Dear Parents/Caregivers

It’s lovely to be back! Thank you very much to Mrs Stewart who has been (Relieving) Principal in my absence – she did a marvellous job. Thank you to all the staff and parents for your continuous support of our school.

As we head towards the end of the school year I would like to alert everyone that this our very busy time of the year, with numerous special events coming along. So “button down the hatches”. I hope that you have noted events such as the year 6 Farewell, Presentation Day, Rewards Day and Intensive Swimming and hope you will be able to join us for our celebrations.

Remembrance Day Ceremony
Next Tuesday 11 November our school will be holding a Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10.45am. Any children wishing to lay flowers at this service are welcome to bring them in that morning. Parents are very welcome to attend.

From Mrs Stewart
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Lincoln Brown for stimulating and engaging Class 4/3S whilst I have been relieving for Mrs Patterson. We welcome Mrs Patterson back today after having long service leave for the past four weeks. Thank you to everyone for making my time in this position a very happy and rewarding experience and I look forward to working with my class again. We welcome Mrs Brown in 4/3S for the next four weeks as she is working towards completing her degree to become a new primary teacher as well.

Daniel Morcombe Day
It was wonderful to see so many students wearing red to honour and support this wonderful initiative by the Morcombe family. My thanks to the P&C for organising the event and activities to raise the awareness of ‘Stanger Danger’ for our students. It was great to see Mr Gary Edwards, our local member, chatting to the students and walking with them around Quinn Park. Thank you everyone for an excellent day!

Flashing School Lights
It is welcome news that we are finally receiving flashing school lights around the school. The work on this installation will begin on Thursday 13 November 2014. The following is an email I have received about the disruptions that may occur.

“The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights at all schools by the end of next year to alert motorists of the 40km speed limit required during school drop off and pick up times.

Installing these flashing lights in schools zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to drive at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area.

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
Intensive Swimming Scheme
The School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an Intensive Learn to Swim Program offered to students in Years 2 to 6 who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety, survival skills and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water. A note went home to students with venue and costing details. Please contact the Office if you need another note or would like your child to attend.

Library News
"Pippin Update" Unfortunately no sightings of Pippin as yet. We are all keeping our eyes open so that we can welcome our own scout elf, the moment he returns. Keep your eyes peeled!

Swansea Before and After School Care News
- Swansea Before and After school will finish on the 17 December returning first day of school.
- Swansea Before and After school care will be open on the 18 and 19 December as part of Vacation care/Pupil free day. This will be run at Swansea Before and After school care. Hours of care are 7.15am to 5.15pm. Vacation care fees and percentage will apply. Payment is to be made on the day. Please ensure your child is booked in prior to these dates.
- Vacation Care will Start on the 5 January 2015. Children enrolled for Kindergarten that year will be allowed to attend. Please contact Centrelink to advise they are no longer a preschool child.
- Before then end of this term new enrolment forms need to be completed by all families that use this service and any new families that wish to attend the service, please advise us of your days for next year.
With Thanks - Swansea Before & After school care
Narelle, Robyn and Jen

Badalya Hut
Our Canteen needs volunteers. If you are able to volunteer, whether once a week or once a month, all help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Debbie on 0448 890 996.
Canteen is closed every Tuesday

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Weekly, fortnightly or monthly Great rates – fully insured
Registered BAS Agent Local references available
Ph: Kate Sinclair on 0418 612 806

Let's get organised early!
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an International big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional International students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our International students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan, the U.S.A. and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429406126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!