PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Dear Parents,

Phew, we were able to give away a few red frogs last week when some surveys were returned. At the P&C meeting last week it was mentioned that some people had not received a copy of the survey (it was on the back of the context and mission statements) and was sent home with the newsletter a couple of weeks ago. If you missed out, could you please let the office know and we will send home a copy with your child.

Today’s Kindergarten Grandparents Day was a huge success. We had many Grandparents at school playing games and sharing a picnic lunch (some were even skipping with the ropes!) with the kinders. Thank you so much to all those who were able to come along, the kinders really enjoyed sharing their day with you!

Our Boys’ Softball team had a huge win last week and now progress through to the next round, which clashes with the date already planned for our annual Presentation Day. Our Presentation Day will now be held on **Wednesday 10th December** in the Swansea High School hall.

From this week we will be emailing the newsletter to those families who have provided us with their email address (we would like lots more!).

*Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.*

Denise Rispen
Principal

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Focus on Reading – Mrs Pascoe Mr White

ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

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GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 – 9.30
Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

COMING EVENTS
27-29/10 Year 6 Canberra excursion
28/10 Parent workshop – Technology 6pm
5/11 Kinder Orientation
NRMA Day
School Council meeting 7pm
6/11 Blues Day – fundraiser for Bella and Kane
10/12 *Presentation Day Swansea HS hall – change of date*

AWARDS
Gold: 6M - Elise K. 6S - Cruz K, Ben H. 3S - Jasmine M, Abbey B.
1/2S - Kye R.

Merit:


KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2015. If you or a neighbour has a child who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2015, please contact the Office with their details as soon as possible so we are able to organise enrolment packages which have been sent out.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER
Miss out on the newsletter some weeks? We would like to move towards a paperless newsletter in the near future. If families could please provide an email address, the newsletter will be emailed to you each week. Have you also downloaded the school app on your phone, tablet or iPad?

2015
The Kinder Orientation Program next week heralds the beginning of planning for 2015. If you are moving at the end of the year and will not be at this school, please let the office know as soon as possible.

PARENT WORKSHOP – TECHNOLOGY – 6pm 28/10/14
Don’t forget the next parent workshop on offer tomorrow night, come along and see the kinds of technology things that are happening in our school.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS
*Early Stage 1* - *Kinder Green*
We have enjoyed learning about the activities our grandparents undertook when they were at school which has been a great lead into Grandparents Day today. The questionnaire and family tree forms have been a great source of discussion and education for the children so please keep sending them in. Our recorder lessons are up and running with ‘Hot Cross Buns’ being our first song. The children have embraced this experience by displaying immense enthusiasm and focus and we look forward to performing for parents later in the term.

*Stage 1 – 1G*
1G has had a very busy start to Term 4! In our English unit of work we have been reading, reciting and writing texts that use alliteration and rhyming language features. Check out some of our awesome addictive alliteration:

- **Rambing rhinoceros racing round and round ridiculously – Jack.**
- **Cool cranky cobras catching crocodiles – Edward.**

We have been ‘Mixing it up’ in our science unit, working in teams to experiment with mixing different materials together and observing how they change. Our green gooey gloop was a big hit!

*Stage 2 – 3S*
Last week we studied direct and indirect speech and how to incorporate it into our writing. Here are a few examples of direct and indirect speech. Can you tell which is which? “Zac can I play football?” said Lloyd. “I will make breakfast mum,” shouted
Jasmine. Yesterday my mum said that I was a very good girl. The weather report stated that it was going to be fine and sunny all week. “One minute to recess,” yelled Ryan. Mark said to the pencil that it was not being very helpful.

Stage 3 – 5L

It has been a fun and hands on start to the term. We’ve been parachuting eggs from our balcony as part of our ‘Flight’ unit (some more successfully than others) and choreographing creative dances at the same time as learning how to play touch football.

We have also been busy writing narratives, with a focus on sentence structure and self-editing. 5L’s knowledge of different sentences has increased dramatically. Here are some examples: ‘I scored three tries last Saturday, my best effort yet.’ - Logan (complex sentence). ‘I learnt two new dance routines but I can only remember one.’ - Olivia (compound sentence).

BAND NEWS

Many thanks to the children and parents who yesterday attended the playout at the Marine Rescue Day at Pelican. It was great opportunity to perform for the community and to showcase our school's talented children.

It was also wonderful to spot some familiar faces in the Swansea High School band which played after us. Our Mrs Scott has also been working hard in the High School to form this band and rehearse with them each week. Congratulations to all!

Upcoming events:

This Friday - Junior Band perform
20/11 – Band Presentation Night (details to follow)

SPORT

Mrs Sandall is away in Canberra this week, so she will add her sports news to next week’s newsletter.

CHESS

Our chess squad are certainly getting excited about finishing the year with a bang! Our junior Rookies have the opportunity to head off for a one day tournament down at Valley View PS, Wyoming on Wednesday 5th November. More information is coming home separately along with the permission note. If you are interested this note does need to come back along with $10 payment very quickly as I need to confirm our entry with Sydney Chess Club. It is a singles event, not teams and therefore will not affect our position in the Junior Country Chess Championship.

Finally, our senior Rookies are very excited because on Wednesday 5th November they head off to Newcastle PCYC at Broadmeadow to compete in the regional finals! What a fantastic achievement. Huge thanks to Mr Kratzer who has worked so hard with all our teams and has kindly offered to transport the team. Good luck to all.

Jo Dennis - Chess Coordinator/Class Teacher

NRMAM

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator Dianne today on: 0429 406 126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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CA SEGUE

Don’t forget that if you would like to order the Halloween Lunch all orders MUST BE PRE-ORDERED. The orders are due in by tomorrow please as we are unable to accept any late orders due to catering purposes. This will be the only hot food available on the day but there will be lots of other yummy treats on sale at lunch and recess.

Thursday 30th October – Sue Gardener & Sarah McDonnell

Friday 31st October – Michelle Coutts & Kristy Jackson

Halloween Day – Liana Wright, Kim Surman & Yeni Longhurst

Monday 3rd November – Fiona Twyford & Nicole

Tuesday 4th November – Jo Corbett & Jackie Taylor

Wednesday 5th November – Dea Freebody, Jackie Richardson & Rebecca Webster

Thursday 6th November – Leanne Fox, Shani Walmsley & Stacey Gay

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