From the Principal...

This week we have two visiting performances at our school. On Wednesday, is our Aboriginal performance “Let’s Bridge the Gap” and on Friday the “Lessons of a Lac” author, Lynn Jenkins and illustrator Kirrili Lonergan will be here.

On Thursday morning, Mrs Coughtrie will be hosting another K-2 parent workshop; this time with a Numeracy focus. Parents, who attended the last session on Reading, found it highly valuable and many commented on how it provided them with many helpful ideas to assist their child at home. This workshop will also be extremely beneficial and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. The session begins at 9:20am in the library.

Congratulations to Kayne G who was presented with a community award on Friday, for his “Excellence in Athletics” by our Member for Swansea, Mrs Yasmin Catley MP.

This Friday, our Student Council are organising a “Bright Shoe Day”. Children are encouraged to wear bright sport shoes with their normal sports uniform and make a gold coin donation in support of the Parkinson’s Disease Foundation.

Just a reminder about booking your concert tickets online - I was booking my seats on the weekend and noticed that seats are filling up fast so don’t leave it to the last minute and be disappointed.

Good luck to Chloe S, Olivia S and Ally B at the State PSSA Softball Titles this week (and to Mr Egginton who is their Hunter Regional coach) and our Regional Athletics Representatives.

Finally, please remember that the Outdoor climbing equipment near the hall can only be used if supervised by a teacher. As there is no teacher supervision of this area, during assembly time or after school, then there should not be any one using this equipment at this time (this includes younger siblings who do not attend the school).

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Michelle Pascoe- Relieving Principal

ASSEMBLY- Friday at 12.30pm

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GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 - 9:30am  Afternoons 2.30 - 3.15pm

AWARDS

THIS WEEK- Week 7
26/8  Aboriginal Performance
28/8  Newcastle Permanent Maths Test (Stage 3)
28/8  Authors Visit K-6
28/8  Regional Athletics
"Bright Shoes Day" – Gold Coin Donation
P & C Raffle Tickets due back

NEXT WEEK- Week 8
31/8  P & C Meeting 7pm
2/9   Open Day Kinder 2016
3/9   Father’s Day Breakfast
4/9   Girls Softball
4/9   Father’s Day Stall
           Jersey Day – Organ Donation Awareness Day

BAND NEWS
Would your child like to be a band member?
This year our band recruitment process will become more streamlined to facilitate a smoother transition for the beginning
students. A recruitment information session will be held on Thursday 3rd September (Week 8) at 5.30pm in the band room (next to the canteen).

We hope this time will allow more parents to attend after work. Mrs Scott, our band conductor and I will be informing parents (Grades 2-5) about our band program including commitment, cost and various events the children participate in throughout the year.

We will also give advice regarding your child's suitability to a particular instrument. We hope you can come along. If you are unable to attend please contact the office and I will send home relevant information after the session.

Michelle Thurston
(Band Co-ordinator)

Band News
This weekend many of our Senior Band members are playing at the Swansea Public School Family Fun Day at 11.15am. Thanks to the parents for supporting these events as these are the types of play outs the children are always working towards. Please see me after school on Friday if you can assist with instrument transport. We ask you to arrive by 11.00am to assist with set up and to stay afterwards to help pack up. As they say, many hands make light work.

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS
In Term 4, our school will be moving towards paperless newsletter. Our newsletters are currently available by email, downloadable from the website and accessible on the school app. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please make sure you send us your email address, otherwise you will need to download it electronically. We do have many parents who already access the newsletter this way.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

**Early Stage 1-K/1J**
Eeeek! With only two weeks left before the concert it is all systems go. Busy, busy, busy! With everything else that is going on, K/1J have been buddy reading with 5W twice each week. The 'big' kids read a picture book asking questions about what happened in the story, who the characters were, where it was set and checking that K/1J have a strong comprehension of the story. It's a wonderful opportunity to also share some of the beautiful children's literature available in our school library. After this task is done, the little ones read to their big buddies, practising the strategies that they learn about during reading groups. Ms Weekes gave her class some training in the types of assistance that could be offered. We spend our time outside taking advantage of the 'sunshiney weather' and fresh air. What a beautiful way to spend part of the school day!

**Stage 1-1/2P**
In English this term we have been learning about perspective and how people see things differently. This week we read 'Hey, Little Ant' by Phillip and Hannah Rose, then we wrote our own rhymes. Some are written from the boy's perspective and some from the ants.

**Boy's**
Hey, little ant see this shoe?
Well now it is going to squish you
You little splinter, you are so small
You are weak and I'm so tall.

By Charlie B

**Ants**
Just cause I'm little doesn't mean I don't feel,
So I will make you a little deal

If you give me a chip or two,
I won't bite, I promise you!

By Amy W

In Maths we have been learning about 2D shapes and Measurement. We have also been very busy rehearsing for the concert which is getting very exciting.

**Stage 2-3/4M**
The Concert is fast approaching and our class along with the rest of Stage 2 are preparing for a great show. We have been learning a great deal about The First Fleet and their attempts to establish a British Colony in Australia. Our Math groups are working very well with all the children progressing well. Emphasis is been placed on our basic facts knowledge in Maths as they are important building blocks in all Mathematical concepts.

**Stage 3-5W**
What an eventful term we are having. 5W are thoroughly enjoying reading 'The Dragon Keeper'. We love playing hot seat, where we take on the persona of a character and the class quizzes us to see how much we know about, and can relate to the character. If you are looking for a good book to read this one is enjoyable for all ages. As part of our Living Things unit in Science, we are growing algae and completing weekly observations to see which conditions algae thrives in. We have jars in the sun and in the dark store room, with and without lids on. We also have jars with plant matter to see if this increases growth of algae. We predict the algae will best grow in the sun without plant matter.... Stay tuned for results to see if our prediction is correct.

Last week students received their NAPLAN results. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students that NAPLAN results should not be used as a measure to see 'who is the smartest' but rather a tool to guide and assess future learning directions for students and the school as a whole.

**LIBRARY**
Last Friday was another big day on the library calendar, with the end of the Premier's Reading Challenge and the announcement of the Children's Book Council of Australia's book of the year awards. The students have very much enjoyed reading the shortlisted books this term - stay tuned for the announcement of the winners in library lessons this week!

Congratulations to this week's Premier's Reading Challenge finishers: Kiana A, Riley F, Sophie H, Nathan H, Abigail P, Mia S, Bella T, Max W, Kaelia D, Molly F, Guy S, Alby B, Kayne G and Chloe S. All Stage 1 classes have now also completed the challenge! Our Premier's Reading Challenge results are very impressive - with 216 students (over half of the students at Caves Beach) completing the challenge. If you finished the challenge but did not get to enter your entire reading log, please see Mrs Nash in the library this week for assistance.

This week we have another exciting event - the visit by author Lynn Jenkins and illustrator Kirrili Lonergan from Lessons of a Lac. All classes will be participating in this fun and interactive workshop, designed to equip students with the tools to deal with problems that may arise for them, or even to know how to assist a friend who experiences worries or anxiety. All parents are welcome to attend at no cost - please indicate if you are attending on the permission note.
Lessons of a Lac

The session times are as follows:

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Please note: Kindergarten will not attend this week’s assembly, but will receive double merit awards the following week.

NUMERACY INFORMATION SESSION

K – 2 parents are invited to attend an information session for Numeracy on Thursday 27th August 9.20am in the Library.

In this session I will:
- Explain the Numeracy continuum and how it guides teaching
- Progression of skills
- How Numeracy is taught and the scaffolds we use in the classroom
- Ways you can support your child at home

Look forward to seeing you again,

Jenny Coughtrie
Learning Support Teacher

Did you know?

Our Senior School Band is playing at the Swansea Public School Family Fun Day at 11.15am in the grounds of Swansea Public School. All are welcome to attend to show support. It is always an enjoyable day with lots of stalls, exhibitions and entertainment. Fingers crossed for fine weather!

CANTEEN

This fortnight’s fabulous Volunteers:

**Week 7....**
- Monday 24th August: Tania S & Czarina B
- Tuesday 25th August: Fiona T
- Thursday 27th August: Fiona R, Georgie P
- Friday 28th August: Amanda O, Stacy G, Shani W & Leanne F.

**Week 8....**
- Monday 31st August: Mandy O & Diahann M
- Tuesday 1st September: Belinda W & Denise R
- Wednesday 2nd September: FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST***
- Thursday 3rd September: Bec P & Nicole E
- Friday 4th September: Michelle C Nicole O, Kristy K, Denise M, & Kerri-Lyn J

**Fathers’ Day Breakfast**

Wednesday 2nd September we will be celebrating Fathers’ Day with a breakfast for all the amazing dads, pops & carers. Please ensure that you return your order form by THIS FRIDAY (28/8). Catering for this wonderful event is a big job, so it is very difficult to accommodate any late orders. If your child has misplaced or not received their order form additional copies are available in the canteen and the office.

If you can help out with cooking & serving breakfast - it would be much appreciated. We will be cooking from 7:30 and clean-up is all done by 10am!! If you can help out for any or all of this time please let Jo in the canteen know!

**Canteen Meeting**

Did you know our canteen raises much needed funds for our school P&C. In recent year’s our donations totalling over $20 000 have been made thanks to the hard work of our committee and amazing team of volunteers. Do you have some ideas for our canteen? We’d love to hear them! We meet twice per term and our next meeting is this Wednesday 26/8 from 7pm at the Caves Beach Resort. We’d love to see you there!!

UNIFORM SHOP

**WHAT’S NEW??**

**PRICE RISE**

Your school uniform shop is run by the school P&C and parent volunteers with an aim to provide quality uniforms at an affordable price. We have managed to maintain our prices for the past 2 years, but our major supplier has had a price rise in July which has led to a review of the pricing in our school uniform shop. We have endeavoured to keep the price rises to a minimum. Our new price list will be effective from **Term 4 2015**. Term 3 may be the perfect opportunity to stock up for next year and beat the price rise!!

**ORDERING YOUR UNIFORMS - TOO EASY!!**

Just a reminder...For your convenience we also offer an order service -

2. Fill out your order form
3. Pay online via direct deposit - details are on the order form. Attach a copy of your direct deposit receipt to your order OR Pay cash at the office.
4. Drop your order & receipt to the school office (or send with your child to hand in to the office).
5. Your order will be delivered to your child’s classroom or you can collect it from the office.

It's that easy - no need to rush around!!

**NSW STATE SPEARFISHING TITLES**

Malachi G 6E and Philip G 3/4M are travelling back from the NSW 2015 State Spearfishing Titles after a two day competition at Shellharbour and Port Kembla. Malachi came 2nd in sub juniors with his older brothers doing well also.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**DIABETES AWARENESS**

Following Larni and Alivia’s Diabetes Awareness Presentation at Friday’s Assembly, all classes will revise this topic during their PD/Health Lessons this week. Hoping this will generate appropriate discussions regarding this topic at home. For further information visit [www.artificialpancreas.com.au](http://www.artificialpancreas.com.au)

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