Dear Parents and Carers

The end of the term has arrived! We had spectacular weather for the Faction Sports Day and the turn out for the School Production was excellent. I am aware that the shortage of tickets to the junior show was an issue and we will look to rectify this for the next production. Students have competed in Youth Fest (winning 3 awards!) and the sun shone brightly for our school photos last week. Spring truly is here.

NAPLAN results have been sent home to those with children in Yrs 3, 5 and 7. We are currently still analysing data and initial scans of the data show promising information!

We have a number of staff that have already started their holidays by using some Long Service Leave. My father arrives from Queensland this evening and I am taking the remainder of this week to start my holidays with him. It has been wonderful to see lots of families around the school over the course of this term and I look forward to seeing you all during Term 4.

Next term swimming, camp and our school’s 130th celebrations are happening so please keep an eye out for information about these events. We are also welcoming a number of new families next term which is very exciting!

“Do not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives. Such striving may seem admirable, but it is the way of foolishness. Help them instead to find the wonder and the marvel of an ordinary life.... Show them the joy of tasting tomatoes, apples and pears. Show them how to cry when pets and people die. Show them the infinite pleasure in the touch of a hand. And make the ordinary come alive for them. The extraordinary will take care of itself.”

— William Martin

I wish you all a wonderful break with your family and friends. Enjoy the changing of seasons and get ready for a busy Term 4.

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.
CLUBS – we are running clubs next term on **Thursday afternoons** for **Weeks 1-4**. All clubs will have a sustainability focus.
The clubs that will be running next term are: The Paper Cycle, Encouraging Local Birds, The Water Cycle, Aboriginal Culture, Colours of Nature, Nurture the Natureplay, The Butterfly garden, Growing Plants and EcoKids.
If you are keen to help out in any of the groups, please contact Leanne Sheardown at the school. Please note that any parent who volunteers in connection with an activity at this school (and your child is enrolled at this school) is exempt from requiring a Working With Children card.

*Picture courtesy Source Separation Systems*

**DID YOU KNOW...** recycling one aluminium can saves enough energy to power your TV for the afternoon cartoons?

**DID YOU KNOW...** one tree makes approximately 3000 pieces of paper? If you use 10 pieces of paper a day, that’s more than one tree pulled down every year.

**SCHOOL PRODUCTION**
Congratulations to all who performed in the musicals Stella the Starfish and We are Monsters and to all who supported us, by coming to see us and by supplying costumes, transport and emotional support. Thanks also to the wonderful Sawyers Valley Primary staff for their support on the evening and in the weeks leading up to the performance.
I am very proud of all of our performers and backstage crew, all of whom made a wonderful contribution.

**YOUTHFEST**
A huge thanks to all of the parents who helped their children to attend YouthFest on Saturday. Having a second opportunity to perform is a huge learning opportunity for many students. The first performance often passes in a whirlwind of adrenalin and excitement, with subsequent performances allowing students to consolidate their learning and make connections. Being able to do this with an independent adjudicator to give feedback for growth, is a wonderful way to learn.
We are very proud to announce that we received three awards at YouthFest.
An Adjudicators Certificate was awarded to Felix Pole for his performance as Sid the Shark in Stella the Starfish for Outstanding Singing and Dancing. I am especially proud of Felix, who has worked exceptionally hard to improve his projection, timing and pitch. Well done!
An Adjudicators Certificate was given to We Are Monsters for Audience Engagement. Well done to all involved with this production, as this award was a great team effort.
The Melville Theatre Encouragement Award was awarded to Jolyon Joyce for his performance as KC in We Are Monsters. This is designed to encourage Jolyon to continue to develop his impressive acting skills. Jolyon won a medal to keep and holds a perpetual trophy for the next year.

**VACSWIM - SCHOOL HOLIDAY SWIMMING LESSON**
December/January swimming lesson enrolments are now open. With swimming pools and beaches part of the Western Australian lifestyle it is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills.
Lessons are held at approximately 150 locations across the State and are conducted by qualified instructors.
For more information and to enrol, visit - education.wa.edu.au/swimming.
For further information, phone VacSwim on 93454007 or email vacswim@education.wa.edu.au
VacSwim is also looking for swimming instructors to run its programs.
This year is our school’s 130th Anniversary! To celebrate we will be holding a special day of activities on Tuesday 25th November. One of the activities on this day will require the children to present a “Family Tree” of their heritage tracing back to 130 years. We would like the children to begin researching this information at home with your help so that they can begin work on this project in class next term. Some of the information the children can research is:

1. When the family member was born
2. Where the family member was born
3. The occupation of the family member (if applicable/available)

The children can come dressed as someone that represents their family heritage or as someone from 130 years ago on this day. We hope you enjoy this challenge with your children.

**BIG CAKE BAKE**
Room 7 would like to say a very big thank you to all those who supported our Big Cake Bake. The students are very pleased that they exceeded their target goal and raised $320 to support the wonderful work of the Red Cross. Thank you again for participating in this delicious event!

**THANK YOU**
Thank you to Deb Yip who held a raffle on the Faction Sports Day on Friday 12th Sept and donated the proceeds of the raffle to the Leaver’s camp. Thank you Deb!
Swimming lessons for Years 1-7 will be held in weeks 5-6 10th-21st October. Lessons will be held this year at the Mt Helena Pool as Bilgoman will not be open. The cost will be the same as last year—$37.00 per child. Swimming enrolment forms will be coming home shortly. Please complete them and return them to your classroom teacher with your payment. Alternatively you can pay by direct bank transfer to

Bendigo Bank  
Account Name: Sawyers Valley Primary School  
BSB: 633-000  
Account Number: 150617231  

Please ensure you put your family name and swimming in the reference / description area when making your payment so we know who has made the payment.

Congratulations to Rm 2 for an attendance rate of 97.7 % for Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 3. Rm 5 came a very close second with 97.6%!

Parent Hub:  
The Sawyers Valley Staff are exploring ways of developing a “Parent Hub’ where education for parents can be stored, support activities and information sessions can be facilitated. One possible space for this is the Bristol Building. If you are interested in helping us to make this happen please contact Carey Stewart or Rachelle Zarb. Emails: Carey.Stewart1@education.wa.edu.au, Rachelle.Zarb@education.wa.edu.au.
Parent Thank you Raffle:
As a token of our appreciation for all of the support we receive through parent help staff have been issued with raffle ticket books. Parents who assist with school activities will have their names placed on a ticket and entered into a raffle. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the year. Prizes will include vouchers and a chance to have your voluntary fees paid for one year.

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.
3 Year Old Kindy

I have been asked by several parents about the possibility of a 3 year old kindy for 2015. I have copied some information about 3 Year Old Kindy:

Three year old children do not attract funding to public schools under the Student Centred Funding Model, and the School Education Act states that schools are only permitted to offer an educational programme to children in their early education period (i.e., Kindergarten for three year olds) if they have permission from the Minister to do so. At this point, only Remote Community Schools and designated Aboriginal Kindergartens have permission to do so, and only where the three year olds turn four in the second half of the year and where they occupy places that would otherwise remain vacant due to low enrolments.

HOWEVER........keep reading

There is another alternative that may be less burdensome and has the benefit of building the confidence of parents as their children's first educators. Your school could host a playgroup where a parent/caregiver attends the program WITH their child. You may have a spare classroom next year or another suitable space that you could offer the playgroup. This is an informal and very productive way to engage families with children from birth to school age. Playgroups are usually run by parents with support from other parents in the Playgroup, and if the school has capacity, could also include support from an early childhood.

If you are interested in the possibility of being a part of a playgroup here at Sawyers Valley in 2015, please register your interest by emailing the principal @ Leanne.Sheardown@education.wa.edu.au

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

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.

Little Stars Theatre School... are opening a Theatre School in the Midland / Hills Area with classes in drama, dance / movement, singing, commencing October 15th 2014. Open to ages 4 to 16 years. Please email littlestarstheatreschool@gmail.com to reserve your place or for more information.

Learn to paddle a Slalom Kayak ...great opportunity for kids to discover the Olympic sport of Slalom Kayak. Experienced Ascot paddlers will coach this course, which is suited to children 9 to 17. All equipment is supplied and there are change rooms and showers on site. This 3 day course is suited to beginners and will cover the basics of kayaking as well as introducing the techniques of Slalom kayaking. Where: Ascot Kayak Club, Fauntleroy Ave, Ascot . When: 9.30 – 11.00 am 8th-10th Oct (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday). How much: $60 for 3 days. Pre-requisites: No experience needed but must be able to swim 50 metres. Want more information? Phone Jenny Vogel – 0427 449824 or Charlie Collin on 0411 237 931. Email: akcslalom@gmail.com
Basketball Super Camp... is on again for 2014 and is a great opportunity for a fun week of basketball skills and games! The camp is from Monday 6th October to Friday 10th October from 9 to 3pm at Ray Owen Sports Centre, Lesmurdie. Ages are from 5 to 15 years and cost.

Suns SBL and WSBL players will teach basketball skills and direct fun competitions and games to new and more experienced players.

Forms are online at kalamundabasketball.com.au
Ring 9291 7600 or Eva on 0432 735 228 for more information

Murdock Uni Preparatory Classes... for primary and middle school students. Preparatory Mathematics and Preparatory Physics. Flyers are available from the office.

Grasshopper Soccer... fun for girls & boys aged 2 - 12! Held at Swan View or Ellenbrook.
Contact details, 0447070076, facebook.com/grasshoppersoccerperthhillswanvalley, grasshoppersoccer.com.au
Fluoro Dance Party
Swan View Youth Centre
116 Salisbury Road, Swan View
Friday 10th October
Juniors (5 - 12yrs) 5pm - 7pm
Seniors (13yrs+) 7.30m - 10pm

$5 Entry
Wear white or fluoro to glow in the dark! All are welcome to wear casual
Free Headbands and Glowsticks
Strobe and UV Lighting

Canteen Available

This event is strictly drug and alcohol free.
For information contact Seen and Heard on 9255 2570 or email
seandalheard@parkerville.org.au
Transperth Info Line: 13 62 13 or www.transperth.com.au

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Ride the Rails
Thursday 2nd October
Parkerville to Swan View
Railway Reserve Heritage Trail
11am - 2pm

Ride the Rails will begin in Parkerville. Please meet at the
pavement park across from the Parkerville Pub on Owen
Road.

You will need
- A bike suitable for riding on rough terrain
- A sturdy Helmet (Compulsory)
- Parental Supervision for anyone under 12yrs
- A torch (for going through the Tunnel)

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Rescreening
Family Movie Night
NOW SHOWING

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2

Wooroloo Hall
Government Road, Wooroloo
Friday 3rd October
6pm - 9.30pm
Candy Bar Available

Free Hotdogs and Drinks

$5 Entry

This event is strictly drug and alcohol free.
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An opportunity to show your stuff

Take your film to the next level!
Attend our Film Production Workshop
Tuesday 30 September, 10am-4pm

Focussing on production, filming and post-production
Run by film industry professionals "2D Films"
$5 Registration Fee includes Lunch
Open for 12-19 year olds
Workshops held at Brown Park Community Centre

All films need to be
2 minutes long
About "Resilience - what it means to you?"
Submitted by 20 October

Films screened at
2014 Darlington Arts Festival

Registration is essential
Phone: 9255 2570

WINNERS RECEIVE
$250 X-FACTOR PRIZE
AND DAFFI AWARD

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