Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Our school has been involved for more than five years now with the PBL program and this has provided a wonderful framework for the school to explore and discuss our three key expectations “Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful”. Our bee logo and signage that is all around our school helps support the link between our discussions and the expectations.

I would like to thank teachers for their dedication to support student behaviour and the great efforts they to go to help our students. Also, thank you to parents/caregivers who often use our expectations for talks at home. It’s great we are all on the “same page”!

This term in PBL we are focusing on the following issues at school:

- Assemblies - we have changed how we line up and it is taking some extra efforts to adjust to the different arrangements. I am pleased that students are now much quieter in lines and ready to listen and learn.

- A focus on “Hands and feet to yourselves” - this comes under our Be Respectful expectation and teachers have been working with students in class on this aspect of PBL.

- Putting all our student behaviour data (positive and negative) onto our school’s tracking system known as Sentral. This is giving teachers the capacity to access a lot more information on student behaviour and incidents as they occur.

- I have also been talking to students about being more responsible for their rubbish that comes from their Recess and Lunch food. I am hearing a lot about other schools not having any rubbish bins and the positive effect this is having not only on the school playground but also the students’ responsibility for adopting more sustainable and environmentally friendly practices. The conversation has just started and I am currently talking to other schools that are “binless”.

In Term Two our PBL focus will switch to our Peer Support Program that has our Years 5 and 6 students taking on the role of student leaders, coordinating the learning activities for their group of children from K to 6. The theme for 2015 will be “Getting Along” as the teachers work with students to form strong, heathy and positive relationships.

Book Club

Book Club order forms have been sent home with your child today. Please note orders will need to be returned no later than Tuesday 17 March. Scholastic provides a secure online payment (option 2 on the order form), we also accept cash and cheques made out to Scholastics Australia. There are some great titles available for reasonable prices.

Parent Talk

Fiona Seamer is a Speech Pathologist who is employed at our school to screen and monitor students for their speech skills. Fiona will be here on Monday 9 March at 3:15pm to give a parent talk about speech development and the speech program in our school. The talk will be held in Ms Aarts’ classroom.

Badalya Hut

Canteen Roster

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At the Badalya Hut students have volunteered their time to increase their life skills and have become Canteen Trainees. These students will be assisting the canteen staff during lunch time and will commence next week.

Canteen is closed on Tuesdays

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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THIS WEEK . . . WEEK 6
Thu: 5/3: Evacuation Drill

NEXT WEEK . . . WEEK 7
Mon 9/3: Parent talk 3.15pm – Schools Speech Program
Wed 11/3: P&C meeting and AGM at 7pm
The Principal of Swansea High School will be our special guest - please come along and listen to
Robyn describe the plans and programs that happen at Swansea High School
School Disco K-2, 5.30-7pm and Yrs 3-6, 7-9pm
Fri 13/3: Paul Harragon Cup – Rugby League

WEK 8
Tues 17/3: Funky Hair Day for Yrs K-5, raising money for
The World’s Greatest Shave
Year 6 - Swansea Pensioners Sports Program
Wed 18/3: Year 6 “Taster Lessons” at Swansea High School
Thu 19/3: School Photo Day

WEK 9
Tue 24/3: PSSA Eastlakes Zone OZTAG Gala day for
students in Yrs 3-6 only

WEK 10
Mon 30/3: Premiers Sporting Leadership Day for nominated
Year 6 students at Swansea High School
Thu 2/4: Easter Hat Parade
Sun 5/4: Saltwater Markets at Swansea Public School

Canteen closed on Tuesdays

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Let’s Get Funky!
Is anyone prepared to BE BRAVE AND SHAVE? It’s that time of year again to raise money for ‘The World’s Greatest Shave’ and support those who are affected by Cancer. On Tuesday 17 March we will hold a Funky Hair Day and a sausage sizzle fundraiser. We ask you to bring a gold coin donation for the funky hair day and if you would like a sausage sandwich and a can of drink for $5 extra please fill in and return the note alongside this newsletter with your money to the school office by Friday 13 March. Wear a wig, colour or have accessories in your hair, or have your hair done at school before 9am for a gold coin donation. For anyone who is wanting to BE BRAVE AND SHAVE please see the attached consent form and we will have a hairdresser and clippers ready to go on the day!

P & C Easter Raffle
The Easter Bunny is on its way and to celebrate the P & C Association will be holding an Easter Raffle which will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2 April. We would be really grateful if all students could donate a small egg to include in our Easter Hampers. We would ask that each student give their Easter egg donation to their teacher and in return the students will receive a mini award. Raffle books will be handed out next week. Tickets will be $1.00 each.