5 March 2013

THIS WEEK . . . WEEK 6
Morning Fitness - Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings

Homework Club on Wednesday
Tue 5/3: Active After School Sport for students in Yrs 3-6 – Skateboarding
School DISCO 5.30-7.00pm for students in Kindy, Yrs 1 & 2 from 7-9.00pm for Yrs 3-6 - see note in this newsletter

Wed 6/3: Kindy Library visit
Year 6 “Taster” lessons at Swansea HS
Active After School Sport for students in Kindy, Yrs 1 & 2 - Dance

Thur 7/3: The School’s Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program - Be Safe! Be Responsible! Be Respectful!
PSSA Hunter Region Swimming Carnival-
Good luck to Jordan Jones (Year 5) and Chloe Papadopolous (Year 6)

NEXT WEEK . . . WEEK 7
Morning Fitness - Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings

Homework Club on Wednesday
Tue 12/3: Active After School Sport for students in Yrs 3-6 - Skateboarding

Wed 13/3: Active After School for students in Kindy, Yrs 1 & 2 - Zumba/Dance

Thur 14/3: SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Selective High School Testing for nominated Year 6 students seeking a place for 2014
The School’s Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program begins - Be Safe! Be Responsible! Be Respectful!

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Classes in 2013 - Projected Planning for TEN Classes
Just to keep you up to date with our “student enrolment numbers” situation...
We now have enough students to set up a TENTH class at Swansea Public School - this is great news!

Today some of the teachers have been moving equipment and resources in order to accommodate the new classroom. I thank everyone for their patience and consideration; it has been a real team effort.

It has been planned that the new class will be "living" in the school’s Reading rooms and Mr Watson and Mrs Anderson (Reading Recovery only) will be relocated. Reading Recovery will operate out of the school’s teacher study area and Mr Watson’s programs will operate out of the school’s Technology room that is adjacent to the school Library.

Then on Wednesday we will readjust the classes and students will join their new class.
The classes will be:
Kindergarten remains the same - KB and KC (no changes)
1AC with Mrs Anderson and Mrs Chensee
1T with Mrs Tyrrell
2P with Miss Hayley Phillips (new class)
3/2H with Mr Hellier
4/3D with Mr Thomas
6/5M with Mr Murrell
6/5R with Mrs Rippon
This class structure will remain until the end of the 2013 school year.
As a postscript, it is expected that with the change of classes there will be a number of students who have been part of the school’s Life Skills program who will no longer be part of that program and for that I am sorry. A full reimbursement will be paid ($50) to the parents of those students who have paid for 2013 Life Skills.

Textbooks and Voluntary School Contributions
A Statement of Account for payment of textbooks and Voluntary School Contributions was sent home recently. It is hoped that parents and caregivers will support our efforts at Swansea Public School by contributing to our Voluntary School Contribution. The yearly contribution has been set at $20.
The payment of student textbooks will need to be made before a student can access the textbook for use in the classroom. All classes that use a textbook have been limited to ONE Textbook except for Year 1 who also needs “My Useful Word Book”. We try to keep costs down by sourcing texts that are affordable.

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
Congratulations Mr Brooks
Mr Brooks, Assistant Principal at Swansea Public School from 1993 to 2012, has been appointed as Principal of Fassifern Public School. I am sure that you will join me to wish him the very best at Fassifern - he will be a great Principal and educational leader! We will miss him here. However, he will still be sharing his talents and skills with students and that is important for public education.

This means that some time during 2013 we will interview for a new Assistant Principal. In the meantime, Mrs Rippon will continue as Relieving Assistant Principal and Miss Dunbar will continue as a classroom teacher at Swansea Public School.

Disabled Car Spaces at Swansea Public School
Thanks to Mr Graeme Bowman (father of Jeslyn) the school now has TWO disabled spaces. These can be found in Rawson Street just outside the school gates. These car spaces are for drivers who display a disabled sticker only. Just a reminder that there is a substantial parking fine if you are illegally parked in a disabled parking zone.

Reminder - School Photo Day on Thursday 14 March
Last week, School Photo envelopes were handed out to each student. Please read the information carefully. You will need to place the correct money in the envelope. Please DO NOT send the envelope to the school Office. Envelopes need to be handed into the photographer on the day (14 March). I ask that School Captains and Prefects be at school no later than 8.30am for their photo.

Clean Up Australia Day
Our school’s involvement in this great venture was cancelled on Friday 1 March due to the shocking weather. Hopefully, you may have joined a local community clean up in the Swansea area.

Reminder - P&C Meeting on 13 March at 7pm
This will be a very special meeting – champagne and a light supper will be available. It is the P&C’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Robyn Leggatt, Relieving Principal of Swansea High School will be our special guest - she is looking forward to meeting with you and to discuss the achievements of our local high school. Look out for our school’s P&C Facebook site - thank you to Kylie Stevens our P&C President for setting this site up for the Association.

Please come along and join in helping our school.

Great Parenting Courses at Eastlakes Family Support Service (14 Hickory Road, Gateshead)
These are free courses - Phone 4943 9255
- 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching ( to help parents manage children’s difficult behaviour)
- Engaging Adolescent ( breaking down the barriers between you and your teenager to allow better communication)
- The Power of Positive Parenting
Flyers are available from the school office