~ Canteen Closed Monday 18 Feb ~

Principal's Report

Parent Information Evening

Our parent information evening is today!

K/1 - 5 pm
1/2 - 5:30 pm
3/4 - 6 pm
4/5/6 - 6:30 pm

We look forward to seeing you there. I will be using this opportunity to talk to you about the uniform for girls. I will then be able to take your opinion to the School Council who will then make a decision.

Zone Swimming Carnival

We have a team of 16 students who have qualified for the Zone Carnival. Congratulations to Beatie, Liam, Ethan C, Dylan, Sophie B, Madison G, Stanley, Ryan, Stacey, Jay T, Jesse, Alyssa, Hunter, Harmony, Ruby B, and Taj.

We wish you all the best for your races on Wednesday!

Pelicans, please accept my apology. I miswrote Sea Eagles as winning the Swimming Carnival. It was in fact Pelican House. I have rectified this error and the newsletter available on line has the correct result.

Band, Guitar, Dance and Tennis

This week our extra-curricular activities are beginning. If you have chosen to pay weekly, please be aware that children who don’t bring in money on time will not be able to participate for that particular week.

Band rehearsal is on Monday, band lessons and guitar tutoring are on Wednesdays, while tennis is during lunch on Thursdays during Term 1, and dance is on Fridays.

There are still spaces available in each of these activities. If you would like to enrol your child please contact the office.

Other Weekly Activities

Each week our students participate in the following activities:

Monday - PE and Music Lessons
Tuesday - Library
Wednesday - Scripture and Sport
Friday - Assembly

Weather permitting, the students run a few laps of the oval most mornings. Girls should wear their shorts and polo shirt on Mondays and Wednesdays. If they do dancing then it is a good idea if they wear them each Friday as well.

Upcoming Events

Please put these special events into your calendar:

1 March – Clean up Schools Day – please bring gloves to wear.
4 March – P&C AGM 7 pm.
5 March – World Maths Day on Mathletics.
8 March – School Photographer – the envelope will be sent home today – please wear best uniform and neat hair. Girls wear their tunic. Dancers can bring a change of clothes.
15 March – Cross Country Carnival – 11:35 start followed by sausage sizzle lunch.
21 March – Easter Hat making afternoon.
22 March – Ride2School Day – all students are encouraged to ride their bike to school, with an accompanying adult for under 9 year olds. We will have a day of road safety activities, including bike riding.
26 March – Easter Hat Parade and Book Fair.
29 March – Good Friday.
1 April – Easter Monday.
5 April – Go Green Day – to celebrate getting green bins we will be having Go Green Day. Everyone wears green and our class photos will be sent in to a competition being run by Lake Macquarie Council.
12 April – last day of term.

Karin Hird
Principal
Class News

K/1

We have had another great week in the K/1 class. The students have been working hard on learning new sounds and blending them together to make words. I am very pleased with how well everyone has been working. In Maths we have been collecting data about the people in our class. Come and have a look at our back wall display to see what we have discovered. K/1 have also begun learning about water safety this week. The students have learned about the different colour flags at the beach.

I hope to see you all at the class information session at 5pm today, in the K/1 classroom. Have a great week!

Mrs Smith

1/2

Well done to Elsa, our Star of the Week! This week in spelling we are learning about the “th” sound. In Maths we are exploring number patterns and organising data in tables and graphs.

Guitar has begun again this week and we also have some very excited Year 2 students who have started to learn to play a band instrument!

The students are enjoying each other’s jokes this week during news. (Thank you for bringing in your joke book to share with us, Elloise!) Next week we will be talking about our favourite book. Mrs Halligan may have to bring Rainbow Fish to visit again!

We are looking forward to meeting with parents at the Parent Information Afternoon at 5.30pm today to discuss class routines and the Stage 1 curriculum.

Mrs Halligan, Miss Burgess and Mr Derbyshire

3/4

This week in Maths we have been drilling our 3 and 5 times tables and investigating measurement. We’ve looked at how to measure, how to estimate an objects length and also different units of measurement that we can use.

For reading groups we have focused on nouns and our comprehension skills. Students have been encouraged to find the main idea on each page and explain this in their own words.

We are still continuing to enjoy our unit on Australia and the students are getting quite good at remembering all the states and capitals of our country. Ask them at home and see what they can remember.

This week we have looked at some Aboriginal artworks and the children have then attempted their own dot paintings. They look amazing and hopefully you will get to see these at parent teacher night tonight.

Looking forward to meeting you.

Mrs Thomas

4/5/6

Tomorrow is Ms Boyle’s last day with us. It has been great having her in our room and has enabled more one on one time to occur. We wish her well in her future career and I’m sure that she will go on to become a wonderful teacher.

This week we have been learning about measuring length and calculating perimeter. We’ve also learnt how to convert from cm to mm, from m to cm and from km to m. This takes a lot of practice as you need to remember whether to times by 10, 100 or 1000. Any opportunities that you have at home, that will give practical experience in measuring, would really benefit them. This is also true with measuring in litres and millilitres or kilos and grams as well.

Thanks to families who have let students bring in passports and souvenirs this week. They have helped add interest and depth of understanding to our HSIE unit.

Mrs Karin Hird

From the Office:

Thank you to all the families who have paid their accounts already. Invoices will again be posted next week with all extra-curricula activities listed on them. Prompt payment would be greatly appreciated, especially for your child’s work packs, which they are already using in their classrooms.

Family school photo order envelopes are now available at the office.

All medical notes should be sent in before Friday 1 March please.

Kelly and Sue

Canteen Roster:

Friday 22 Feb: Michelle Groves
            Anne Hutcheson

Wednesday 27: Gail Christie
               Colleen Hansen

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!!!! Please see Kelly in the office if you can help.
**Comming Events**

**Term 1 Week 5**
- Monday 25 Feb: Zone Swimming Carnival
- Wed 27 Feb: Zone Swimming Carnival
- Friday 1 March: Clean Up Australia Day

**Term 1 Week 6**
- Monday 4 March: P & C Meeting 7.00 pm
- Wed 5 March: "Binless Playground"
- Friday 8 March: School Photos

**Environmental News!!**

Well, we have had an odd week with the weather. Our gardens are starting to be used by each class with the K/1 class planting carrots. Students planted both seedlings and seeds that were in the form of a tape. Students were very interested in this form of planting. Hopefully we will get some great results. We will be transplanting some of the strawberries to our pipes which are to be hung high on the veggie garden fence. Students may also get the opportunity to bring some runners home. You may be able to encourage them to start their own small strawberry patch, be aware that when they start to grow, they will really take over the area so think about a good spot first.

The old school bins are starting to get a fresh coat of paint with the intention of having 2 red and 2 yellow bins in the school. We hope to use these much the same way as your general waste and recycling bins at home, that are picked up by council. You can help by providing packaging and information to your children about which packaging goes in which bin or better yet, sending food with minimal packaging to make it even easier!

Next weekend is the **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY initiative**. Therefore next Friday the 1 of March will be our schools chance to participate in this fantastic Australia wide event. Classes will be allocated particular areas within the school and its borders to clean up. Teachers will be supervising students during this time which is planned for Friday morning. If your children have gloves and any spare it would be very much appreciated if you can send them with your child on the Friday.

I hope you have a fantastic week and look forward to catching up with you when you get the chance.

**Carl Derbyshire (aka Mr D)**
SWANSEA COMMUNITY COTTAGE

COMPETITION

First Prize $100

Many Stories One Australia

For Harmony Day 2013 Swansea Community Cottage is having a competition to find the best stories from our local area. Students from Primary and Secondary Schools are invited to share their stories or artwork on the themes of either:

The Journey to Australia: How my family or ancestors came to Australia

My Lake Macquarie Story: An historical or present day story of harmony

- 5 to 8 years Writing, $20 prize
- 5 to 8 years Artwork, $20 prize

- 9 to 12 years Writing, $20 prize
- 9 to 12 years Artwork, $20 prize

- 13 to 18 years Writing, $20 prize
- 13 to 18 Years Artwork, $20 prize

Winners and selected entries will be on display at the Swansea Centre on Harmony Day Thursday 21st March 4.30 to 7.30pm

Entries close on Tuesday March 12, 2013. For further info contact the Cottage 49711229

See Kelly in the office for entry forms.
SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 February 2013

- **NO STOPPING**
  - Means that in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP your vehicle** at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.
  - Maximum penalty: $298 + 2 points

- **BUS ZONE**
  - Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.
  - Maximum penalty: $165 + 2 points

- **DOUBLE PARKING**
  - Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are **not allowed to stop your vehicle** unless you are driving a bus.
  - Maximum penalty: $298 + 2 points

- Stop in a NO STOPPING zone: $298 + 2 points, or STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing: $397 + 2 points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: $165 + 2 points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: $496
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Class: __________________

Date/s of Absence: _________________________

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