Dear Parents and Caregivers.

Sawyers Valley Primary School is part of an Australia-wide project about students with disability and/or learning difficulties. We have been asked to provide information about the number of children in our school with learning needs. Our school name and the name of the children will be confidential. The project will collect information about the ways we support students with special needs including any children for whom we make any adjustments to help them and can include such things as medical plans for students with allergies, any social adjustments for students who are having socialisation issues through to those with diagnosed disabilities. Data will be collected at the end of this week. It is used to help the Government plan for future support programs. If parents do not wish to have their children’s details included in the data collection please let me know by Thursday 6th August so that they can be excluded from the census. If you would like to learn more about the NCCD you can visit this website: www.deewr.gov.au/students-disability

This week Caleb Powell ventures off the United States to be a part of a gymnastics training camp. Caleb has undergone a rigorous training schedule that involves four hours training four days each week in the buildup to the camp. Caleb and his dad, Mr Powell, fly to New York and then Caleb will head out to the camp in Pennsylvania. The camp will last for two weeks. The whole School Community wish Caleb the best of luck and hope that the camp is every success that it can be for him.

Special mention also needs to go to Molly O’Hehir who has won selection into Perth Modern School for next year. The entrance exams are extremely vigorous and highly competitive. Molly’s results were very impressive and we would like to wish her every success in the coming years at Perth Modern. Congratulations Molly we are proud of you.

Big news with the Cross country event. After much deliberation and consultation with weather forecasts we have decided the run the cross country event this Thursday instead of Friday. We are very sorry if this causes any inconvenience; however, the weather for this Friday is shaping to look very similar to last Friday. As the interschool is looming we are running out of time to run the event. This will mean that the Kindy kids will have their event first thing on Friday morning. Spectators are welcome and encouraged to bring their own chairs and umbrellas to watch the races. A note will be coming home today with further details.

David Sawers

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.
2015 Faction Cross Country Carnival

The Faction Cross Country carnival will now be held **THIS THURSDAY** (August 6) at school before lunch. Please ensure your child wears their faction shirt on the day. The races are scheduled to start at approximately 9.30am and will go through till approximately 12.00pm. The order of the program is subject to change so please be advised the time of your child’s race cannot be guaranteed but every effort will be made to try to keep the program as follows:

Year 4 boys followed by Year 4 girls
Year 3 boys followed by Year 3 girls
Year 1 boys followed by Year 1 girls
Year 2 boys followed by Year 2 girls
Pre-primaries
(Junior students return to classrooms)

**Approx. 10.15 – RECESS**
Year 6 boys followed by Year 6 girls
Year 5 boys followed by Year 5 girls

**Approx. 11.45 – Senior classes back into classrooms**

The faction shield will be presented to the winning team on Friday afternoon at the conclusion of the music assembly which starts at 2.30pm.

Spectators are welcome and are encouraged to bring their own chairs and umbrellas if the weather looks unsettled. If intermittent showers occur, we will attempt to go ahead with the races in between the rain! For the safety of all the children, it is imperative that all spectators stay in front of the Bristol Building and under no circumstances cross the track over to the cricket pitch. It is also important that if you are congratulating your child after their race, you do so and then direct them back to their faction bay. We thank you in advance for your help with this and look forward to seeing you this Thursday. The P&C are running a cake stall on the day so please bring goods to sell and a small amount of money for your children if you are happy for them to buy something.

**Kindergarten students:** If it is NOT raining on Friday morning there will be a special kindergarten race at 9.15am. Unfortunately, if it is raining, the kindergarten event will have to be cancelled for this year.
Cross Country
The P&C will be holding a cake stall at the Cross Country this Thursday. We would appreciate donations of baked goods or fruit 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)

Thankyou
Bec Ewen has worked in the uniform shop for the last 3 years and is now moving on. Thank you Bec for your time and commitment, it is greatly appreciated.

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
We have an opening for someone to help out in the uniform shop each week for the remainder of the year. If you are interested or have any questions please talk to Lee Stohr (P&C President) or visit the uniform shop on a Monday afternoon.

New Barbeque
Thank you to the Shire of Mundaring for a $500 community grant to put towards a new BBQ so we can continue to provide lunches for our students. Please check out the photo on the school website http://www.sawyersvalleyps.wa.edu.au/parents/pc-news-and-info/our-sponsors/.

P&C General Meeting
Monday 24th August 2pm
in the Staffroom

Please join us to find out our plans for this year so far and to present any ideas you may have. We invite all parents – new and existing – to attend and become a member. Financial membership costs $1 per year; you are then entitled to vote on any decisions being made.

Please contact us at anytime by email: svspandc@hotmail.com
The students will be treated to a very special incursion on Monday the 17th of August!
Thanks to our generous P&C and the school’s Sustainability Committee we have been able to invite Environmental Educator Simon Cherriman and Kanyana Wildlife to our school. Simon will talk to us about our local native animals and Kanyana Wildlife will bring along some amazing fauna friends for us to admire and learn about.

Simon will stay with us for the day to run a hands-on workshop to teach our students how to construct a series of nesting boxes that will be situated in tree’s around our school. He will even use ropes to abseil high up into the canopy of one of our tallest tree’s to situate a very special nest box for an endangered species of cockatoo! WOW!

What an exciting day it will be! …with some wonderful learning opportunities to follow as we watch our nesting boxes for activity.

Want to find out more about Kanyana or Simon? Then check out their websites! www.simoncherriman.com  www.kanyanawildlife.org.au

Parents – you are welcome to stay and watch the talks. As Kanyana relies heavily on donations to run it’s hospital to care for injured wildlife we ask that you bring along a gold coin donation if you wish to stay. **There is no cost for students.**

Seating will be available for you in the undercover area. The presentation will start at 9.30am. **See you there!**
Are you getting excited about the possibility of a ‘camp out’ at school later this year?

*We know that Mr Sawers is!!!*

The playgroup committee and the P&C hope you are too!
We are seeking support from local businesses for our silent auction and our raffle that will run on the night. Are you able to help?
Do you have contact with a business that could help? Please let us know!
It could be an item we could raffle or auction, it might be a discount, a voucher or a service?
Call the front office, pop a note in the P&C communication box in the wet area or catch Laura Mead or Danielle Murphy.
We would appreciate any sort of support that you might be able to offer!
Keep watching the newsletter for the ‘camp out’ date to be advertised.
Funds raised will go towards developing our school outdoor areas such as the playgroup play zone and the Natureplay area.

**BUSY AS A BEE!**

The SVPS playgroup are planning a busy bee in the coming weeks to tidy up and enhance the outdoor area in front of the transportable building.

Date to be announced soon! Watch the newsletter for more info or check out the parent noticeboard inside the playgroup room. Playgroup operates on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

*You don’t have to be a playgroup family to come along – everyone welcome!*

**SVPS Student Green Team news…**

*Our new green team members have been announced for this term. Our ‘outgoing’ members were formally thanked at our Assembly and our newest members were introduced!*

Just a reminder to all about what we do…. It is our job to keep all of our sustainable practices and projects ticking along at our school. Worm farms are tended to, worm whizz is collected and sold at Assemblies. Money from sales is used to fund yet more sustainable projects, such as the purchasing of seedlings, fertilisers, recycle bins….

Batteries brought in by families are collected and weighed and gathered for collection by EMRC. Paper is collected and reused, upcycled into note-pads and recycled. Organic scraps are collected at eating time and bagged for students to take home to their chooks.

Now we even have a ‘promotions’ team that will report in each newsletter and make suggestions about how to improve our practice!

Ms Murphy and Ms Blair meet with the team every Thursday at lunch-time to coordinate everyone’s responsibilities and roles. Students are encouraged to teach each other about their roles and all jobs are carried out over a lunch break! Talk about dedication!

This week the team will get creative and design and make their own badges that they will be able to wear with pride each day and then keep at the end of their service!

So – support us by purchasing your worm whizz and other goodies at Assemblies and remember to keep those batteries OUT of landfill, collect them and bring them in to school to put in your classroom collection container!
The Sawyers Valley Family Playgroup

The Sawyers Valley Family Playgroup are fundraising for a new outside play area and we are offering for sale the following books produced by ‘Additive Free Kids’. More information about these books can be found on their website www.additivefreekids.com.au.

**Recipe Book: Additive Free Kids Parties $20.00 each**

With over 150 recipes any parent can do the right thing without sacrificing fun and colour at parties. Lots of these recipes can be used for snacks and lunchboxes too! With a range of recipes that are nut free, vegetarian, wheat free, dairy free, egg free or gluten free there are options for everybody!

**Book: “What’s Really in my Food” $15.00 each**

This fun and brightly coloured book is a fantastic tool to help parents offer your children important information on food additives and the basics of nutrition in a light hearted way that is easy for children to understand.

Each book comes with a free bookmark with a list of food additives to avoid. This list is for your child to take with them to the shops to help you choose the safest foods to buy.

The book comes in two different versions, a standard version, or a junior version for children.

To order any or all of these books please complete an order form and return it with payment to the Dockers Box in the front office. **Last date for orders is Friday 14th August.** Order forms can be found on the notice board in the wet area.
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.

Bedwetting... A DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon, and Physiotherapist, Margaret O'Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children.

For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300135 796.

Young People Who Care... Young People Who Care is an annual Western Australian awards program that recognises and rewards young, compassionate people between the ages of 8 and 18 who provide voluntary care for a family member with a disability/illness or to a person/people in their community.

The Awards are offered in two categories:

- Caring in the Community Award (individual or Group) - recognises a young person or group of young people who provide voluntary care to a person or people in their community.
- Young Carer Award—recognises a young person who cares for a family member with an illness, disability, mental health issue or who has an alcohol or other drug problem.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 25th September 2015. Nominations can be entered online at www.youngpeoplewhocare.com.au

If you would like more information please contact Carers WA on 130227377 or marketing@carerswa.asn.au
Sawyers Valley Basketball Club are taking registrations for teams for the 2015-2016 Basketball season. We are seeking players for all age groups. Must be 7 years of age at the commencement of the season.

Registration date: Thursday 13 August
Time: 2.30pm
Where: Sawyers Valley Primary School Undercover area
If you are interested in joining or would like more information please contact Carrie on 0421 119 929 or email sawyersvalleybbc@gmail.com
Thank you,
Carrie Stuart