6 May 2014

**THIS WEEK … WEEK 2**

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

Thu 8/5: Mother's Day Stall
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

**NEXT WEEK … 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: Knights Knockout for Senior Rugby League team
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: Knights Knockout Rugby League for junior team
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
Active After School Sport Program for K-2 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 - 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 - 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 - 11.30am

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

**Canteen is closed on Tuesdays**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thanks to Mr Boyce

A very special thanks to Mr Boyce who welded the new platforms to our fixed equipment structure in the playground. He did a wonderful job, and it is finally back in action!

Moscow Circus

Hey there hoop-la the circus is in town! The Moscow Circus will be arriving this week and setting up their big top in Quinn Park. Fun for all the family!

Parent Course – 123 Magic (10, 17 and 24 June)

Please find attached the flyer for the 123 Magic parent course. To register either contact me or Lesley Asher as listed on the flyer. This will be a great support for all parents, as we all want our children to grow up to be “nice people” who can form healthy long term relationships with friends and family.

**Student Survey Results**

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.

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Last term teachers conducted a survey for students in Years 1-6. The purpose was to determine, somewhat superficially, the influence of social media and technology on the lives of our students.

Here are the results:
1. 60% of students have a television in their bedroom
2. 32% watch television until they go to sleep
3. 40% of students read a book before they go to sleep
4. 40% go to sleep after 9.00pm
5. 60% use a computer, ipads, tablet or games console before they go to sleep
6. 20% have a Facebook account
7. 20% have their own mobile phone
8. 50% message people using a phone, iPod or computer
9. 32% sleep ten hours a night
10. 27% go to sleep at the same time each night

These findings have a huge impact on the behaviour, concentration and learning engagement levels of students in the classroom. I have little doubt that they are mirrored in other schools - it shows the changing nature of issues of technology and its impact on the student progress. Of course this also means that teachers have extra issues such as tiredness, cyber bullying issues and the influence of social media on the daily lives of some our youngest students. I believe that these issues need to be discussed by parents and caregivers to ensure that our children live healthy and happy lives.

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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

Mother's Day Stall
The P&C Association will be holding a Mother's Day Stall this Thursday 8 May 2014 at the School starting at 9.15am.
Gifts are priced between $1.00 - $10.00. One gift per child.
If there are gifts left over there will be the opportunity to purchase a second gift at Recess.

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Canteen Roster

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Our Canteen needs two people to volunteer each day to serve hot food, so on these days without enough volunteers, sandwiches only will be available.
If you are able to volunteer for any day/s, whether once a week or month, please contact Barb on 49722269.
We also have Work for the Dole through Mission Australia for anyone who may need it.

Canteen is closed every Tuesday

Community Notices

Mother's Day Family Night at Bunnings Warehouse
Join us for our activities and Mad Hatter Tea Party in store for Mothers Day Family Night on Thursday 8 May from 6.00pm-8.00pm.

Milo in2Cricket
Milo In2Cricket is coming to Charlestown Indoor Sports Centre and offering a program for boys and girls aged 5 to 10 years for a 6 week period from 4.00pm-5.00pm commencing 16 May. Parents can register their children online at www.in2CRICKET.com.au or email at Neil.McDonald@cricketnsw.com.au.

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