Principal’s Report

Crazy Hair Day

It is Crazy Hair Day tomorrow. Funds raised will be used to turf the dirt area under the soccer posts. This is a Year 6 initiative.

Easter Events

A reminder that the Easter Hat making afternoon is this Tuesday. All parents are welcome from 2.00 pm to come and assist with hat making.

The hat parade will be the following Tuesday, 8 April starting at 1:45 pm. The preschool are also invited to this event.

Prior to the Hat Parade will be a Book Fair in the Library. This will start at 12:45 pm. There will be many wonderful books on sale. The Library is able to select many books to purchase from the profits.

At the end of the Hat Parade the Easter Raffle will be drawn. Please place your donations in the basket in the office foyer. Tickets will be sent home soon.

Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Last Friday we had a focus on anti-bullying strategies for the day. All classes completed lessons for their age level, dealing with various aspects of bullying. Kindergarten and Class 1/2 completed a wonderful banner, which is currently featured on our Facebook page. Class 3/4 learnt about what to do if you are bullied while Class 4/5/6 looked at the role of the bystander and completed some role-plays about how to be an active, positive bystander.

These activities completed the work classes have been doing on positive relationships and will continue into next term.

Cross Country

We had a wonderful carnival on Tuesday. The weather held out and the children did a great job of competing. The practice we have been doing really showed with the students completing their races quite quickly. Well done to all of the place getters. Zone qualifiers will receive their note tomorrow.

Thank you to all of the parents who came and watched and who assisted in the Canteen. The Canteen made a $200 profit for the P & C.

The New English Curriculum

We have been implementing the new curriculum this term and have spent much of our staff meeting time on professional development relating to the implementation of the curriculum.

There are some significant changes between what is expected now to in previous years. One area of change is in regards to text requirements. Teachers are now being directed to teach from a range of texts for each stage of learning. These include texts which are widely regarded as quality literature, Australian literature, texts with an Aboriginal perspective, from other countries and times, featuring inter-cultural experiences, relating to Asia, everyday and community texts, multimedia texts, factual texts and those with an environmental focus. The texts should include poetry, fiction, film, non-fiction, drama and digital texts.

When considering what texts to read at home with your child, you may like to think about these requirements. Is your child being exposed to a variety of stories? Stories from other countries, Aboriginal stories, Australian stories, classic stories …

Through including stories that challenge children to think, expose them to new vocabulary and to unfamiliar situations you will also be helping them improve their learning at school.

Anaphylaxis

In the last few weeks we have had children coming to school with peanut butter sandwiches and other nut products. Please be aware that we have several students with severe anaphylaxis. It would be greatly appreciated if students did not come to school with nut products.

Notes Sent Home This Week
T Ball Gala Day
Cross Country Carnival
Medical Records Form
Crazy Hair Day
Funding Update
StarStruck T Shirt Order Form
Sport Leadership Day

Our School Values Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
School Hats

We do have a “No school hat, no play in the sun” policy. There have been a few students of late coming to school in ‘weekend’ hats. Please be aware that they will be asked to play under the COLA. School hats are available from the uniform shop, which is open every Friday morning from 9.00 am.

School Council

The School Council will be meeting on Monday evening from 5:30 pm. If you have any issues related to the governance of the school then please refer them to your parent representatives; David Miller and Caree Alfred or to the P & C President, Sidone Lambert.

Band Committee

The Band Committee will be meeting on Tuesday evening from 6 pm. All Band parents received a note about this on Tuesday.

Karin Hird
Principal

Class News

Kindergarten

I am very proud of the efforts of all our Kindergarten students this week during the Cross Country Carnival! They tried their best and finished the race with smiles on their faces.

In Maths this week, students have been dividing objects and groups into halves, making sure that each half is equal. Today we cut fruit into halves then we had a treat and shared some lolly snakes and Maltesers equally by cutting or grouping.

Ms Hook

1/2

Our Star of the Week this week is Felix! Well done to our super spellers last week; Isabelle, Aliah, Keely, Daniel, Cooper and Nathan, who scored 100% in their spelling test.

We were so proud of all the students in 1/2 for their efforts at the Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday. Most of our Year 2’s are turning 8 this year and they ran two laps of the Cross Country course! Well done to all of 1/2 and thank you to the parents and grandparents who were able to come and support/help on the day.

Next Tuesday 1 April from 2.00 pm, 1/2 will be making Easter Hats! This week, as part of our HSIE unit about celebrations, we discussed the information found on invitations and students brought home an invitation for this event. We always have a great time making Easter Hats and hope that you can join us on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire

3/4

This week we have had a pre-test on some commonly used words and have been learning them throughout the week. On Friday we will test the same group of words, hoping for a big improvement. Well done to Max, Kaylan, Thai, Ted and Coby who all achieved 100% in their spelling, last week.

There are quite a few plastic containers being accumulated in our hat-room. If you are missing some you might ask your child to check them to see if any are yours. If any parent can offer an hour each morning, to help with reading, please let me know. You will also need to complete a Working With Children Check Form.

Next week we have our Reptile Park excursion and we still need two parents to assist. If you are able to help, please let me know. On the day of the excursion, you would most likely have a small group to look after, as you move about the park.

Mr Westcott

4/5/6

This week we have been learning about mammals. The students are creating a presentation on a mammal of their choice. We have been continuing our focus on vocabulary development and on writing quality sentences.

In Mathematics, Years 5 & 6 have been learning about the Cartesian Plane. They have used co-ordinates on a plane to complete a design.

Next Thursday Year 5 & 6 have the opportunity to attend the Sports Leadership Day at Swansea HS. In past years we have only been able to send 12 students and the day has been run by outside coaches. This year the Year 10 students will be involved in coaching as well and all of our 5/6 students are able to be involved. The Principal from Pelican PS, Mrs Louise Dunn, will supervise in the first half of the day and Mrs Thomas will have them in the second half.

Mrs Hird

Happy Birthday To:

Mrs Selby 23 March
Joe 29 March
**Coming Events**

**Term 1 Week 10**

- **Monday 31 Mar**: School Council Meeting—5.30 pm
- **Tues 1 April**: Easter Hat Making Day
- **Band Committee Meeting—6.00 pm**
- **Wed 2 April**: T Ball Gala Day
- **No Guitar**
- **Thurs 3 April**: Swansea High School—Sports Leaders Day—Yrs 5 & 6
- **Busways Visit—K—2**
- **Regional Soccer Trials**
- **Rescheduled Guitar Lesson**
- **Crazy Hair Day**

**Term 1 Week 11**

- **Monday 7 April**: P & C Meeting—5.30 pm
- **Tuesday 8 April**: Easter Hat Parade
  - Book Fair
- **Wed 9 April**: Reptile Park Excursion
  - Yrs 3—6
  - No Guitar
- **Thursday 10 April**: Ice Cream Day
- **Friday 11 April**: ANZAC Day Ceremony at school—10.40 am
  - Rescheduled Guitar Lesson
  - Mufti Day (Yr 6 Fundraiser)

**Term 2 Week 1**

- **Monday 28 April**: Staff Development Day
- **Tuesday 29 April**: All students return

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop is open each Friday morning from 9.00 until 9.30 am for uniform sales.

Old style Stubbies brand size 12 Sport Shorts—6 pairs only MUST GO $5.00 each.

Size 10 and 12 Polo Shirts and Caps have arrived.

As this will be my last year with NWPS, I need someone to train in running the Uniform Shop—if anyone is interested please see me on Fridays.

Thanks Kylie

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**Canteen Roster:**

- **Friday 28 March**: Bec Green
- **Monday 31 March**: Leanne Munro
- **Wed 2 April**: Meaghan May
- **Megan Adams**

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**Band Committee Meeting**

The Nords Wharf Public School Concert Band would like to extend an invitation to all interested parties to our first meeting of the year and our Annual General Meeting.

This will be held Tuesday April 1 at 6.00 pm in the Staff room, Administration Building.

To keep our Concert Band operating we need enthusiastic volunteers to fill all positions which will become vacant at our AGM.

For further details please see Julia Schofield (Band Master) or Kelly in the office

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**P & C NEWS!!**

**EASTER EGG RAFFLE!!**

*Tickets will be sent home soon for children to sell. We ask could all families donate Easter products—Easter Eggs, etc for our hamper. All donations can be left in the office foyer. See Kelly and Sue by Monday 7 April. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 8 April at the Easter Hat Parade.*
Merit Awards

Class Awards
K
Taj
Evie A
1/2
Aliyah
Cooper
Lyla
Jace
Torhi

3/4
Tenille
Madi
Eva
Maddi H-G
Tiahna
4/5/6
Montanna
Charli
Jesse K

Reading Awards
Sunny
Alby
Isabelle
Lyla
Alby

NORDS WHARF PUBLIC SCHOOL
"Forever Onward"

ABSENCE NOTE

Student Surname: __________________________________________

First Name: __________________________________________

Class: ______________________

Date/s of Absence: ______________________

Reason for Absence: ______________________________________

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Parent / Guardian Signature: _____________________________

Date: ____________________________

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PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDCARE PERCENTAGE WITH YOU and your PROOF OF IMMUNISATION (not blue book)

NB: No Peanut Butter, Nutella or Nut Products please

SWANSEA COMMUNITY COTTAGE APRIL 2014 VACATION CARE  Ph 49711299

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SWANSEA COMMUNITY COTTAGE APRIL 2014 VACATION CARE  Ph 49711299

Ages: School children 4 – 12 years. Any child can attend Vacation Care but if we reach our maximum numbers for the day priority will be given to working parents, parents seeking work or studying. Times: 7.15am – 5.15pm. Cost: May only cost $7.10 per day including excursions (except where shown as extra). Most families are not required to pay the full cost of $41.00 which covers any attendance times during our opening times each day due to the percentage subsidy from Family Assistance Office.

Before attending Vacation Care ensure you are eligible for childcare and obtain your current percentage by phoning the FAQ on 138169.

Please bring this along to Vacation Care when booking in as well as Centrelink Nos for the parent/carer and children and immunization status.

Our provider Numbers are Swansea V/ Care 1-631-5994 or Caves Beach V/ Care 1-631-5992

Payments: Should be paid in advance on the first day of attendance each week

Attendance: Children may attend as many or as few days as required. Parents who do not work, study or have a family member with a disability may only be entitled to 24 hours (instead of 50 hours) of care each week at the reduced rate (ie 3 days). Extra days will be at full rates.

DO NOT BRING – MOBILE TELEPHONES, IPODS, THONGS, TOYS, GAMES, CHEWING GUM, OR SWAP CARDS.

If you need to contact your children during the day, please ring the Cottage to pass on a message.

PLEASE BRING A DRINK BOTTLE THAT WE CAN REFILL DURING THE DAY – No cans of drink please. Where possible, provide food in reusable containers and minimize wrappers and packaging so we care for our environment. REDUCE – REUSE – RECYCLE

Children must wear sensible shoes and hat – no thongs, scuffs or singlet tops please. Shirts must be worn when swimming in outdoor pools to prevent sun burn. Don’t forget to fill out our suggestion book on the desk

CAVES BEACH VACATION CARE “The Green Shed” at SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL

14-28 April  PLEASE BOOK IN ASAP and PAY IN ADVANCE on the FIRST DAY OF ATTENDANCE EACH WEEK TO SECURE YOUR POSITION. MONEY WILL ONLY BE REFUNDED IF PARENTS CANCEL THE DAY BEFORE.

Craft and Games before and after each day – children’s choice. Outdoor activities include cricket, soccer, Wii-Fit, climbing equipment and dancing

Mon 14 Apr – GAMES AND SPORTS DAY and SWIMMING at Swansea Pool. Bring lunch, swimmers, towel, hat & sunscreen

Tues 15 Apr – LOLLIPOPS Indoor Fun Centre at Kotara. Bring or buy lunch. Bring socks.

Wed 16 Apr – TEN PIN BOWLING at Warners Bay Superstrike. Bring or buy lunch and bring socks. EXTRA $2

Thurs 17 Apr. “LEGO MOVIE” at Lake Cinema .Bring lunch to eat at Pelican park., NO POPCORN-NO SHOP

Fri 18 Apr. - PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Sleep In

Mon 21 Apr. - PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Sleep In

Tues 22 Apr. - OAKVALE FARM at Salt Ash. Bring lunch, sensible shoes and hat . EXTRA $3

Wed 23 Apr. – “RED ALERT”LASER TAG”, Bring or buy lunch. EXTRA $5

Thurs 24 Apr. - “MR PEABODY and SHERMAN” at Lake Cinema .Bring lunch to eat at Speers Point park., NO POPCORN-NO SHOP

Fri 25 Apr. - PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Sleep In

Mon 28 – TIN LIDS ACTIVITY CENTRE (like Megamania) at Morisset. Bring or buy lunch.

SWANSEA VACATION CARE - COMMUNITY COTTAGE (Below Library)

14 – 28 April  PLEASE BOOK IN ASAP and PAY IN ADVANCE on the FIRST DAY OF ATTENDANCE EACH WEEK TO SECURE YOUR POSITION. MONEY WILL ONLY BE REFUNDED IF PARENTS CANCEL THE DAY BEFORE.

Craft and Games before and after each day – children’s choice. Outdoor activities include cricket, soccer, Wii-Fit, climbing equipment and dancing.

Mon 14 Apr. - SWIMMING at Swansea Pool. Bring lunch, swimmers, towel, hat & sunscreen

Tues 15 Apr. - TEN PIN BOWLING at Mayfield. Bring or buy lunch and bring socks. EXTRA $2

Wed 16 Apr. - YOUNG GUNS FISHING ADVENTURE at Croudace Bay Foreshore. Learn how to fish from the shore. Rods and equipment provided. Bring lunch, hat and swimmers EXTRA $4

Thurs 17 Apr. “TURBO” at Lake Cinema . Bring lunch to eat at Speers Point park., NO POPCORN-NO SHOP

Fri 18 Apr. – PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Sleep In

Mon 21 Apr. - PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Sleep In

Tues 22 Apr. - DIZZYLAND” at Williamtown. Rides include Dodgems, Ferris Wheel, spinning tops. Bring lunch& swimmers EXTRA $5

Wed 23 Apr. – “ICE SKATING” at Warners Bay. Bring gloves, socks, warm jumper and lunch

Thurs 24 Apr. - “MR PEABODY and SHERMAN” at Lake Cinema . Bring lunch to eat at Pelican park., NO POPCORN-NO SHOP

Fri 25 Apr. - PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Sleep In

Mon 28 – TIN LIDS ACTIVITY CENTRE (like Megamania) at Morisset. Bring or buy lunch.

PLEASE HELP – WE NEED: Household items for less financial people. Anything(including kitchen ware, books, knickknacks, toys, linen, craft items, wool & material, clean clothes) you are not using anymore can be useful to someone else. We have several gentlemen who particularly want westerns/art books. No box TVs or encyclopedias please. We give them away free or for a donation.

TAX HELP. From 15 July until 31 October. A Free service is provided at the Cottage to complete your tax returns if you earn below $50,000. Contact Rhonda at the Cottage for an appointment. We are able to help fill out past tax returns even if you are years behind.

PLAYGROUPS – Every Wednesday and Friday for babies and pre-schoolers at the Cottage from 10am – 12noon. Lots of games, toys and fun. Just turn up. For all the family.

BEADING CLASSES at Cottage on Monday morning from 9.00 – 12 noon. $4 per class.

PATCHWORK CLASSES each Wednesday and Thursday 9.30 – 12noon. Teacher Jenny Loss $10 at Cottage

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP for beginners onwards. Each Monday at 10am – 12 noon at Cottage