1 April 2014

THIS WEEK … WEEK 10

Wed 2/4:  T-ball Gala Day
Active After School Sport, Yrs 3-6 Football Skills
- LAST SESSION

Thu 3/4: Premiers Sporting Challenge Leadership Program for selected Yrs 5 and 6 students at Swansea High School – students will be accompanied by Mr Murrell
How to help your child read – Parent Reading Workshop with Mrs Anderson

Fri 4/4: Student Leadership course
Cross Country for Yrs 2-6
How to help your child read – Parent Reading Workshop with Mrs Anderson

Week 11

Mon 7/4: Peer Support Training for students in Yrs 5 and 6 to be held at Caves Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

Tue 8/4: Peer Support Training – Day 2 at Caves Beach Surf Lifesaving Club
Aboriginal Education Committee meeting
2.00pm

Wed 9/4: P&C meeting at 9.15am in the staffroom
Galgaabba Middle Years SRC meeting at Swansea High School, 2.00-3.00pm

Thu 10/4: School Anzac Day Service

Fri 11/4: Easter Hat Parade starting at 12noon
Last day of Term One

TERM TWO

Week 1

Mon 28/4: School Development Day - Pupil Free Day – see note below

Tue 29/4: All students, K-6 return to school

Week 3

Tue 13/5 to Thu 15/5 has been set aside for our national testing program (NAPLAN) that involves students in Years 3 and 5 only

Canteen is closed on Tuesdays

Dear Parents/Caregivers

School Development Day - Monday 28 April 2014

Monday 28 April will be our Term Two School Development Day. For new parents this is a pupil-free day for teachers to participate in professional learning opportunities.

Teachers in public schools in New South Wales are currently experiencing a complex set of changes including new national curriculums, new staffing and funding processes under our Local Schools Local Decisions initiative, new accreditation standards and new ways of supporting students under our Every Student Every School Program. These initiatives have directions and guidelines from both State and Federal Governments.

With this in mind, our Term Two School Development Day will focus on classroom management strategies as part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program. We will also be exploring the new Literacy Continuum which is strategy that allows teachers to measure, plot and track student progress in Literacy.

Please note that all students are expected to return to school for Term Two on Tuesday 29 April.

Student Absence Notes are Essential!
When your child is away from school there is a legal requirement that parents or caregivers must provide a written note that explains the absence.

Just a few points that need to be addressed:

• The written note from parents or caregivers should be addressed to the class teacher
• Exemptions can be provided for students who are on leave such as holidays - please see me (Sandra Patterson) if you require an exemption for this purpose. Exemptions need to be arranged before going on holidays.
• Please contact the school if you child is going to be away from school for more than three days.
• Hairdressing appointments and absences such as “days off for a birthday” are unacceptable under the Attendance Act and as such are unjustified absences.
• Unjustified absences and absences where notes are not provided may lead to the involvement of the Department’s Home School Liaison officer (HSLO).

Easter Hat Parade – Friday 11 April
All students will be parading at the Easter Parade on Friday 11 April at 12.00 noon.

All students, Kinder-Year 6, will be making their hats at school.
Please parents, this is a fun activity for the students!
Parents, grandparents and friends are all invited to join us on this special day.

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
Uniform Shop
Please come and check out our Winter uniform range – high quality and long lasting
We stock:
- Girls dance pants $22.00
- Boys long cargo pants $22.00
- Fleecy track pants $18.00
- Fleecy zip jackets $25.00
- Weather proof jackets $32.00
- Fleecy scarf $7.00
- Fleecy beanie $6.00
We also have a second hand rack which sell for $2.00 an item. However stock is low so donations would be greatly appreciated.

Badalya Hut
Canteen Roster

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Please note: The Canteen will be changing our Noodles from chicken to beef flavor due to the high sodium content in chicken. We will be removing Salt and Vinegar chips from our range, again due to the extremely high sodium content. Jellysticks are no longer available.

Canteen is closed every Tuesday

P&C Association
Easter Raffle - Friday, 11 April 2014
The P&C Association will be holding an Easter Raffle at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11 April 2014. We are now calling for donations and would be very grateful if students could bring with them to school an Easter egg for inclusion in the raffle. They will also receive a mini award from their teacher.
Thank you - P&C Association

Community Notices
Salt Water Market is ready to party! We are celebrating our 2nd Birthday on Sunday, 6 April 2014 and we invite everyone to attend. Held in the beautiful grounds of Swansea Public School from 9am-2pm you will find a huge range of high quality stalls, fresh fruit and vegetables, the most amazing picnic area which is the perfect place to enjoy a coffee or something delicious to eat including a charity bbq.
Live entertainment, our very own "Kids Retreat" with a jumping castle, face painting, fairy floss and the Sand Wizard. This month you can also enjoy our Pottery Workshop which starts at 11.00am. A place for family and friends and one where the whole community can come together to connect and celebrate.
Join Salt Water Market for their 2nd Birthday. For more information call the Mermaids on 49720506 or email saltwatermarket@hotmail.com Find us on fb at www.facebook.com/refreshingexperience or www.saltwatermarket.com.au

Nutrition Snippet
Snacks are an important part of a healthy diet for active children. Kids have little tummies so they need small amounts of food often. Try these simple & healthy snack ideas in your kid’s lunchbox:
- Popcorn: plain air popped popcorn (without salt or butter) mixed with sultanas and dried apple
- Dried fruit snack packs: buy them ready made, or make your own at home in reusable containers
- Fruit salads: buy small tubs of diced fruit in natural juice, or cut up small pieces of fruit and make your own
- Crackers & veg: slice up some avocado or tomato with some rice crackers

It's scientifically proven that kids like smaller portions – so cutting up fruit + veg will ensure it's eaten every day!
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