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MONDAY 10 FEB

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P&C - AGM 6.30pm

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Room 2 Parent Info Meeting -
1.30 - 2.30pm

Sawyers Valley Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, welcome back after the break. It was a time of rest and relaxation for some families and for others in the school community it was (and still is) a scary time with bushfires. I would like to acknowledge how the community has pulled together to assist those who lost and/or sustained damage to property. The P&C has been generous with supplying uniforms and many people have donated booklist items, household items and clothes. Thank you doesn't seem enough.

Thank you for the feedback from a couple of parents about the time of the day that the Presentation Awards assembly was held at the end of 2013. I realise that previously the presentation assemblies have been held in the evening. Knowing that, I wanted to prepare the school community in advance about the change and that is why I announced it in the newsletter that came out at the beginning of term 3. The staff at our school put in significant additional (and unpaid) hours each year so that we can have a fantastic school production, successful school dances, effective busy bees, graduation and more recently the Twilight Walk. I appreciate the extra personal time that they willingly give up in order for the school to showcase why we are the BEST school in the West. I will discuss the presentation assembly details with staff in Term 1.

This year you may notice that some things have changed. Firstly we have two new staff working at Sawyers Valley—Ms Rachael Gillett in Rm 8 with Yr 2/3 and Mrs Amanda Henley doing LOTE. Sensei Lund is on LSL for the year and we have been unable to find a Japanese teacher. Mrs Henley speaks Indonesian and will be teaching LOTE Cultural and Asian Studies. We have implemented Literacy and Numeracy blocks across the school. This means that all classes up to lunch will be focussing on Literacy and Numeracy. The focus for Literacy blocks will be guided reading. We have also opened up the concertina doors between Rms 4 and 5 to develop a learning community to build leadership capabilities of the students. **To support the learning we have changed the lunch start time to 12:30pm rather than 12pm. No other times have been changed.**

All in all, it has been a GREAT start to 2014.

Leanne Sheardown
Principal

MISSION STATEMENT

Sawyers Valley Primary School aims to create and foster an environment where students become independent learners, enabling them to take responsible control of their lives and contribute meaningfully to society.

CLASS TEACHERS

K - Room 1	Mrs Tonya Wood
PP - Room 2	Mrs Carey Stewart / Ms Danielle Murphy
1/2 - Room 3	Mr Stephen Powell / Mrs Kathy Alves
6/7 - Room 4	Mrs Alison Charman / Mrs Sheelagh Dennis
5/6 - Room 5	Mrs Sharon Humphreys / Mr Scott Beckett
4 - Room 6	Ms Lucy Blair / Mrs Sheelagh Dennis
4/5 - Room 7	Mrs Helen Addison / Mrs Melissa Jones
6/7 - Room 8	Ms Rachael Gillett
LOTE	Mrs Amanda Henley
Performing Arts	Mrs Kimberley Shaw

EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

Room 1	Mrs Shirley Brncic
Room 2	Mrs Kim Holmes / Mrs Caroline Evans
Room 3	Mrs Hayley Wood / Mrs Caroline Evans / Mrs Sarah Newton
Room 4	Mrs Marilyn O'Hare
Room 5	Mrs Denise Winsor / Mrs Marilyn O'Hare
Room 6	Ms Sarah Harrison / Mrs Jenny Ewen / Mrs Vanessa Bowen/ Mrs Marilyn O'Hare
Room 7	Mrs Margaret Cassidy
Room 8	Mrs Sue Bostock

ADMINISTRATION

Principal	Ms Leanne Sheardown
Deputy Principal	Mr Andrew Johnston
Registrar	Mrs Lyn Liddle
School Officer	Ms Di Brown
Library Officer	Mrs Glenys Holling
Gardener	Mrs Fiona Kent

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

A number of forms went home at the end of last year to be completed for those children in the school with medical conditions.

I need those forms and any medication such as Asthma puffers, Epipens etc returned to school as soon as possible.

If your child has a medical condition, please ensure that the school is notified and the forms completed. Thank you.

Di Brown
School Officer

CONTACT UPDATE

We are asking all families to complete the form in this newsletter and return it to the school as soon as possible.

It is important for us to keep this information up to date. Return to classroom teacher or admin please.

Thank you for your assistance.

TERM PLANNER

Keep a copy of this handy so you can add any new items you see advertised in the weekly newsletter eg. incursions, excursions, assemblies etc.

TERM 1 2014

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	3/2	4/2 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	5/2	6/2 Early Close 2.30pm	7/2
2	10/2 Room 7 Parent Info Meeting 3.10 - 3.40pm	11/2 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	12/2 P&C-AGM	13/2 Early Close 2.30pm Room 2 Parent Info Meeting 1.30-2.30pm	14/2
3	17/2	18/2 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	19/2	20/2 Early Close 2.30pm <i>School Board Meeting 6.30pm</i>	21/2
4	24/2	25/2 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	26/2	27/2 Early Close 2.30pm	28/2
5	3/3 Labour Day Holiday	4/3 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	5/3	6/3 Early Close 2.30pm	7/3
6	10/3	11/3 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	12/3	13/3 Faction Swimming Carnival Early Close 2.30pm	14/3
7	17/3	18/3 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	19/3	20/3 Early Close 2.30pm	21/3
8	24/3	25/3 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	26/3	27/3 Early Close 2.30pm	28/3
9	31/3	1/4 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	2/4	3/4 Early Close 2.30pm	4/4
10	7/4	8/4 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	9/4	10/4 Early Close 2.30pm	11/4

REMINDERS

ABSENCES

All absences must be explained in writing. Please send an explanation to your child's teacher as soon as possible after any absence which is then recorded on the computer. Data is regularly electronically transmitted to Central Office and schools asked to contact parents if an attendance rate of 90% or below is observed. For a lower percentage rate, the Attendance Officer will visit families. The Education Act stipulates the role and responsibilities of the parent(s) in this regard.

LATENESS

Another concern is lateness. Children will be marked as late if they arrive 15 minutes or more after the school bell i.e. after 9am unless parents have made particular arrangements with the Principal. Similarly the Attendance Officer will contact parents if the data shows an ongoing problem. **It is disrupting to the class, teacher and to the child him/herself if late** as teachers are often spending the first ten minutes explaining the routines of the day and children are left "behind the 8 ball" if they arrive late.

ATTENDANCE

Students should not arrive before 8.30am and if so, they should stay in the undercover area until their teacher is available. The end of school siren is at 3.10 pm. It would alleviate much distress if students are collected promptly please.

Early close is still in operation – we finish at **2.30pm on Thursdays**. School commences at 8.50 and finishes at 3.10 apart from Thursdays.

If children are to be collected during school time they must be signed out at the office prior to collecting them from class. This ensures adequate safety and care processes are in place.

Parents are also reminded that children should not be absent from school for regular appointments without discussion with the Principal and the implementation of the Private Tutor's Policy.

HEADLICE

Nits / Headlice are a constant problem in any community but are primarily a parent's responsibility. Regular checks are urged and you are thanked for your cooperation. Parents will be notified by letter if Headlice are detected in a classroom or contacted if adult lice are located on their child. The school nurse has suggested checking and perhaps treating on the weekend so that a child can return promptly to school on Monday.

HOLIDAYS

Parents considering taking children out of school for in term holidays are asked to discuss the issue Ms Sheardown as per the Education Act regulations and complete a short request form.

INTERVIEWS

All teachers are available to discuss your child's progress at any time. It is recommended that an appointment is made to arrange a mutually convenient time so you can receive dedicated attention. Informal messages can of course be delivered without an appointment, but please consider the disruption this may cause to classes.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are actively discouraged but if you feel it is essential for your child, please discuss this with the Principal and complete a form which lays out the restrictions and also the consequences for misuse.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parents can be involved in a variety of ways and we welcome their support and assistance. In addition, P&C Meetings are held at 6.30pm in the staff room several times a term. **P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Will be held next Wednesday 12th February in the staffroom at 6.30pm. A light supper will be provided.

PARKING

Please be considerate of others and obey all parking regulations. We encourage 4WD vehicles to reverse onto the bank against Sawyers Rd. Please be careful of children accessing these cars (and others) by using the painted zebra crossing in the parent car park in Sawyers Rd. The staff car park (Barlow St) is not available to parents. Parents who chose to park in Barlow Street should be mindful of the Shire restrictions in the **turnaround** as Shire Rangers have been known to give out tickets for those people not obeying the rules!

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please ensure the school has current information regarding address, phone contact numbers, medical conditions, custody advices, etc at all time. It is particularly important that emergency contact numbers are current. If unsure please visit the office and check admission details. If your child has developed a medical condition, staff are unable to administer any medication unless forms are completed at the office. Please collect these if you need to register a condition for your child. Review forms for children whose records show a medical condition will be sent out shortly for parental signature.

UNIFORMS

The P&C sell new and recycled uniforms at the Uniform Shop. This will be open each **TUESDAY** from 3pm—3.30pm. The School Council has endorsed the Minister's directive – no wearing of denim unless designated for special activities.

Our school supports the Cancer Foundation's recommendations and operates a "No hat -No play" policy. Wide brimmed hats are on sale. Caps are discouraged as they do not offer sufficient protection from the sun. The shop will only be stocking wide brimmed hats.

Sports shoes are recommended for PE and sport sessions throughout the week. Water bottles are also encouraged at any time. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named as our lost property box is always overflowing

SCHOOL FEES

A voluntary contribution are \$50 per student per year. Thanks to the families who have already paid and we would encourage others to do the same. These funds benefit all students. Payment is taken at the school office but unfortunately we do not have EFTPOS facilities.

MONEY TO CLASSROOMS

When money for Incursions, excursions or sporting events etc are required to be paid for your child to participate please be aware that:

1. These funds must go through a classroom money book
2. Teachers **CAN NOT** give change
3. Monies to be paid first thing in the morning only
4. One child can pay for their siblings
5. Students will not be able to participate if they have not paid
6. Don't leave it until the day of the event to pay

RED PINUP BOARD IN THE WET AREA

You will find copies of the following:

1. Absentee Notes
2. Uniform Price List / Order Form
3. Extended Absence Notification Form
4. Visual Image Permission Form

NOT HAT NO PLAY

Students must wear a broad brimmed hat to be allowed to go and play outside.

RETURNING STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER SIGNING THEM OUT

We now request that parents sign their children **BACK** into school when you bring them back from appointments etc as this helps us to ensure that all children are accounted for in the event of emergencies eg. Bushfires

CURRENT ADDRESS AND CONTACT NUMBERS 2014

FAMILY NAME/S _____

ADDRESS:

Mum _____

Dad _____

PHONE NUMBERS:

Mum Home: _____

Mum Mobile: _____

Mum Work: _____

Dad Home: _____

Dad Mobile: _____

Dad Work: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Email:

Mum: _____

Dad: _____

Date: _____

Please **SLOW DOWN!**



Look out for our children along Barlow St and in the Car parks!

Have you seen our school
website or Facebook page
lately?

www.sawyersvalleyyps.wa.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM 2014

Child's Name: _____ Room Number: _____

Contact Name and Phone Number: _____

Item			Sizes Available	Cost	Size Req.	Quantity	Total
Short Sleeved Polo Shirt			4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	\$23.00			
			16 & 18	\$26.00			
Zip Jacket			4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	\$27.00			
			16	\$30.00			
Zip Jacket with pockets			4, 6, 8	\$30.00			
Faction Shirts (please circle faction)			4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	\$23.00			
Red (Swans)	Blue (Magpies)	Yellow (Penguins)	16	\$26.00			
Unisex Rugby Shorts			4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	\$15.00			
			16	\$18.00			
Skorts			4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	\$18.00			
Sport Skirts			4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	\$18.00			
Tracksuit Pants -\$10 SPECIAL			8, 12, 14	\$18.00	Limited Stock and Sizes Available at shop		
			16	\$21.00			
Dress - Made to Order			4, 6, 8, 10, 12	\$36.00			
			14 & 16	\$40.00			
Brimmed Hats (please circle)				\$7.00			
Extra Small	Small	Medium	Large				

Correct as of November 2013

Order Total \$ _____

Various second-hand items are often available at \$2 per item – Enquire at the Uniform Shop. Open Tuesday's 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the Bristol Building

Please place your order and payment in the 'Black Uniform Shop Tin' in the Wet Area.

Sorry, we **DO NOT** have EFTPOS; strictly **CASH** or **CHEQUE**.

Cheques are to be made payable to: *SVPS Uniform Shop*.

If you have any queries, contact Kylie or Bec by emailing svpspandc@hotmail.com

Prices subject to change without notice