Dear Parents and Caregivers

I have to say I am enjoying the slightly longer and warmer days so far this term. My fingers are crossed that we have glorious weather for the interschool cross country later this week.

You may have heard in the news and media campaigns about the new Student Centred Funding model that will be implemented for the 2015 school year along with all schools operating with oneline budgets. Under the new model, funding will be centred on the student. This is quite different from what has happened in the past where funding has primarily been based on school types and education program. The model has been developed to provide for the needs of every student – with per student funding based on the year levels of students and additional funding for students needing extra support. I will provide further information to the school community about how it fits the context of Sawyers Valley in future newsletters.

As part of the rollout of the new model of school funding I am required to attend regular professional learning about the model’s implementation as well as other relevant policy changes. Please be aware that as the principal of a primary school I am required to be up to date at all times. Schools are very busy places and there will be times that I am offsite attending professional learning, meeting with peers and participating in delivery professional learning to my principal colleagues, as I have been at the start of this week. Often I am also moving about the school and engaging in classroom observations.

If you would like to see me, please make an appointment via the front office or feel free to email me on Leanne.Sheardown@education.wa.edu.au.

I wish you all a wonderful fortnight.

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.
Students have the chance to turn the tables on staff at their school and award them with merit certificates as part of the WA Education Awards. The merit certificates are an opportunity for students and parents to recognise the work of school staff and let them know they value the work they are doing. If you would like to find out more or to download a certificate click here

Bushfire readiness

We are heading into Bushfire Season and I encourage the community to access the DFES website (http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/alerts/Pages/default.aspx) to ensure that you and your family are prepared.

Thank you to the parents that attended the free Cyber Smart session last week with kerry from ACMA (Australian Communications and Media Authority). You may be aware that Mr Johnston discusses with students about being safe on-line and this is monitored here at the school level. The overwhelming response from our students when they did participated in a session with Kerry from ACMA, was that they are scared of getting into trouble with parents if they are unsure of how to deal with an issue in the online world. ACMA has created a number of resources to support parents and caregivers and I encourage you to jump online and check out what’s available. For more information, please visit http://cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx

Production Ticket Reminder

Tickets go on sale
Week 5 - Monday 18th August 2014 until Week 6 - Friday 29th August 2014
(NO DOOR SALES)
CASH ONLY

Information and Order forms will go home with your child today.
Spare order forms will be on the pinup board in the wet area.
A new era for our historic Pines area

Classes have been rostered on a day at a time to access the new Pines area. Students are very excited about having this new space to play in and can be seen building areas, dragging sticks, making paths and rolling tyres. We have sought feedback from students about agreed behaviours that are required to keep the area a safe place and this is being collated so that all students are aware of the expectations. I have included an article about the need for children to get out and play in nature [here](#).

If you want to become involved or you have natural materials to offer (logs, stumps, rocks, boulders) please get in contact with admin or Danielle up in the Pre-Primary. Thank you to the Mees’ family for their lovely pine ‘stumps’ that have been already been put to good use!

Parent survey – as part of agreements with the Federal Government schools are required to survey the parent body, the staff and the students on a regular basis to provide information about what schools are doing well and the areas in which they can improve. Coming later this term will be a parent survey. It will be online and will provide you the opportunity to provide feedback to assist us in moving the school forward.
**Ride for Autism**

Our very own Josie Speedy (head cleaner) has a connection to this year’s Ride for Autism with her sister and her sister’s husband being a part of the event. They are riding from Fremantle to Kiama (just south of Sydney) in September—a total of 4000km with the aim of raising $10000 for Autism Association of WA. The team will be riding up Great Eastern Highway as they head out on their massive ride and closer to the start date Josie will let me know the time that they expect to pass through Sawyers Valley. The goal of Ride for Autism is to raise awareness of autism as well as to raise funds for this prevalent and complex condition. If you are interested in supporting this great cause, please visit https://give.everydayhero.com/au/the-crossing

Congratulations to our very own Caleb Powell from Rm 7 who was successful in achieving Level 5 Aged on the weekend in gymnastics. This means he is able to compete at the Gymnastics WA Spring State Championships on Sunday the 21st of September against the best gymnasts in WA. He is in aged which means he is in the same program that future Olympians compete. He has been putting in 16 hours per week. A very hard task and even harder to achieve level 5 status. He also jumped a level making it even more difficult.

**Transition to High School**

Moving from primary to secondary school is a significant event in every student’s education journey.

While staff have developed school transition plans and programs, parents also play an important role at home. Parents preparing for and talking about the move can make a big difference to how well their children make the transition. If parents are well informed and knowledgeable about the move, they are better able to support their children. Information is available from the Department of Education website or by clicking here

**Book Week 2014!**

18th August- 22nd August

This year the theme for Book Week is “Connect to Reading- Reading to Connect”. We will be celebrating Book Week this year on Thursday, 21st August with multi-aged activities across the school. The teachers will choose one of their favourite children’s story books to read to a group of students and then engage them in a language experience related to the book. The children can come dressed as their favourite story book character.
**P&C NEWS**

**Cross Country**
Thankyou to everyone for your support at the Cross Country, we raised $400!!

**Interschool Cross Country**
The P&C will be holding a cake stall at the Interschool Cross Country this Friday the 15th August. We would appreciate donations of baked goods to sell along with tea and coffee. Items can be dropped off at the stand on the day. (Please ensure ingredients are attached to any baked items)

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**P&C General Meeting**
**Wednesday 27th August at 2.00pm in the Staffroom**

If you would like to have input please attend the meeting, we look forward to seeing you there!

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The New Green Team Members for Term 3 are as follows:

Cole Curtis - Room 4
Mitchell Bacon - Room 4
Rachel Colyer - Room 7
Shayla Ulyatt - Room 7
Hamish Anderson - Room 6
Daniella Hardy - Room 6
Sienna Mead - Room 8
Kai Thornhill - Room 8
Keaton Humphries - Room 3
Patrick Brahim - Room 3

Thankyou to Term 2 members and congratulations to our new members. Annelies and Kawlija are continuing on as our Green Team Ambassadors!
Learning to manage feelings...

Children’s feelings are often intense. They can be quickly taken over by feelings of excitement, frustration, fear or joy.

When feelings take over children’s behaviour, they can find it difficult to manage without adult support. This is why learning how to recognise and manage feelings is a very important part of children’s social and emotional development.

Understanding that all sorts of feelings are normal, that they can be named, and that there are ways of handling them are the first things children need to learn about feelings. Understanding that feelings affect behaviour, and being able to recognise how this happens are important steps for learning to manage feelings.

How parents and carers can help children manage feelings....

1. Notice feelings
Before we can learn how to control feelings, we first have to notice them. You can help your children notice feelings by noticing them yourself and giving them labels: happy, sad, excited, frustrated, angry, embarrassed, surprised, etc. Giving feelings names helps to make them more manageable for children.

Learning to pay attention to how they are feeling helps children understand that they can have emotions without being controlled by them.

2. Talk about everyday feelings
Talking with children about what it’s like when you’re angry, sad, nervous or excited helps them find ways to express feelings without having to act them out through negative behaviours. Children learn these skills best when they hear adults and peers using words to express feelings and when they are encouraged to use words like this too.

Learning to name feelings helps children find ways to express them without having to act them out.

3. Create space for talking about difficult feelings
Help children to separate a feeling from a difficult reaction by helping them name it. Being able to say or think, “I am feeling angry,” means that children don’t have to act really angry before anyone takes notice. It allows them to choose how they will respond. The same idea works with other difficult feelings like nervousness or fear.
The newly located Mundaring Hire Shop in Sawyers was very generous to the P&C / school with regards to the hiring of equipment, so if you can please support a new local business as a thank you from us.

**CHALK AND PARENT DIRECT CATALOGUES**
The P&C are **NOT** collecting orders for these catalogues this year but still wanted to provide them to you for personal orders, for Christmas delivery please ensure you order by **30th September**. Please order online or mail orders to the postage address listed on the order form and remember to pay the administration fee ($3.90) and individual order delivery fee ($4.00) to get your order delivered direct to your door.
When ordering online if you complete the schools details in the fundraising centre section the school will benefit by getting a credit to use in the future.
Thankyou
Sawyers Valley Primary School P&C

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

The school is often asked to include community news or additional information sheets with our newsletter but please be aware that the school does not necessarily endorse or recommend these particular services.

**Eastern Hills Cricket Junior Cricket Club**... registration day for junior cricket on Saturday 9th august at Mt Helena Deli from 12 to 2pm. Season starts in October. Boys and girls. Any queries please contact Natalie on 041 9969 533

**Gidgegannup Basketball Club**... registration day is on the **18th August 2014**, 3.30-6pm at Percy Cullen Oval, Toodyay Rd, Gidgegannup. Teams are available for boys and girls from Year 3’s to Adults, training at Gidge and games at Mundaring. Season starts in October 2014. Registration is also available by email. More details about the club, competition, game nights and registration forms are available on our webpage [http://www.gidgegannup.info/sports/basketball.htm](http://www.gidgegannup.info/sports/basketball.htm) or phone Judy on 0403210985.

**Kalamunda & Districts Basketball Association**...To girls in years 3, 4 & 5 you are invited to attend Aussie Hoops at Ray Owen Sports Centre on Mondays from 4 to 5.15pm on courts 4 and 5. Players have training and then a game with skilled coaches. Uniforms, balls and umpires are provided. Come and try before you commit! It's a great way to get fit and have fun as well!
Ring Lizzy on 9293 8100 or Chris Jon 0439 936 536 chrissaligari@hotmail.com

**Sawyers Valley Basketball Club**... season commencing on Tuesday 14th October 2014. Players from under 10’s to seniors are welcome. All registrations are due on the 22nd August and can be given to Emma in the undercover area by 3.30pm. Contact Carrie Stuart on 0421119929.

**EHSHS Class Reunion**... A 20 reunion will be held on 25 October 2014. Past students commencing Year 8 in 1990—Year 12 1994. For more details please call Suellen Howlett 0421367129 or visit the Graduation Class of 94 FB page.
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