26 March 2013

THIS WEEK . . . WEEK 8
Morning Fitness - Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings
Homework Club on Wednesday
Tue 26/3: Active After School Sport for students in Yrs 3-6 - SKATEBOARDING - LAST SESSION
Wed 27/3: Active After School Sport for students in Kindy, Yrs 1 & 2 - ZUMBA/DANCE- LAST SESSION
Thu 28/3: EASTER HAT PARADE at 12 o’clock
Fri 29/3: GOOD FRIDAY

NEXT WEEK . . . WEEK 10
Morning Fitness - Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings
Homework Club on Wednesday
Mon 1/4: EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY
Tue 2/4: All students return to school for Week 10 of Term 1
Wed 3/4: Meet the Principal of Swansea High School (Robyn Leggatt) at 7pm
Fri 5/4: Student Leadership program morning tea

Canteen is closed every Tuesday
The weekly Newsletter can be found on the school website!!

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Meet the Principal of Swansea High School:
Wednesday 3 April at 7pm
Mrs Robyn Leggatt, Principal (Relieving) of Swansea High School would love to meet with parents from our school. She will discuss the specific programs of Swansea High School and discuss other matters of interest concerning your child's high school education. Please come along and find out about what Swansea High School can offer our students as they move into high school.

Reminder: Term 2 School Development Days:
Monday 29 April AND Tuesday 30 April
In Term Two all schools will be holding TWO School Development Days - Monday 29 April AND Tuesday 30 April. These two days will allow teachers a very special opportunity to begin the complex and challenging process of becoming familiar with two new Australian syllabus documents, English and Mathematics. On Monday 29 April our teachers will be joining teachers from the Galgabba Community of Schools to participate in activities that will guide our understanding of the new English Australian syllabus. On Tuesday 30 April our teachers will participate in a follow up session on the English syllabus and then analyse the Numeracy Continuum that supports the assessment of student learning and skills in Mathematics, with a special focus on fractions.

Riding Bikes to School
It is great to see students riding bikes to school as Swansea is such a fantastic suburb for cyclists. Here are just a few tips about riding bikes at Swansea Public school:
• It is advisable that students ride bikes accompanied by an adult (walking or riding) until they are 10 years of age. The RTA advise this as a “rule of thumb” because most children up to 10 do not have well developed peripheral vision (the capacity to see 180 degrees);
• Students must walk their bikes in and out of the school grounds;
• Bikes should be in a good, safe working order;
• Helmets must be worn at all times; and
• Due to previous incidents the riding of scooters has been discouraged.

Student Achievements
• Kain Anderson and Tom Affleck (Year 6) will be representing the Eastlakes Zone at the tryouts for the Hunter Region Rugby League team. Good luck, boys!
• Kain Anderson has been selected as a member of the Eastlakes Zone PSSA Boys Cricket team - Go Kain!

Glenrock Camp News!
This was a great excursion and the students of Stage 2 (Yrs 3 and 4) enjoyed three days of fun and exercise and activities that focused on the environment. Thanks to Mrs Mansfield they had lots of yummy food. We had a very entertaining Talent Quest with Flynn Wallace-Smith the winner with his guitar and singing and then a very wild Disco night. This camp was a great learning experience for all and many of our students tried very hard and succeeded

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.

Quality Teaching … Excellent Facilities … Enriching Programs
in overcoming fears and concerns such as staying away from home, sleeping in a new bed and trying new foods - well done, brave students!! A number of students also learnt the importance of following instructions and working as a team. A special thanks to Mr Thomas for organising the excursion and for Miss Dunbar and Mr Hellier for their support.

**New Initiative - GO4FUN**
I have received information about a fantastic free healthy living program called GO4FUN. This program is fun and interactive and supports 7-13 year old children and their families to adopt a healthy lifestyle and a long and lasting approach to living. The program has been specifically designed for children who are above a healthy weight, and their parents. The program consists of 20 sessions, twice a week and that are run after school.

Places are limited - register at [www.mendcentral.org](http://www.mendcentral.org) or phone free call 1800 780900. An information pamphlet is available from the school's Office.

**Easter Raffle**
Last chance for Easter egg donation tomorrow. Please return raffle tickets to school ASAP. If you would like more tickets they can be bought on the day.

**Community Notices**
**Eastlakes Family Support Service Inc.**
Government funded and managed by a community based Management Committee. Some Services available are financial counselling, advocacy with other services, support and mediation to families and individuals, self esteem development and parenting skills and support. For information phone 49439255 or email:staff@efss.org.au

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**TERM 1 – WEEK 8**
**Champion Class – 1AC**
**Class Champions**

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**Badalya Hut**
**Canteen Roster**

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Please note that no children are allowed in the Canteen except for the Year 6 helpers that have been approved by the Principal.

**If you can help out in the Canteen please contact Barb on 49722269 or come into the Canteen and see us.**