~Canteen Closed Monday 4 March~

Principal's Report

In Sympathy

It was with great sadness that we heard the news last week of Eric Boyd's passing. Eric was the founding band master for our concert band and was well loved by his students. His funeral was on Monday and was attended by our former band President and Treasurer, John and Jane Wood. On behalf of the school community I offer my most sincere condolences to Eric's wife and family.

Update on Mr Westcott

Great news! Mr Westcott will be back at work on Monday. Mrs Thomas has done a fantastic job with class 3/4 in Mr Westcott's absence and we thank her very much for all of her hard work.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Mrs Thomas had the pleasure of taking our team to the Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. Although no one made the finals this year all of our students tried very hard and are to be congratulated for their effort, their behaviour and their sportsmanship.

Stage 2 Camp

Pelican Flat PS has invited us to join them at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. This will be for students in Years 3 and 4. The camp will be from 2-4 September. At the moment I don't know the cost or all of the final details. Parents who attended Thursday's meeting supported the idea and so I have accepted the invitation. I will look into getting the students together before camp so they get to know the students and the teacher from Pelican.

Girl's School Uniform

I spoke to the parents at Thursday's meeting to gain opinions regarding what to do with the girls' tunics as our current supplier is being very slow to fill orders. The majority view was that a tunic is an essential part of the school uniform. I stated that I would obtain samples from other companies. I also talked about the senior girls' skirts and the possibility of replacing these with navy skorts. This was a popular suggestion, with comments such as, "That will look smart with the blazers".

As I have mentioned previously, it is the School Council's role to determine the uniform and the P & C's role to supply it. The School Council met last night. The outcome of that meeting was that skorts for senior girls was approved. Skorts will replace skirts made from the tunic fabric. There is a two year period for implementation. This means that if girls wear the tunic skirt between now and the end of Term 1, 2015 they are not out of uniform. Thanks to wonderful mums, we have managed to source a couple of companies that can supply a tunic in our current fabric. This would be the perfect solution and our uniform shop coordinator, Kylie Fisher, will be following up on this. I will keep you updated on this issue.

The New Curriculum and Term 2

To help ensure that teachers are ready to implement the new curriculum documents the government has allocated an extra School Development Day for this year. This means that Term 2, for students, will start on Wednesday, 1st May.

School Council

It is that time of year again when we need to elect representatives for the new School Council, 2013. The staff have elected Carl Derbyshire to be their representative. The President of the P&C will be one member and John Black will stay on as the community representative. I am automatically a member of the Council. There are two elected parent representatives. There is a nomination form for parent representatives at the end of the newsletter. Each nominee needs to be nominated and seconded for the position. You are allowed to self nominate.

Band

The band meeting was held last night. We have a student interested in learning the bass guitar and thus the band will be purchasing a guitar this term. To streamline lessons and rehearsals we will be following a revised timetable as of next week. This is:

**Mondays** – Advanced lessons and rehearsals.
Alysse, Stanley and Liam: 12:20 – 12:50
Ryan and Harmony: 12:50 – 1:20
Senior band rehearsal, including Taj and Calogero, 2 – 3 pm

**Wednesdays** – Beginner lessons (no band rehearsal in Term 1). Times may vary.
Group 1: Mary-Jane, Tenille and Eva
Group 2: Max and Eloise
Group 3: Sami, James and Sophie

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We have a couple of other students interested in joining the band.

**Impetigo**

There has been a reported case of Impetigo in our school. Impetigo (also known as “School Sores”) is an extremely infectious disease which affects the skin. Possible sign of infection is tiny blisters on the skin. Please keep an eye on your child/ren for any signs of infection.

**Karin Hird**
Principal

**Class News**

**K/1**

What a fantastic week we have had in the K/1 class. The year 1 students have been working hard in literacy and setting a great example for the kinder students. We have all been enjoying learning our sound and number songs. Ask your child to sing some of them for you. We enjoyed participating in sport with the whole school on Monday with activities such as street hockey, parachute and hurdles.

Thank you for the donations of soap and tissues that have been brought in. Have a great week!

**Mrs Smith**

**1/2**

Congratulations Nathan, our Star of the Week! This week we met a new addition to our class, Boo the world’s cutest dog! Boo and his book will be going home with the student who is Star of the Week.

Thank you to the parents who were able to come along to the Parent Information afternoon last week. Thank you also to Tenille’s mum who dropped by to help us during reading and maths groups this week. The students had a wonderful time! Any parents who would like to help in the room are most welcome, please see myself or Miss Burgess to organise a time.

This week we are learning about the “wh” sound and money and addition in Mathematics. The Super Spellers scoring 100% in last week’s spelling test were Lily, Renee, Tenille, Max, Kaylan, Mary-Jane, Elsa, Sunny and Ted. Well done! Our class has also been learning about Road Safety over the last few weeks. We have talked about how to cross the road safely and why we need to buckle up.

Next week’s news will be free choice!

**Mrs Halligan, Miss Burgess and Mr Derbyshire**

**3/4**

This week in 3/4 we have been very busy. The children have been working hard on writing and exposition, titled ‘Where do you like to swim, Beach or Pool?’ They are putting in an excellent effort and are producing some great work.

For maths we have focused on multiplication, we have been looking at different mental strategies and patterns to help when solving multiplication problems. Also this week the children have started an in class research project on a site within Australia. They have been able to choose one site to explore, then they will present their research to the class.

As this is my last week with the class I would like to say a big thank you to the school, the teachers and the parents for making me feeling so welcome and for all your support. I have really enjoyed teaching 3/4 and I will definitely miss them all, they have been a pleasure to teach.

I know that the children are looking forward to seeing Mr Westcott and know that he is excited to be returning.

**Mrs Thomas**

**4/5/6**

We have had some interesting news stories shared in the past week. It is great to see the students engaging with the world outside of Nords Wharf and there have been some interesting discussions coming from the news items. All children need to share at least once every two weeks.

On Tuesday we will be having a visit from Calogero’s mum. She is involved in importing items while supporting fair trade in developing countries. This is sure to be fascinating for the students.

Next week we will be participating in World Maths Day. Our class has been on the honour board for Mathletics for the past two years. Fingers crossed we do well on Tuesday!

**Mrs Karin Hird**

**Starstruck!!**

The StarStruck students have been enthusiastically practicing the audition dance, which will be filmed next week.

There is a link on the School website to view the youtube clip for the audition dance so your child can practice at home. Log on to the website, click on the Curriculum heading in the dark blue title bar across the top of the website, then click on the Arts heading down the left hand side of the page. Then you can click on to the link to view the clip. Happy practicing!!

**Miss Burgess and Mrs Halligan**
### Coming Events

#### Term 1 Week 6

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

#### Term 1 Week 7

- **Friday 16 March**: Cross Country Carnival and Sausage Sizzle

### Canteen Roster:

- **Friday 1 March**: Michelle Groves, Melissa Richardson
- **Wednesday 6 March**: Gail Christie, Colleen Hansen

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

### Happy Birthday to:

- **Savita**: 3 March

### Environmental News!!

This week, with the help of students, we saw our strawberries transplanted to the pipes. Some students also took some plants and runners home so they could plant some in their own gardens. With a bit of luck it will be strawberries and ice cream for dessert all summer this year.

I am also in the process of getting 4 new bins for the school grounds which will be both red and yellow in a bid to encourage recycling within our school community. I would be very happy if you can support the school in this by explaining what rubbish is meant for which bin or providing lunches with minimal packaging. This Friday will see our school participate in clean up Australia day which is this Sunday. Classes will be cleaning a designated area on Friday morning. If you can supply gloves for your children this would be great.

As we are starting to look at ways of keeping our environment safe and clean we will also be participating in a **Binless Wednesday**. This is a one off event, that schools from across Australia will be participating in. Again I will need your support in this initiative therefore I am asking that if possible on Wednesday 6th of March it would be fantastic if your child’s food contained little or no packaging at all as **No Bins** will be placed out in the playground. Any rubbish will be returned home. Here is an environmentally friendly tip-

Choose an apple, mandarin, orange, pear, banana, plum, mangoes, pieces of melons, nectarines, peaches or other fresh seasonal fruit for a quick, easy, environmentally-friendly snack. No packaging, full of nutrients and antioxidants, plus it tastes delicious!

There are still runners of strawberries left so please let me know if you would like some. Have a fantastic week.

### Carl Derbyshire (aka Mr D)

#### P & C Annual General Meeting

Next Monday March 4, the P & C will hold its AGM for 2013. Positions of President, Treasurer and Secretary will become vacant. I won’t be re-standing for the role of President this year as I have been in that position for three years and I believe a change of face will bring a new and fresh perspective. I will be involved as a committee member only. I urge all parents to sacrifice a couple of hours on Monday night and come along to the meeting and get involved, your school needs you. The P & C in the past has raised much needed additional funds and as education cuts from both state and federal governments keep coming the school relies on these added funds. The P & C is responsible for the running of the Canteen which desperately needs some TLC, I have been trying to keep the Canteen running, but a Canteen manager or a group of friends to run as a committee is needed. Parent patronage, support as volunteers and sales need to increase so the menu can be stripped back, sandwiches Monday, pizzas Wednesday and burgers etc. (a bit of junk) Friday could work, with special occasion days. Please remember we can’t change anything just by talking or complaining, someone has to take action for anything to happen. So I hope you have a passion for our local school and that I’ll see you on Monday night, 6.00 pm, put it in your diaries.

Thank you in advance

Mrs Jenny Haywood
SWANSEA-CAVES JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

2013 REGISTRATIONS— U'6s to U'14s

Re-registrations are on-line via www.swanseajrl.leaguenet.com.au

New Registrations only Wed 13th & 27th Feb

4:30pm to 5:30pm at Swansea Workers Club

passport size photo & birth cert required.

$95 incls spray jacket, shorts, socks, referee fees & NRL registration.

All enquiries email SwanseacavesJRLFC@hotmail.com

K/1
Annie
Brooklin

1/2
Lily
Mary-Jane
Elloise
Ben
Teneille

3/4
Julie
Taj
Sophie
Charlize

4/5/6
Brad
Hunter
Calogero
Callum
Brylee

Come and be Loud in your Library!

Join us for stories, craft activities, free family photos, fire engine and lots of fun!

JD's World of Magic
Free BBQ lunch!
Find out about local services

Wednesday 6 March, 10am—12noon
Lunch at 12noon
Swansea Library 228 Pacific Hwy Swansea
Contact Family InSight 4961 0700

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