Principal’s Report

Concert “A Century of Celebration”

Our biennial concert held last Friday night was a wonderful success. Thank you for supporting the school by bringing along so many family and friends. It was great to see so many seats being filled. The children all looked amazing in their costumes. Thank you for the effort that you went to in making this happen. The staff were fantastic. It is a big job in putting together a show, especially as we have students participating in multiple items and I appreciate all their time and effort.

Debating

Our second debating team will be competing in a second gala day on Wednesday next week. We wish them all the best.

Touch Football Gala Day

Mr Westcott will be taking the touch football players to a gala day on Wednesday next week. We have 20 students involved from Years 3—6. Good luck, Nords Wharf!

Bingo Night

The P & C Bingo night is on at Swansea RSL this evening with doors open at 6:30 pm. It is going to be a great night with many fabulous prizes. Thanks to Mr D for agreeing to compere the evening and to the P & C, particularly Sidone Lambert and Trish Irwin, for their work in collecting donations.

Karin Hird
Principal

Class News

Kindergarten

I am very proud of the Kindergarten students and the way they performed at our school concert. It was fantastic to see all their hard work and rehearsals result in (for many) their first starring roles on stage. Friday was a huge day, filled with excitement, including travelling on a bus for the first time for some students.

We have begun to draw our special pictures that will be used for your Picture plate orders which will be due early next term (more information on this fundraiser to follow shortly). These plates are a fantastic present for family for Christmas or birthdays and are a great keepsake for your child. I personally have a number of plates that my children created 10 years ago which are used almost daily and have lasted extremely well for all this time. If you would like to see your child’s artwork before you place your order, feel free to pop into the classroom and have a look.

In Maths this week we are drawing pictures as visual tools to help us solve written number problems. For example, we draw what it looks like - there were 12 magpies in a tree. I came along and frightened 9 away. How many magpies were left in the tree? This is a great way for children to comprehend what the question is asking them to do and solve it.

Ms Hook

1/2

The Stars of the Week this week are Daniel and Alyssa. Well done Aliyah, Keely, Felix, Alby, Brooklin, Daniel, Ben, Grace and Alyssa for correctly spelling your spelling words last week.

We are so proud of our Year 1 and 2 students who were able to perform in the concert last Friday evening. After all their hard work in rehearsals it was wonderful for us to be able to showcase their talents. Many thanks to our parents for all your support of our concert this year.

This week will be the final week of homework. Students can continue to work on their project to be handed in at the end of term.

Mr Derbyshire is looking forward to seeing you at Bingo this evening, which is sure to be a fun night!

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire

Notes Sent Home This Week

Debating Gala Day
Pyjama Day
3/4

Well done to all the children who performed in the concert. I'm looking forward to seeing the video as I was out the back organising children and didn't get to see the actual performance.

Congratulations to Tiahna who competed in the spelling bee at Coal Point PS.

Most children have been learning their times tables. Please continue to encourage them. Next week we shall have some testing and it will be a revision week for spelling. Thank you also to the parents that have sent in a box of tissues.

Mr Westcott

4/5/6

We have returned to a normal class routine this week. Homework did get issued on Monday. It was a pleasure to take 15 students to the Science Engineering Discover Day on Tuesday. The students did a good job of cooperating and solving problems. Their behaviour was also very good.

Yesterday we had a discussion about how a bill gets passed through parliament to become law. We discussed current issues such as the raising of the pension age. There were many questions about when you can quit working, how a pension works and what about parents who stay at home or have their own business. You may like to follow up these discussions with how these changes impact you and your family.

Mrs Hird

Happy Birthday To:

Lachlan 16 September

Coming Events

Term 3 Week 10

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Merit Awards

Class Awards
Charlotte
Jesse
Maddi HG
Ethan HG
Kamea
Aliyah

Green Awards
Alannah
Ethan
Annie

Principals Award
Aliyah

UNIFORM SHOP

FROM TERM 3—THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPENING ON THURSDAYS 9.00 AM—9.30 AM

Our Size 6, 8 & 10 Microfibre Jackets arrive in stock in 2 weeks time (just in time for those August winds).

Thanks Kylie
P & C News!!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW for our BINGO NIGHT tonight!!!

The Canteen has some exciting special offers for next week!

To celebrate our Fruit and Veg competition (see details later in the newsletter) we are selling:

- Vege Muffins $1.00
- Fruit Cups 0.40 c
- Vege Cups with Hommus 0.40 c
- Frozen Strawberry Bites 0.30 c
- and Corn Cobs 0.50 c

Pyjama Day

On Thursday 18 September 2014 we are holding a onesie/pajama day to raise money for orphaned children from the Open Arms Orphanage in Malawi. Many of you may know Warren and Bec Liackman who are currently living in Malawi and assisting the Open Arms Orphanage and the local school with their own four children.

100% of the money that we raise will go towards sending children to school so that they can receive an education. To send a child to school only costs $30 per year, so we are asking for a gold coin donation for each child that wears their onesie or pajamas (or you could donate more if you wish!). We will also be selling cakes at recess and lunchtime and most importantly the Canteen will be open and selling nachos for $3.50 each.

If you would like more information on the work that Warren and Bec are doing you can like their Facebook page, Travelling Southern Africa—4 kids and half a clue.

Mrs B

"Eat Fresh & Win" Sponsored by Sydney Markets Fresh For Kids. 1) Simply buy snacks, meals/lunch from the canteen containing fresh fruit or vegetables to receive a fresh for kids sticker and entry form.

2) Collect 2 stickers and stick them ...on your entry form.

3) Submit your completed entry to Mrs Irwin in the Canteen before 3pm Friday 19 September 2014 for a chance to win. Each completed entry receives a cute fruit ring, there are 6 to collect. Good luck :)}
PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDRENCARE PERCENTAGE WITH YOU and your PROOF OF IMMUNISATION (not blue book)
NP: No Peanut Butter, Nutella or Nut Products please

SWANSEA COMMUNITY COTTAGE Sept/Oct 2014 VACATION CARE Ph 49711229

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 $7.60 per day including excursions (except where shown as extra). Most families are not required to pay the full cost of $42.50 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're eligible for childcare & obtain your current percentage by phoning the FAO on 136150.
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, IPADS, 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 minimal 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

Tue 23 Sept – “RED ALERT” LASER TAG” at Warners Bay. Bring lunch for visit to park. No hot food available. EXTRA $5
Thurs 25 Sept – BLACKBUTT RESERVE, Ranger Program & Animal Feeding & Handling. Bring lunch
Fri 26 Sept – “PLANES – FIRE AND RESCUE” MOVIE AT Lake Cinema. Bring lunch to eat at Pelican Park. NO POPCORN NO SHOP

Mon 29 Sept TEN PIN BOWLING at Warners Bay Superstrike. Bring or buy lunch and bring socks. EXTRA $2
Tues 30 Sept – “THE BOXTROLLS” movie, At Glendale Cinemas. Bring Lunch. NO POPCORN NO SHOP
Wed 1 Oct – MATTARA FESTIVAL, Amusement Rides, Lego Comp, Stage Show, Karate Demos. Bring or buy lunch. EXTRA $2
Thurs 2 Oct – LOCAL Homestead, Hands on Farm Activities. Bring Lunch. EXTRA $4
Fri 3 Oct – “HOUSE OF MAGIC” at Lake Cinema. Bring lunch to eat at Pelican Park. NO POPCORN NO SHOP

SWANSEA VACATION CARE - COMMUNITY COTTAGE (Below Library)

Mon 22 Sept – SWANSEA POOL swimming and games and craft at Centre Bring or buy lunch. Rash Shirt Essential.
Tue 23 Sept – TEN PIN BOWLING at Warners Bay Superstrike. Bring or buy lunch and bring socks. EXTRA $2
Wed 24 Sept – FORT SCRATCHLEY Guided Tunnel Tour of historic site. Bring Lunch
Thurs 25 Sept – BLACKBUTT RESERVE, Ranger program and animal feeding & handling. Bring lunch
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Wed 1 Oct – YOUNG GUNS FISHING ADVENTURES AT CROUDECE BAY. Learn to fish-all gear provided. Bring lunch. EXTRA $3
Thurs 2 Oct – MATTARA FESTIVAL, Amusement Rides, Lego Comp, Stage Show, Karate Demos. Bring or buy lunch. EXTRA $2
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PLEASE HELP – WE NEED: Household items for less financial people. Anything (including kitchen ware, books, knickknacks, beads, toys, linen, craft items, wool & material, clean clothes) you are not using anymore can be useful to someone else. 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 $35,000. 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.
CROCHET CLASSES at Cottage on Fridays from 10.00am – 12 noon.
PATCHWORK CLASSES each Wednesday and Thursday 9.30 – 12noon. Teacher Jenny Loss $10 at Cottage
JP SERVICE - Monday – Friday at Cottage
CREATIVE WRITING GROUP for beginners onwards. Friday afternoons at Cottage
September/October 2014 Holiday Program in Swansea & Caves Beach

Caves Beach Vacation Care

Mon 22 Sep  Art & Craft Day @ Centre
Tue 23 Sep  Red Alert Laser Tag (& Park Games) +$5
Wed 24 Sep  Hunter Wetlands (Exploring & Games)
Thurs 25 Sep  Blackbutt (Ranger Program/Animal Feeding)
Fri 26 Sep  “Planes: Fire & Rescue” @ Lake Cinema
Mon 29 Sep  Ten Pin Bowling @ Warners Bay +$2 (wear socks)
Tues 30 Sep  “The Boxtrolls” @ Glendale
Wed 1 Oct  Mattara Festival (Fun Amusement Rides)
Thurs 2 Oct  Tocal Homestead (Hands On Farm Activities) +$4
Fri 3 Oct  “House of Magic” @ Lake Cinema

Swansea Vacation Care

Mon 22 Sep  Swimming @ Swansea Pool ( rash shirt essential)
Tue 23 Sep  Ten Pin Bowling @ Warners Bay +$2 (wear socks)
Wed 24 Sep  Fort Scratchley (Guided Tunnel Tour)
Thurs 25 Sep  Blackbutt (Ranger Program/Animal Feeding)
Fri 26 Sep  “Planes: Fire & Rescue” @ Lake Cinema
Mon 29 Sep  Red Alert Laser Tag (& Park Games) +$5
Tues 30 Sep  “The Boxtrolls” @ Glendale
Wed 1 Oct  Fishing Adventure @ Croudace Bay +$3
Thurs 2 Oct  Mattara Festival (Fun Amusement Rides)
Fri 3 Oct  “House of Magic” @ Lake Cinema

Open to all 4 ~ 12 year olds enrolled at school (up to the age of 13)

Call 49711 229 to secure your booking now!

For the full detailed program visit the website www.swanseacommunitycottage.com.au

Can cost as little as $7.60 a day including excursions
(Depending on your Child Care Benefit & Rebate)
* A surcharge may apply to some activities
Accounts must be kept up to date

Our Staff
Our centres have trained child care educators with a wealth of experience and knowledge. They carry their current Working with Children Checks, are trained in Child Protection and have current First Aid, Asthma and Anaphylaxis training along with supporting qualifications.

School Holiday Dates
Monday 22nd September until Friday 3rd October
(7.15am to 5.15pm)
Excursions depart at 9am and return at 4pm

What you need to bring each day?
Morning, afternoon tea & lunch, a refillable water bottle, a hat with brim and a jumper.
Please note we are NUT FREE CENTRES.
Wear a shirt or top to cover your shoulders and covered in shoes (no thongs or slip ons)

Our Vacation Care Programs are operated by
Swansea Community Cottage,
228 Pacific Hwy Swansea
Ph: 02 49711 229
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Full-day Kids Creative Writing Workshop – get inspired to write!
Thursday 25 September 9.30am - 3.00pm For 10-13 year olds

Join Jess Black, popular author of The Bindi Wildlife Adventure Series, RSPCA Animal Tales series as well as the upcoming The Kaboom Kid series. Jess will take you on a journey to create stories around her favourite subject – animals and nature. With the stunning backdrop of the Wetlands Centre as inspiration you will write about the birds, animals, reptiles and plants you see and use them as characters in your stories. Discover how to inject humour, surprise, tension and loving characters into your own stories.

Cost: $40 per student Places are limited!
Bookings close 22 September. Ph: 02 4951 6466

Weaving at the Wetlands
Tuesday 23 September 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years

Decorate the wetlands - create a colourful outdoor art gallery among the trees! Gather reeds, flowers and other natural material and using the trees as frames get weaving.

Cost: $20 per child
Bookings Ph: 02 4951 6466

Bush Skills Adventure
Wednesday 24 September 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years

Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.

Cost: $20 per child
Bookings Ph: 02 4951 6466

Wriggly Wetlanders
Wednesday 24 September & Wednesday 1 October 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years

Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.

Cost: $20 per child
Bookings Ph: 02 4951 6466
The Inaugural
Lake Macquarie Primary School Sevens

Friday October 17 2014
Conducted at Hunter Sports High School (Pacific Highway, Gateshead)

Come and try the newest Olympic sport!

Cross-field full contact Rugby 7’s for Years 4, 5 and 6 students

Open to Boys and Girls from all primary schools in the Lake Macquarie region
(A separate Girls division will operate if interest allows)

Composite teams from multiple schools welcome!

Carnival atmosphere – parents, supporters, sponsors & volunteers all invited

Access to coaching prior to event (on request)

Canteen operating during the day

Prizes for students and schools across all divisions

Register your interest today by e-mailing:
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