Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2. This is only a nine week term so we will all be working very hard to provide quality teaching and learning lessons. Please take note of the attachment in this newsletter about World Book online - a fantastic resource that students can access at school and at home.

As we move into the cooler months and students start wearing jackets and jumpers it might be a good idea that all such items are clearly labelled with your child’s name - we already have a growing mountain of lost property. Lost property tubs are located outside our computer room, near the COLA stage area.

We have quite a few changes for the beginning of this term and so it is important that we all work at “keeping the ship steady”:

- Mrs Deanne Aarts has commenced at Swansea Public School as a permanent teacher. Mrs Aarts will go onto 2H for the remainder of the 2014 school year. Deanne is a very experienced teacher having taught in many

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**THIS WEEK … WEEK 1**

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

Wed 30/4: Homework Club starts back for Term 2 at 1.15pm - bring along your homework, reading text or book or a personal interest project - See Mrs P in the Computer Room!

Fri 2/5: Eastlakes PSSA Zone Cross Country at Barton Oval, Belmont
Primary Cultural groups begin this week at 2.00pm

**NEXT WEEK … WEEK 2**

Wed 7/5: Active After School Sport Program begins for Yrs 3-6 - Bike Fitness

Thu 8/5: Active After School Sport Program begins for K-2 - Water Sports and Games

Fri 9/5: Programs - Rage, Managing the Bull and Drumbeat for selected students from Yrs 5-6

**Week 3**

Tuesday 13 May to Thursday 15 May has been set aside for our national testing program (NAPLAN) that involves students in Yrs 3 and 5 only

Tue 13/5: NAPLAN - Language Conventions and Writing tests

Wed 14/5: NAPLAN - Reading test
- Active After School Sport Program for Years 3-6 - Bike Fitness
- P&C meeting at 7.00pm

Thu 15/5: NAPLAN - Numeracy test
- Active After School Sport Program for K-2 - Water Sports and Games

Fri 16/5: NAPLAN – last day for individual students to complete catch up tests

**Week 4**

Wed 21/5: Active After School Sport Program for Yrs 3-6 - Bike Fitness

Thu 22/5: Active After School Sport Program for K-2 - Water Sports and Games

**Week 5**

Wed 28/5: Active After School Sport Program for Yrs 3-6 - Bike Fitness

Thu 29/5: Peer Support Program K-6 begins
- Active After School Sport Program for K-2 - Water Sports and Games

**Week 6**

Wed 4/6: “CAPApillar Day” for selected students interested in Creative and Performing Arts at Caves Beach Public School (Yrs 3-6 only)
- Active After School Sport Program for Yrs 3-6 - Bike Fitness

Thu 5/6: Uniform Inspection for students K-6

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Water Sports and Games

Fri 6/6: School Athletics Carnival (weather permitting)

**Week 7**

Mon 9/6: QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

Tue 10/6: Session 1 of parent course, 123 Magic - 9.30am to 11.30am

Wed 11/6: P&C meeting at 9.15am
- Active After School Sport Program for Yrs 3-6 - Bike Fitness

Thu 12/6: Active After School Sport Program for K-2 - Water Sports and Games

**Week 8**

Tue 17/6: Session 2 of parent course, 123 Magic - 9.30am to 11.30am

Wed 18/6: PSSA Netball Gala Day
- Active After School Sport Program for Yrs 3-6 - Bike Fitness - LAST SESSION

Thu 19/6: Active After School Sport Program for K-2 - Water Sports and Games - LAST SESSION

**Week 9**

Mon 23/6: Aboriginal Science Show

Tue 24/6: Session 3 of parent course, 123 Magic - 9.30am to 11.30am

Fri 27/6: Semester One student reports go home LAST DAY of Term 2

**Canteen is closed on Tuesdays**

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locales including Indonesia and Darwin. She is also very musical and plays the piano - she will be a wonderful addition to our K-2 team!

- Mr Hellier will move onto 6/5M as he is a very experienced Stage 3 teacher with many skills in Literacy and Numeracy that will support student progress and help them prepare for high school.
- Mrs Rippon is on Long service leave until 22 May as she has sick family members. Miss Rebecca Nesbitt will be on 6/5R for this time. Our students know Miss Nesbitt very well so this will be helpful to help keep the ship steady.
- Mr Thomas is on Long Service Leave and will return on the 13 May. Miss Carissah Fletcher will be on 4/3T for this time.
- Miss Phillips will remain on 2/1P until further notice.
- Mrs Boyce will be Assistant Principal (relieving) until the return of Mrs Rippon and they will then share this role until the end of the 2014 school year.
- In addition, in early Term 2, Mrs Godyn from the Office will be taking extended Long Service Leave. She will be replaced by Mrs Gloria DeBono (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday).

Annual School Report 2013
The Annual School report is now on the school’s website. This report details progress for areas such as Literacy, Numeracy and other initiatives. It also includes annual attendance information and financial details on school funding operations. Please contact the school Office if you would like a printed copy of this report.

Active after School Sport Program for Term 2
Please see the attached letter in this newsletter.

Parent Course – 123 Magic (10, 17 and 24 June)
We are very lucky to have the opportunity to be the host of a very special parenting course - 123 Magic. I have known many parents who have participated in this course and have reported that it has been useful in helping their children adopt more cooperative behaviour. The course is free for all participants and morning tea and babysitting will be available for participants. We need 15 participants to make this course viable.

Next week I will place a return slip for those interested parents to complete. Please consider your participation.

Parents in the Morning
Parents and Caregivers, I am seeking your help in a matter that is becoming quite serious. Each morning parents are gathering around the doors of classrooms as students are trying to enter their classroom. This is causing a great deal of chaos and unsettled behaviour and can be quite unsafe near the steps of the KN and 1T classrooms. Teachers often have to wind their way around parents - it is certainly not assisting us to start the school day in a calm, happy way.

So to allow students and teachers to get into their classroom, we ask parents to not gather around the doorway, ramp and stairs of classrooms.

Year 6 Transition Taster Lessons
All Year 6 students will be attending the second day of ‘a taste of high school’ on Wednesday 14 May at Swansea High School. Private transport will need to be organised for all students. Pick up from our school at 1.30pm.

A reminder note has been sent home via your child. Many thanks for this organisation.

Year 6 Teachers

SPECTACULAR 2014 - CIRCUS
This year is the year of our musical, dance and drama SPECTACULAR, so mark this date on your calendar and keep it free: Thursday 4 September (Week 8, Term 3). It will be held at our usual venue - Swansea High School Hall at 7.00pm. The theme for this year is “Circus”. A bunch of school kids who are found “clowning around” in class find themselves somehow transported to a circus world where they get up to crazy antics. Every child in the school will get a chance to perform.

The students are as keen as ever to participate. We will keep you updated.

Michelle Melville – co-ordinator

Library News
Welcome back to all. Let’s start Term 2 with some great news!

Producing information literate and internet savvy students is an important aspect of the new Australian Curriculum and the ongoing education your students receive at Swansea Public School. It is very important that our students search for information texts that are created by genuine trusted authors. Wikipedia and other sites accessed through Google, Yahoo and Bing search engines are not always reputable and can be written by anyone. When our students search for information for homework, projects or even just because they are interested, it is vital the information they find and trust is correct, up to date and written by someone who is qualified and experienced in that area. So, with all that in mind, our school has subscribed to a wonderful site called WORLD BOOK ONLINE. It is created and maintained by the same company who creates the encyclopaedias and is updated daily. We have access to two areas:

- World Book for Kids (Grades K-5)
- World Book Student (Grades 4-9)

These sites provide games, videos, and research help, but most importantly, up to date information that we can trust. They can be accessed from any mobile device including tablets and iPads. Our staff will be recommending these sites as the first places students go looking for information. I encourage you to do the same at home. I have included a small poster with our school’s ID and password to place near your home computer so your child/ren can access these sites quickly and easily.

Please let us know what you think, as you explore these information sites with your child/ren.

N.Henry (Teacher/Librarian)

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Community Notices

Salt Water Market
Shopping in time for Mothers Day!
Come and spend the day with us at Salt Water Market.
Find Mum the perfect gift for Mother's Day, relax in our picnic area, listen to live music, enjoy something delicious to eat and let the kids have their face painted and play on the jumping castle.
With something for everyone, you will love it. Sunday 4 May 2014 at Swansea Public School, Rawson Street, Swansea. Gates open at 9am until 2pm.
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