Father’s Day is fast approaching. We eagerly look forward to our Father’s Day breakfast on Wednesday morning and then Friday, our students will get the chance to go ‘shopping’ for those important males in their lives at our Father’s Day Stall. Thank you to our parents who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure all these events run so smoothly.

Yesterday I was extremely proud as I sat in the audience at the Swansea PS Fair, listening to our amazing School Band perform. The commitment of these students (and not to mention their parents) in giving up their Sunday is a credit to all of you.

With two paid performances organised for last week, our office staff found it incredibly difficult to process the high volume of notes and money that arrived on the actual performance days. To eliminate chaos, it is only fair and reasonable that notes and money are returned before the day of any performance. We will send you a push notification on the school app (which I highly recommend you download) two days before, which will allow you time to get those final payments in.

Wednesday morning, our Kindergarten Open Day will occur for prospective new Kinder students in 2016. This one hour session will allow parents and their children to come and have a quick look at our wonderful school before the Orientation Program in Term 4.

Michelle Pascoe - Relieving Principal

**ASSEMBLY** - Friday at 12.15pm

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**GATE CLOSURE TIMES**

| Mornings 8.45 - 9.30am | Afternoons 2.30 - 3.15pm |

**AWARDS**

Gold: Nicholas PM – 1/2L.


6E: Annalieze M, Lachlan S. 6W: Brooklyn W, Beaudene J.

31/8 P&C Meeting 7pm
2/9 Kinder -2016 Open Day
Father’s Day Breakfast
3/9 New Band Members information Session 5.30pm
4/9 Father’s Day Stall
Jersey Day

**NEXT WEEK - Week 9**

7/9 Creative Arts Camp
9/9 Concert Dress Rehearsal
10/9 Concert Performance Matinee & Evening

**PARKINSON’S DISEASE - BRIGHT SHOE DAY**

On Friday, the Year 6 Parliament organised BRIGHT SHOE DAY to raise money for the Parkinson’s Disease Foundation. Parkinson’s is a condition that affects people from all walks of life. It is quite common, with approximately 80,000 Australians currently living with it. There is currently no known cure. However, there are many treatments available that can allow a person with Parkinson’s to lead a fulfilling and productive life. We hope that our $225 raised will be used to help find a cure for this condition and help many people living with this disease. Thank you to all the people who wore colourful shoes and made a donation.

Ruby J and Oliver F

**BAND NEWS**

The band performed brilliantly yesterday at the Swansea Family Fun Day. It was obvious the children enjoyed playing in front of an audience. Thanks to Mrs Kelsey Scott for her organisation and to the students from Swansea High for joining in on the performance. BandFest is coming up for both Junior and Senior band in Week 2 next term. Details will follow next week. Mrs Scott and I will be hosting a band recruitment information session this Thursday at 5.30pm in the band room. We hope to see lots of new faces. Band fees are now overdue, Have a great week!
WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1-KT
The weeks are flying as we continue to learn to read, write, sing, dance, add, subtract, tell the time, and count backwards... The children are loving any opportunity to read in front of the class - I am so proud of them! As you can see by the picture, news is also a very popular event in our classroom!!

We are all so excited about the concert next week. If any parents are free this Wednesday from 12-1.15pm to assist with minor costume assembly, your help would be appreciated in the kinder rooms.
We are in desperate need of glue sticks and whiteboard markers. It would be excellent if each child could bring in a few of each to see us out until the end of the year. Have a lovely week.

Stage 1-1/2L
Welcome to 1/2L. We have had a very busy term developing our literacy, numeracy and dance skills for our bi-annual concert. Students are becoming increasingly excited to showcase their skills on the big stage on Thursday 10th September.

1/2L students have been enjoying the integration of technology and Focus on Reading strategies into the classroom. In reading groups we are focusing on comprehension strategies to further enhance their understanding of written text. If you would like to use Focus on Reading strategies at home you could ask the students to do the following while reading; **Predict**: What might happen next? Why do I think that? What helped me/you make that prediction? **Make connections**: Does this remind me/you of something? Has something like this ever happened to me/you? **Question**: How is this text making me/you feel? Why is that? Whose point of view is this? What points of view are missing? **Monitor**: Is this making sense? What have I/you learned? **Visualise**: What are the pictures you have in your head as you read? **Summarise**: What are the main ideas and significant details?

Stage 2-3/4B
This term has flown past for our class with so much happening! We had lots of fun dressing up for our Book Week celebrations with lots of creative characters and hard work put in by parents to make the costumes extra special.

Speaking of characters... 3/4B have been exploring fairy tales this term with a large focus placed on how authors portray characters and settings through their descriptive language. We split into groups to create adjectives for 'good' and 'bad' characters and words to describe a variety of different story settings. We then combined these words to create a class chart which is going to help us write our own 'twisted' fairy tales in the days to follow.

I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Longhurst. Our class loved you sharing your amazing cooking skills with us last Friday. We made healthy vegetable rice paper rolls and it was great to see so many students wanting to cook these at home!

Caves Beach Concert is just around the corner and I know all Stage 2 classes have been working extremely hard to get their moves perfect we are very excited to share our different dance items with family members and friends.

**Stage 3-6E**
The Thief Lord Book study has been going really well. We are really interested in the characters and setting in Venice Italy. We are already planning our next family trips to see the iconic sights as they are vividly described to us in the text.

Yr. 6 students have been given an independent maths project where they are required to design a new zoo to house animals. They are calculating formulas and allocating specific areas to meet the needs of the animals.

The concert item is bearing down on us very quickly and we are extremely busy making sure our last concert is fantastic and memorable.

**CONCERT**
The concert is fast approaching!
The school concert is on next Thursday, the 10th September. There are two sessions available, the matinee beginning at 12:00pm and the night session beginning 6:30pm. We hope you have secured your tickets by purchasing through http://www.trybooking.com/Embed.aspx?eid=151236.

**JERSEY DAY**
Jersey day is a simple concept designed to raise awareness for the Organ & Tissue Authority and Donatelife network.
To show our support and begin the conversation with your friends and family about organ donation we are asking schools across Australia to allow their students to wear their favourite jersey to school.

Jersey Day has been inspired by the story of Nathan Gremmo who was tragically lost in an accident in May 2015. Nathan’s family chose to give the gift of life to others to honour the legacy of Nathan’s generous and giving personality.

The campaign is all about awareness, so simply wear your favourite sporting jersey to school on Friday 4th September and show your support for this cause. No gold coin donations are required.

Please visit www.jerseyday.com.au for more information.

**LIBRARY**
Friday's visit from Lessons of a Lac's author Lyn Jenkins and illustrator Kirrili Lonergan provided students with some valuable tools for managing their worries and anxiety. We also saw some fantastic drawings of Loppy Lac, in all his moods!

We had a few more students make it over the finish line for the Premier's Reading Challenge this week. Well done to Abbey B, Elva M, Ryan M, Rochelle M and Talisha T for getting it completed. All entries are now closed - certificates will be issued in Term 4.
We have a few posters left from the book fair and have decided to raffle them off. So look out in library lessons over the next 3 weeks, raffle tickets will be up for grabs (no money required). The raffle will most likely be drawn at the last assembly of term.

SPORT
Last week 3 students from Caves Beach Olivia S, Ally B and Chloe S represented the Hunter Region at the State Softball Championships held in Wagga Wagga. The weather was very unkind to everyone but due to some fabulous ground keepers, flexible conveyors and amazingly understanding and supportive parents we were able to play a modified draw that placed Hunter in the top half of the state for the carnival. (Big W and Bunnings were sold out of gumboots by the end of the week)

The carnival was ultimately declared a washout but before the girls had some great games sliding in the mud and having great fun playing in the rain.

CANTEEN
This fortnight's fabulous Volunteers:

Week 8....
Monday 31st August Mandy S & 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

Week 9....
Monday 7th September Ala B and Belinda P
Tuesday 8th September Kristy J and Rebecca P
Thursday 10th September **CANTEEN CLOSED FOR CONCERT DAY**
Friday 11th September Alicia D, Sonia F, Kiani K and Jackie B

Fathers’ Day Breakfast
Don't forget our Fathers’ Day breakfast THIS WEDNESDAY (2/9) - we look forward to celebrating with your children & their amazing dads, pops & carers. Breakfast will be served FROM 8am - 9.10am. Drinks (milk, juice, tea & coffee) will be available to purchase on the morning.

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!

Concert Day - 10th September
On concert day the canteen WILL NOT BE OPERATING for lunch or recess. With the changes necessary to lunch times it was not possible to have food ready in time. The children will be at the concert during recess.

Something New.....
Following our canteen meeting last week, and based on feedback from parents & children, we will be introducing some new menu items over the next few weeks. We will now be serving a grilled chicken burger, a beef works burger (yes with salad!), frozen juice cups, a new ‘sour’ icy pole & a new homemade bolognaise pasta will replace the current packaged lasagne - all very exciting! We have also sourced a great new snack/chip product that is gluten free!

Watch this space for more food news in coming weeks!

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!!

SCHOOL BANKING
Congratulations to all those students consistently banking and reaping the rewards!

Just a few reminders:
1. You cannot accumulate tokens, once you get 10 you need to claim your reward. They expire each year.
2. If you have a torch, there has been a recall on them due to safety concerns. You are more than welcome to bring it back and choose another reward item.
3. It does take time to order and receive rewards, please be patient! Sometimes you might think you are up for a reward and you are not. The computer system tells me all this information. Keep on banking

School Banking Coordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Walk a Mile with Koori Style Presents
A Fundraising Movie Event to Stop Violence Against Women and Children.

When: Sunday 13th September 2015
Where: Event Cinemas Glendale
Time: 3pm arrival for festivities- movie 4pm
Ticket prices: $12 per person

Call Shirley to purchase your tickets now on 02 4950 1566
Red carpet arrival, market stalls and raffle

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