



# SWANSEA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 4, Tuesday, 6th November 2018

Just a reminder please do NOT bring rice or nut products to school due to the severe Anaphylactic allergic reactions to some of our students - *thank you.*

## Calendar for Term 4

Week 4	7/11	Galgabba Soccer Cup
	8/11	Kinder 2019 Orientation
	9/11	Remembrance Day Ceremony
	9/11	Yr 3 to Yr 6 Swimming for Sport
Week 5	14/11	P&C Meeting 6pm
	16/11	Fundraiser Diabetes Day
	16/11	Yr 3 to Yr 6 Swimming for Sport
Week 6	21/11	Headlice check
	22/11	Kinder 2019 Orientation
	23/11	Yr 3 to Yr 6 Swimming for Sport
Week 7	26/11	Swimming Scheme Commences
	30/11	Yr 3 to Yr 6 Swimming for Sport
Week 8	3/12	Volunteer Morning Tea
	4/12	Hello High School
	4/12	Performance - Swansea Pensioners
	5/12	Yr 6 Farewell
	5/12	Kinder 2019 Picnic
	7/12	Yr 3 to Yr 6 Swimming for Sport
	7/12	Human Sexuality Course Y6
Week 9	10/12	Performance at Retirement Village
	11/12	Celebration Day K to 6
	13/12	Visit to Swansea Library
	14/12	Presentation Day
Week 10	19/12	Last day for Students
	20/12	SDD for Staff
	21/12	SDD for Staff

## From the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers

In 2019 the school is moving into a new school shirt, hat and jacket. Currently we have the shirt and hat available from the school's uniform shop. They look fantastic and the students are very excited about their new uniform and I know you will be too. No more white shirts, and our new shirts can be washed very easily. You will also be able to wash the new school hats. Yahoo!!

### Book Pack for 2019

The note about book packs is now ready for parents and carers. Payments can be made in 2018 for 2019 if you wish. 2019 Book packs will not be given out unless payment has been made.

### Planning for 2019 classes

1. Please advise the school if you will be leaving our school community. It is best if you write to me (school Principal) to provide details of your child's departure from Swansea Public School.
2. A form is available from the school office if you wish to provide some information on your child's placement for next year. Please contact the school office with your email address if you require another copy to be emailed directly to you. The closing date for these forms to be returned is **Friday 16 November 2018.**
3. In 2019 the school will be establishing a new class called a **STEM class for selected students in Years 4 and 5.** STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This class will be a future-focused class, and students will be required to explore a range of interesting and challenging learning activities through problem-solving projects, STEM skill-building and the use of higher order thinking skills. I am convinced that this approach will drive student learning and progress and provide a strong school culture of achievement.

I have asked Mrs Chensee to lead this class in 2019. She comes to this teaching position with exceptional interest, skills and experiences in teaching and working with students on STEM activities. She will also continue to work with Stage 1 and Stage 3 students on STEM each Friday to ensure that this approach extends beyond this new class, as the school has many students gaining critical skills and a strong knowledge base in STEM.

Some of the activities that Mrs Chensee will use in 2019 include:

- Coding skills using Scratch and other key programs
- STEM projects using a problem-solving framework for learning and approaches including scientific experiments and its application to real life problems
- Units or themes of work that are based on students' interests and which integrate Literacy (quality texts) and Mathematics with STEM and other Key Learning Areas such as Visual Arts

from the Principal continued.....

The **Uniform Shop** is closed  
this Thursday

sorry for any inconvenience.

It will open Thurs 15th Nov 8:40 am to 9:40

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## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) - What's the buzz this week?

### Focus: Walking on Hard Surfaces



The next fortnight we will be continuing with 'Be Safe and Responsible'.

We have seen an improvement in this area. It is important to be walking on hard surfaces to prevent accidents. We are lucky to have a large park area where we can run and play games.

It is wonderful to see so many students receiving class awards at Friday morning whole school assembly for **being respectful, being an active learner or being safe and responsible**. Keep up the great effort Swansea!

**Thank you again for your continued support and helping make PBL the best it can be in benefiting all the students of Swansea PS.**

**Awards this week will be presented to:**

**Week 4 (Friday 9/11) – Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 : Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 students**

**Please note if your child doesn't receive their award on the designated week, s/he may receive it in the subsequent weeks, depending on where they are at in meeting the PBL expectations of 'Be Respectful', 'Be an Active Learner' and 'Be Safe and Responsible'.**

### from the Principal continued ....

- The use of a range of technology tools such as Lego Robotics, Spheros, 3D printers, Ipads and laptops to assist learning activities
- Participation in STEM special events such as The Galgabba STEM Expo.

There is a parent/carer nomination form and this needs to be returned to Swansea Public School office by **Friday 16 November 2018**. Please request another copy if the original (distributed on 1 November 2018) has been misplaced.

This is a great opportunity and will establish our school as future-focussed and help to provide our students with a number of critical foundational skills to address our ever-changing, complex, technological world.

#### Homework procedures for next year

At the next P and C meeting I will be discussing the Homework Contract that is currently being trialled in 5/4R, 4/3F and 4/3M. We have been provided with good feedback from a number of parents and students, and once discussed with the School P and C members, this homework contract may be extended right across the school in 2019.

**The next P and C meeting is on Wednesday 14 November at 6 p.m.**

#### School Attendance issues

While analysing current student attendance information I have noticed that there are a number of students who have been not attending school for what is described as "unjustified reasons" Unjustified reasons include: birthdays, head lice, hairdressing appointments, days home just to be with mum, slept in, car issues and medical appointments such as the dentist.

Parents/cares must send a note explaining the absence of their child, so it can be recorded onto our school's attendance system. The principal can override reasons e.g. If the principal witnesses a student's not at school and/or not obviously sick. In my opinion, if students are sick then they should be at home or at the doctors, Furthermore please be advised schools can request medical certificates under certain circumstances, as this may help address matters such as school refusal issues.

The school continues to have a very close association with our local Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO), Anne-Maree Day. who can work with parents/cares to ensure that students attend school for at least 85% of the school year.



**Congratulations to all students in striving to do well, being respectful, being an active learner and being safe and responsible**

### Found

A bike lock and 4 pair of glasses.

Please claim at the Office



# Oakvale Farm Visit

Hien and Kyson from KD had a fabulous day at Oakvale Farm with other EAL/D students from Newcastle and Lake Macquarie schools.

They went on a tractor ride, saw lots of animals including the llamas and camels. Hien and Kyson loved feeding the kangaroos and baby lambs who followed them everywhere!



## Remembrance Day Ceremony



Swansea Public School will be holding our Remembrance Day Ceremony **this Friday 9th November at approximately 11:30 am.**

Students may like to bring fresh flowers to lay as a sign of respect.



## Reminder



**Gold Awards for K to Year 2  
will be handed out  
this Friday 9th November**

## Debating Teams



A big congratulations to our two Debating Teams for their final debates. Both teams went to Blacksmiths Public School. The Year 5/6 group debated the affirmative on the topic students should play competitive sports on the weekend and won the debate. The Year 6 group debated the negative on the topic media promotes a selfish society and unfortunately lost in a close debate. The persistence and collaboration skills these students showed in preparing their debates was impressive. Well done!

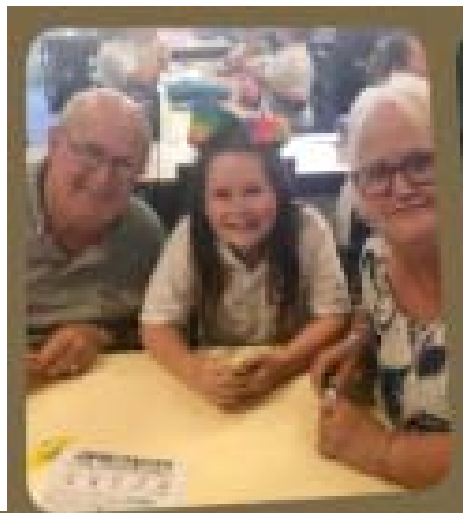
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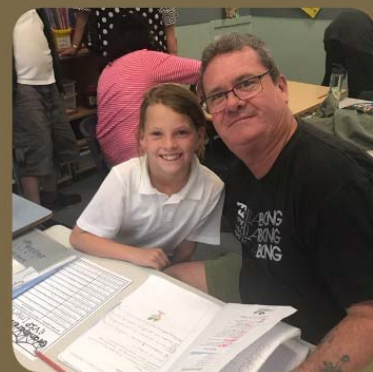


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Happy Grandparent Day



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# Grandparents Day



Thank you to all our visitors last Tuesday for coming along to celebrate Grandparents Day with us.

There were lots of very happy smiley faces all over the school.

The performances were all very entertaining and delightful to watch!

To all our grandparents thank you for playing with your grand children, letting them make a mess and helping in their growing up.



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# Community Notices

## Good for Kids good for life

### INCREASING VEGETABLE INTAKE

#### Did you know?

Only 5% of children in NSW consume the recommended daily serves of vegetables? Kids aged 5-13 should be eating 4.5 to 5.5 serves of vegetables each day.

#### What is a serve?



Source: [www.eatforhealth.gov.au](http://www.eatforhealth.gov.au)

#### How can I get my kids to eat more vegetables?

- Involve your children in grocery shopping and meal preparation.
- Add easy to eat vegetables to the lunchbox.



- Make it fun! Try making vegetable skewers or create funny faces out of vegetables.
- Keep trying, serve vegetables in different ways to see how they like to eat them.
- Be a good role model and eat plenty of vegetables in front of your kids.



PHONE 49246499

DILARA PEACOCK KURT is KING STEPHAN

in

SLEEPING BEAUTY.

"YAWN" CAST, please check your selection as the below dates and times are for Dilara's cast.

YOUNG PEOPLES THEATRE NEWCASTLE INC  
PRODUCTION OF

Disney  
**Sleeping Beauty**  
KIDS

YAWN CAST

Saturday	24	November	5pm
Sunday	25	November	2pm
Saturday	1	December	3pm
Friday	7	December	6pm
Saturday	8	December	5pm

TICKETS AT [YPT.ORG.AU](http://YPT.ORG.AU)

Directed by Laura Mulvan. Musical Director: Maddy Bailey. Head Director: Anthony Davis. Production Assistants: Sophie Brude and Sara Worthington. Music and Lyrics by Roger Miller. Lyrics by Roger Miller and Tom Meehan. Music by Roger Miller. Music adapted and arranged by Maddy Bailey. Book adapted and musicalized lyrics by Maddy Bailey. Based on the 1959 Disney Film "Sleeping Beauty" and the story Sleeping Beauty in the Wood by Charles Perrault. Licensed production by Young Peoples Theatre Newcastle Inc. All performances available through the YPT.

## Personal. The way travel should be



Hi, I'm Stephanie your local personal travel manager based in Swansea.

Are you looking at planning your next holiday? As your personal travel manager I will endeavour to make your holiday truly memorable. My business is mobile, so I can come to you at a time that's convenient. Perhaps we can discuss your holiday plans over a coffee at your local cafe. Let's meet and talk travel.



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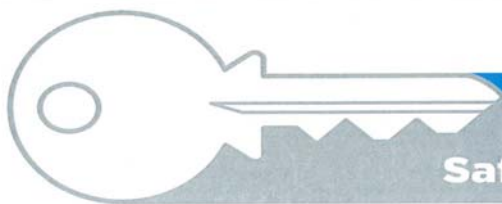
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NSW POLICE FORCE CRIME PREVENTION SERIES

## Safe people, Safe places

The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount. As parents and carers we can't always be with our children to advise and protect them.

When out and about, children can be confronted with situations where good decision-making is vital. With this in mind, advising our children with appropriate responses to certain situations will help them avoid trouble and danger.

Here are some simple tips to give your children for when they are out and about.

### Protect your child walking home

- **ALWAYS** identify safe places on the way home from school.
- **DO NOT** stop and talk to people you don't know. Go straight home or to your intended destination.
- **ALWAYS** find a safe place if you feel frightened. These include schools, shops, churches or police/fire/ambulance stations and tell them that you are frightened.
- **NEVER** get into a car with someone you don't know.

### Protect your child on public transport

- **NEVER** travel in isolated areas. Find crowded carriages, guard's compartment (marked with a blue light) or at the front of the bus.
- **ALWAYS** try to travel in groups of friends if possible.

### Protect your child when in public spaces

- **ALWAYS** carry a contact number for your parents. (On a card attached to your clothing, written on your arms or in your phone).
- **DO NOT** walk away from family or friends without telling them where you are going, when you'll be back and who you are with.
- **ALWAYS** walk away from fights or arguments, unpleasant or aggressive behaviour and take your friends with you.
- **REMEMBER**, always tell your parents, carer or teacher if something has happened.

For more crime prevention information  
visit us on [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

Protect your children



NSW Police Force



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# VACATION CARE

HunterSports  
Centre

**COME & JOIN US THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! WE WILL HAVE YOU  
REACHING NEW HEIGHTS, PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAMS SUCH AS:**

GYMNASTICS TRAMPOLINING ATHLETICS TEAM CHALLENGES TABLOIDS  
NINJA ARTS & CRAFT BUSHWALKING PAPER PLANE ORIGAMI MOVIE EXCURSION

*Wet 'n' Wild Water Play is back this summer at Vacation Care*

**Vacation Care is available from  
Thursday 20th December -  
Thursday 24th January**

(closed 25th-26th December & 1st January due to public holiday)

**7.30am - 6.00pm Meals Included**

The Hunter Sports Centre has achieved a Meeting National Quality Standards rating under the National Quality Framework.

The Hunter Sports Centre also runs  
Trampoline Holiday Programs, Skills Clinics, and all **NEW** Ninja  
Kids and Ninja Teen (inspired by the TV program, Ninja Warrior).  
For further information, visit our website.

**BOOKINGS FOR ALL PROGRAMS ESSENTIAL**  
Contact the Centre  
PO Box 3187 • Glendale NSW

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**Canteen is closed every Tuesday**

# BADALYA HUT SUMMER MENU 2018



## MEAL DEALS

All \$6.00

**FRIDAYS ONLY**  
Hot Dog with  
sauce, Fruit or  
chips and a drink

#1

Pie with sauce,  
fruit or chips  
and a drink

#2

Ham/Chicken  
Salad roll and a  
drink

#3

Chicken Burger,  
Fruit or chips  
and a drink

#4

6 Chicken  
nuggets/fingers,  
Fruit or chips  
and a drink

#5

HOT FOOD	Price
<i>Available to order recess or lunch</i>	
Vegetarian pasta 😊	\$3.00
Lean beef pie	\$3.00
Lean sausage roll	\$2.50
Fried Rice 😊	\$3.00
Chicken nuggets	\$0.60
Chicken fingers	\$0.60
Chicken fingers x 6	\$3.50
Hash browns	\$0.50
Plain nachos	\$2.50
Homemade Chicken Pizza 😊	\$2.00
Homemade Ham & Pineapple Pizza 😊	\$3.00
Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Homemade garlic bread	\$1.50
Corn on the cob	\$1.00
Spaghetti Bol tubs	\$4.00
Chicken Nachos	\$3.00
Hot Dog (FRIDAYS ONLY)	
Plain	\$2.50
Cheese	\$3.00

Please remember to put your child's name & class on a paper bag. Please mark whether the order is for recess or lunch  
**Orders must be in by 9.00am – no late orders accepted**

Sandwiches and Salads	
Vegemite sandwich 😊	\$2.00
Cheese or tuna sandwich 😊	\$2.00
Chicken or ham sandwich 😊	\$2.50
Ham and cheese sandwich 😊	\$2.70
Egg and lettuce sandwich 😊	\$3.00
Salad sandwich 😊	\$3.50
Salad tub 😊	\$4.00
Chicken, ham or tuna salad tub 😊	\$4.50
Salad wrap 😊	\$4.00

### Drinks / Frozen Snacks

Plain milk 😊	\$2.00
Flavoured milk	\$2.00
Juices	\$2.00
(apple, blackcurrant, orange)	
Bottled Water 😊	\$1.50
Juicy Iceblocks	\$1.50
Moosies	\$1.50

### Birthday Cakes

Iced Cupcakes = \$25

Enough for the whole class

**Please order at the canteen  
3 days notice required**

SNACKS	Price
Fresh baked banana bread 😊	\$1.00
Fresh popcorn bags 😊	\$1.00
Fruit 😊	\$1.00
Fruit whole 😊	\$0.50
Fruit pieces 😊	\$0.50
Yoghurt Cup 😊	\$1.00
Chips: honey soy or plain	\$1.50
Cheese 😊	\$0.50
Crackers 😊	\$0.50
Vegetable sticks 😊	\$0.50
Cupcakes – Friday only	\$1.00

### Early Morning Special

Hot Chocolate



\$1.00

Cheese Toasties



\$1.50

Fruit



\$0.50



= Everyday Healthy Eating Option

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# TERM 4 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 4	5	6	7 Galgabba Soccer Cup	8 Kinder 2019 Orientation	9 Remembrance Day Ceremony  Yr 3 to Yr 6 Swimming for Sport	10/11
Week 5	12	13	14 P&C Meeting 6pm	15	16 Fundraiser Diabetes Day Yr 3 to Yr 6 Swimming for Sport	17/18
Week 6	19	20	21 Headlice check	22 Kinder 2019 Orientation	23 Yr 3 to Yr 6 Swimming for Sport	24/25
Week 7	26 Intensive Swim Program 26 Nov - 7 Dec	27	28	29	30 Yr 3 to Yr 6 Swimming for Sport	1/2
Week 8	3 Dec Volunteer Morning Tea	4 Performance @ Pensioners Hall  Hello High School	5 Yr 6 Farewell	6 Kindergarten 2019 Picnic	7 Yr 3 to Yr 6 Swimming for Sport  Human Sexuality Talk Y6	8/9
Week 9	10 Performance @ Retirement Village	11 <b>Celebration Day</b>	12	13 KA, KD & 2/1M Visit Swansea Library	14 Presentation Day Reports go Home	15/16
Week 1	17	18	19 Party Day K to Y6  Last Day for students	20 SDD	21 SDD	22/23

Recent notes home

Year 6 Farewell and Photo note

KA , KD and 2/1M visit to Swansea Library

Thank you  
Swansea Woolworths for  
letting our students in Kinder,  
Year 1 and Year 2 visit your  
store this week. Everyone had



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