Principal's Report

Class / Staffing Structure 2015

I realise that there is always speculation at the end of the year as to how the classes will be organised in the following year. I can tell you my current plans. Please keep in mind that it is always possible that this can change depending on the enrolments we have at the beginning of Term One. At the moment I am expecting that we will start the year with 96 students.

With this in mind we will probably have the following classes and staff:

K/1: Ms Trinity Hook
1/2: Mrs Kate Halligan
3/4: Mr Carl Derbyshire
5/6: Mr Peter Westcott

It is possible that a 2/3/4 will be formed, especially if we have any new enrolments in to 1/2.

I am currently planning to teach 3/4 one day a week and have four days to provide learning support, teach Year 2 Maths and provide RFF to each class. If our budget allows then I will extend that to five days a week of learning support, Maths and RFF.

I am really excited about this model. Mrs Halligan is back with us full time and I am looking forward to the opportunity of working closely with every child and every teacher in the school.

Presentation Night

Our Presentation Night starts at 6:30 pm this evening. Junior and Senior dance will be the first two items. Can these students please be wearing their shorts and coloured t-shirt and bring their school uniform to change into.

School Uniform

On Monday I posted a message on Facebook about school uniform for girls and then on Tuesday evening the P & C met and debated the topic. Our issue is that the company who makes our girls’ tunic is no longer able to do so and the fabric that they use is no longer available. This means that we basically have two choices: stop having a tunic as an option or still have a tunic but change the fabric, and possibly the design. If we de-cide to stop having the tunic as an option then we could go with skorts. Twelve months ago the School Council approved having skorts as an option for senior girls. We could extend this option K—6 giving girls the option of wearing shorts and polo or skorts and polo.

When I asked the girls yesterday what they would like, all girls above Year 1 said they would like skorts. Some of the Kinder girls and one Year 1 girl said that they like the tunic. Before a decision can be made we need to know parent opinion. There is a quick survey on the back of the newsletter. Please complete it and send it in before the end of next week.

We also had a discussion about shoes. The decision was that all students should wear black shoes every day. These can be joggers or school shoes, but need to be good for students to run around in.

School Photos

This term the P & C have had presentations from the company that photographed the preschool and from our current photographer, “The School Photographer”. After Tuesday’s presentation, the P & C have chosen to stay with our current photographer. The deal that we receive was especially tailored to meet the needs of our school community and gives great value for money. School photo day for 2015 will be Friday, 6 March.

Carols Night

There is just less than two weeks until our Carols Night. We will be having a cake stall and are looking for some donations from parents. If you are able to bake some cakes then that would be most appreciated. We need to have a list of ingredients provided with any cakes.

Band Bunnings Fundraiser

If you’re looking for any last minute Christmas presents, an opportunity to listen to some terrific music, or just a sausage sandwich then head to Bunnings at Belmont on Sunday, December 21. Our wonderful Band parents will be cooking up a storm all day, while the band will be having two performances: 11.00 and 11.30 am. We hope to see you there.

Karin Hird
Principal
Class News

Kindergarten

Kinder are working very hard for Miss Brindley while she is in their classroom for two weeks. They are enjoying playing new Literacy and Maths games.

This week in PE they participated in relay races which we all enjoyed and it is always good to see students run with a smile on their face. This week we have read the book 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister and have completed a very colourful artwork that is now on display in the classroom.

Kinder only have 9 days left of school until they move into Year 1. How exciting!

Ms Hook

1/2

The Stars of the Week are Joe and Sophie! Well done Isabelle, Alyia, Keely, Felix, Max, Sophie, Torhi, Joe, Marc Maggie, Daniel, Grace, Annie, Alyssa, Cooper, James, Nathan, and Koby for spelling all your words correctly last week. This week, students have selected five personal words that they need to revise. The students were amazed to look back at their own spelling and see how much they had improved!

Thank you to parents who have sent in their blue portfolio folders. We will be adding work samples from Term 3 and 4 and returning them to you at the end of the year. (Students who arrived at the school after Term 2 will receive a new folder). This week has been the final week for homework. Many thanks for your assistance with homework this year, I know we have had many keen students who were eager to spell their words correctly each week.

We had so much fun making our gingerbread houses on Tuesday afternoon! If you didn’t get a chance to have a look, they will be on display for another week in our room before we eat them! Many, many thanks to all the family members who joined us as well as those who sent in extra goodies for the houses. We could not have made them without your help! The students really enjoyed this activity and are very proud of their houses.

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire

3/4

We are having our room painted this week. Though there is some disruption it will be well worth it to have our room rejuvenated. The colour I have chosen is light blue with dark blue trim. I hope it looks good!

We have been working in the library, improving our computer skills and the children have been making mazes using hyperlinks.

We have also been working on a new spelling programme called ‘Black-Belt Spelling’. Ask your child what level they are on.

Mr Westcott

4/5/6

We have spent three days in the Library this week. Our classroom is now painted and ready for us to move back in. The colours are very bright and cheery. I will be looking to purchase some fabric and replace the curtains with something a bit more modern during the holidays.

As a part of our reading groups this week we have been completing PowerPoint exercises. The favourite has been to create a maze with hyperlinks used to show success or failure. It has been great fun for all of the students. Yesterday they partnered with some students from 3/4 and taught them how to do it. The library had a real buzz to it with over 50 totally engaged students. I was really proud of the great teaching job that they did as well. All of the 3/4 students experienced success and developed their skills.

Year 6 attended Hello High School at Swansea HS today. I had the opportunity to meet with the other Galgaba Year 6 teachers and we discussed the classes for next year. Mrs Leggett will be presenting the Year 7 scholarship this evening.

Our Year 6 Farewell is on Monday evening. It is being held at the Catherine Hill Bay Surf Lifesaving Club starting from 6 pm. We will meet at Baxter Park at 5 pm and watch the Year 6’s drive away in their limousine.

Mrs Hird

Happy Birthday To:

Annie 6 Dec
Nathan 8 Dec

Canteen Roster:

Friday 5 Dec Aleisha Melder
Monday 8 Dec Bec Green
Wed 10 Dec Sabrina Moore
From Mrs Thomas....

Sadly, next Thursday will be my last day at Nords Wharf Public School. I have loved having the opportunity to be a part of this school and I am grateful for the privilege of being able to teach, encourage, challenge, nurture and love each and every student that has been a part of this school in the last 3 years. Next year my family and I are starting a new adventure as we travel around Australia together. We are excited about our journey and can't wait for it to start.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the encouragement and support I have received since working at Nords Wharf and look forward to seeing you all when we return.

Mrs Thomas

Merit Awards

Class Awards
1/2
Cooper
Felix
Grace
4/5/6
Stanley
Sophie

Reading Awards
Kyan
Shontelle
Billy
Harley

Green Awards
James

Principals Award
Sophie

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will be open even weeks in the morning from 9.00—9.15 am and odd weeks in the afternoon from 2.30—3.00 pm

There are rugby and long sleeved polo shirts on sale for $5.00—Must be sold!! Old stock.

School caps are in!!

Thanks Tracey

Coming Events
Term 4 Week 10

Mon 8 Dec
Year 6 Farewell
Tues 9 Dec
Volunteer Morning Tea 11:15 am

Term 4 Week 11

Tues 16 Dec
Carols Night
Wed 17 Dec
Talent Quest
Year 6 'Clap Out'
Last Day for Students

Girls' School Uniform Survey

Keep the tunic with a new fabric
OR
Discontinue the tunic
    Skorts and polo or shorts and polo
    OR
    Shorts and polo

Comment:
BAKING DAY WITH 1/2

Our School Values: Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
Music at Swansea High school

Year 6 students transitioning to Year 7 intending to enrol at Swansea High school in 2015

If you are participating in a music program at your primary school and are unsure of next year, here is some information about the music programs that are running at Swansea High school.

- Guitar tutoring on Wednesday afternoon – small group lessons at school during period 7&8 open to beginners or advanced students.
- Small ensemble music group – for band students, beginners to advanced. Also running on Wednesday afternoon.
- Rock groups – a small group of students can enrol in this program with the goal to perform at assemblies and other functions within the school.
- Normal music lessons for Year 7 proceed every day.

If any of the extra music programs interest you, enrol before next year or just enquire to Mr Rippon at Swansea High school on 49711944.
FAMILY FUN NIGHT
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Swansea Scout Group

ON:
Tues 23rd December

TIME:
6-7pm

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