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
- ♦ 5/4 STEM with Mrs Chensee
- ♦ 6/5L with Mr Rob Low
- ♦ 6/5H with Mr Wayne Hellier
- ♦ Mrs Michelle Melville on Release - from Face to face (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
- ♦ Dr Nerelee Henry as Teacher/Librarian (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
- ♦ Mrs Sue Stewart as Instructional Leader Years 3-6 and Assistant Principal 3-6
- ♦ Ms Melanie Elks as Instructional Leader K-2
- ♦ Mrs Karen Rowen as Interventionist K-2
- ♦ Mr Trevor Watson as LaST for Years 3 to 6.

Please note: Mrs Morante is on leave until the 20th February. She has been replaced by Ms Natalie Body..

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From the Principal continued....

Support Staff: Mrs Sarah Clack, Mrs Di Bellette, Ms Sarah Manning, Mrs Alison Dates, Mrs Robyn Dignan and Ms Jessica Haden.

School Office Staff: Mrs Gloria Debono (Manager), Mrs Barbara Hughes (Monday, Tuesday & Friday) Mrs Krystal Stokeld (Wednesday, Thursday), Ms Natalie Hartley (Wednesday) and our General Assistant is Mr Steve Saurins (Tuesday, Wednesday) The school's Cleaner is David Harvey.

Sports Leaders for 2019

I am pleased to announce the Sports Leaders for 2019 at Swansea Public School. Congratulations!!

Badges will be awarded to these students in the very near future; at one of our Friday "awards assemblies".- Parents and Carers will be notified through Skoolbag.

Blackswans- Tyrrell Cheeseman, Scott Campbell, Ashunti Dobbins and Piper Bennett

Pelicans- Sienna Gray, Ella Hill, Chelsea Green and Riley Holmes

Seagulls- Archer Nicholas-Canning, Luke Means, Izzy Ruhl and Aleyah Monaghan

Seahawks-Koby Scales, Rory Seve, Kylie Yates and Emjae Southgate

Swimming Carnival news

The sun was shining and so were our students. Well done Swansea Public School. The participation and behaviour of all our students was just amazing. Students who received a place (1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th) in their events will receive a sporting ribbon. Congratulations sports leaders for your support and great war-cries. Thank you to parents who assisted with time-keeping and came along to Swansea Pool to support the races

Welcome to Trish, our new Canteen Supervisor

We welcome **Trish Hitchcock** to Swansea Public School. Trish is our new Canteen Supervisor and will be on site Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Homework in 2019

Last year we trialled the use of a **Homework Contract** and it was agreed that the Homework Contract system would be extended to all students across the school.

Students will receive a **Homework Contract** note and if you would like your child to participate in the class homework for 2019, then this note must be returned to the class teacher at your earliest convenience. Only students who have returned this contract will receive Homework.

Homework will include activities to reinforce and revise important skills and concepts that have been taught in the classroom, including internet based activities, weekly Spelling activities and regular home-reading activities including K-2 Home Reading and Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC). Students may also be required to occasionally prepare speeches for assessment purposes and projects based on personal inquiry processes.

Teachers understand that families lead busy and complex lives; however it is also acknowledged that a little bit of homework each day will help students to effectively manage their learning goals and to prosper in the classroom learning environment.



Thank you to the Swansea Hotel Social and Sports Club for your community spirit your generous donation is much appreciated!

From the Principal continued....

Parent-Teacher Information sessions for 2019

Each year, each class teacher holds a special Parent-Teacher information session. The purpose of these sessions is to provide information on various class programs, special events such as excursions and to explain Homework and Class Discipline procedures. Parents and carers are very welcome to discuss issues with the class teacher. The sessions help parents to gain a solid understanding of the daily operations of the classroom with opportunities to clarify any "burning" issues.

The school has tried various approaches and so in 2019 we will be holding our parent Information session on Wednesday 20th February. Times will be sent out via skoolbag when they have been finalised this week.

Thank you to Swansea Hotel Social Club for their generous donation to our school. This group raises funds through raffles and other prize giving events and then provide donations to a number of schools and organisations in the Swansea community.

Parenting Ideas

If you are looking for advice or resources on issues that may help you as a parent or carer, I would recommend the following website:

www.parentingideas.com.au

This site provides you with information and helpful ideas on a range of issues and there are blogs, books, online courses and webinars that you can access

Please read the Good for Kids, Good for Life sheets handed out with this newsletter and take part in this important research.



The first P&C Meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday, 13 February 2019 in the staffroom at 6.00pm

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

Support your child's education and be part of a friendly team working together to enhance citizenship, equality, social justice and tolerance.



Please do NOT bring glass water bottles to school



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Important Information

Student Items

Please ensure your child's clothes, lunch box, pencil case etc are clearly labelled with their name. This helps identify lost items.

Lost property can be found in our yellow Lost Property box situated under the COLA area to the left of the stage.



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.

Classroom Book Pack

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

Students need to start working in their textbooks so it is important you pay this fee ASAP.

Remember you can make small weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. If you are having any financial hardships please put this in writing to the Principal for assistance.

Office Procedures

Office Hours: 8:30 am to 3:15 pm Mon to Fri

Visiting Parents/Carers: ALL parents and visitors must report to the Office when visiting the school.

Payments: PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT (POP) can be made to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting "\$ Make a Payment". **Minimum payment is \$10** and you can only pay for one child on each transaction or via our Skoolbag app.

Payments can also be made at the Office by cash, EFTPOS or cheque. EFTPOS card must be presented to the Office. If cash, simply post the payment in the slot at the Office counter in an envelope or provided plastic bag with your payment details.

Medication: If medication is required during school hours then parents must complete a medication form available at the Office. The prescribed medication must be in a chemist container and labeled by the Chemist with the student's name and dosage information.



Safety Issues

Keep Our Children Safe

PLEASE drive and park around the school in a safe, legal manner.

We want your precious children to grow up to be happy confident members of our community.



RAWSON STREET

The school has two disabled parking spaces only. An approved disable sign must be displayed. No parking across the driveway indicated by "No Stopping" sign.

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Parking spaces along Rawson Street are available for staff, parents & carers. There are no time restrictions. You must park the rear of your car into the kerb.

If you park opposite the school's front gate, you must park parallel to the road and not across the grass area/verge of the houses/home properties.



Community Notices



ENROL FOR 2019 CLASSES!

Classes Held at Swansea Public School
Classes from \$6 * Try your First Week FREE!

Wednesday

Classes For 5-12 Yrs

3:15pm - Jazz

4:15pm - Hip Hop

4:45pm - Contemporary



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SPRING SPECIALS

Express Facial \$35

Spa Pedicure with Eyebrow shape & tint \$57

Eyelash extensions \$49

All Your Beauty Needs

Waxing / Tinting / Nails / Eyelash extensions

Facials / Spray Tan

*Spoil Her this
Valentines Day*

Pamper packages from \$50

Relaxing head to toe massage \$62

Facials from \$58

Spa Pedicure \$43

Packages to suit everyone

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Hospitality Work Skills

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to learn and practice the skills and knowledge to work effectively in a range of hospitality industries.



Entry requirements

There are no entry requirements for this course

Units of Competency

HLTAID003	Provide first aid
SITXCCS003	Interact with customers
SITHFAB002	Provide responsible service of alcohol
SITHGAM001	Provide responsible gambling services
SITXFNO01	Process financial transactions
Non-accredited	Introduction to Barista

Delivery Mode

Classroom based

Duration

5 weeks – 2 days per week

Pathways from this short course

Following completion of this course, students may elect to enroll in a Certificate II in Hospitality, with credit transfers granted for completed units

Possible careers available through the completion of this course include:

Cafe attendant

Bar/gaming attendant

This training is funded by the NSW Government. Eligibility criteria applies. Fee exemptions and concessions may apply

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Information Session

Thursday 7th February
2019

10.00am to 12 noon

Swansea Community
Cottage

228 – 234 Pacific
Highway Swansea

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Term 1 Upcoming Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 2	4 Year 3 to Year 6 Swimming Carnival	5	6	7	8	9/10
Week 3	11	12	13 P&C Meeting 6pm	14	15	16/17
Week 4	18	19	20 Parent Teacher Information Sessions Cyber Bullying NRL Presentation	21	22	23/24
Week 5	25	26	27	28	1st March	2/3

Active Kids and Creative kids vouchers available to help kids get active and creative!

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school. They need to redeem voucher with a registered provider such as Scouts NSW which will help with their membership fees.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/creative-kids>