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Dear Parents and Carers

The start of the school year here at Sawyers Valley PS was tremendously smooth! It was great to see familiar faces from last year as well as welcome new faces to our great school. This first newsletter is brief so that we can let you know of some things happening around our school.

Firstly I would like to inform you that for the first semester (Terms 1 and 2) I will not be onsite on Wednesdays and will be replaced by Mr David Sawers from Gingin DHS each Wednesday. David also works at Gingin District High School as an Associate Principal and in 2013 was presented with the 2013 Positive Teacher of the Year Award that recognises the unacknowledged social and psychological work of teachers like David; work that ensures both students and colleagues have the best chance of a happy and successful school experience. David was selected from hundreds of outstanding nominations across the state.

On the last day of term four last year, Mrs Carey Stewart accepted a six month secondment to Central Office to work as part Measurement and Evaluation Branch. Carey's passion for early childhood education and many years of experience in education were recognised by the Education Department with this secondment. We wish Carey all the very best with this exciting opportunity. Mrs Kym Little has been appointed to replace Carey and come highly recommended! Welcome.

Beside some of the obvious changes such as staff and the class structures some of the roles that staff have taken on have changed. Mr Stephen Powell will be supporting teachers with Students at Educational Risk, which includes students funded from Schools Plus as well as students who have additional learning needs. Feedback from the School Board on our Students At Risk policy has directly influenced processes for individual planning. Parents of students who have a diagnosis will meet with your child's teacher to discuss goals later this term.



I would like to acknowledge Laura Mead and her band of enthusiastic helpers/parents – Carle Cousins, Melissa Barden, Amanda Margetts and Fiona Kent for setting up our very own playgroup room. Many thanks go to the Osborne family for the donation of toys to the playgroup room. Playgroup information is included in this newsletter issue.

It has been such a positive start to yet another busy school year. I look forward to seeing you around the school.

Warm regards

Leanne Sheardown

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.

LUNCH ORDERS

The Chidlow Bakery is ready and waiting to take your lunch orders each Wednesday starting from **tomorrow**. Please find attached with this email an updated menu for students. Some items/prices have changed a little so please be sure to check out the LATEST menu.



To have our own Sawyers Valley Playgroup we need to have members (as per Playgroup WA regulations). Our first playgroup session will commence on **Wednesday 11th Feb** between **9am – 11am**. Families attending the playgroup will be able to use some of the school facilities (such as the junior playground) and will be based in a vacant room near Rm 7 (where students used to do Japanese). If you are keen to find out more or to become registered, Laura will be in the playgroup room from 9-10 this Wednesday 4th. There has been considerable interest in playgroup operating on another day so come and let us know what works for you. Hope to see you there!

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will commenced for the 2015 school year this Fridays 8.30 to 8.50 am in the Wet Area.

Opening Accounts - Bendigo Bank has organised to open accounts here at school rather than having to go into the bank.

If you are interested in opening an account for your child / children to participate in school banking please bring all forms of your child's identification including birth certificate.

There is no cost to open an account plus you have a \$2.00 credit on opening the account.



CLASS TEACHERS

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

EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

Room 1 - Mrs Hayley Wood / Mrs Marilyn O'Hare/ Mrs Vanessa Bowen
Room 2 - Mrs Kim Holmes / Mrs Hayley Wood
Room 3 - Mrs Caroline Evans / Mrs Sarah Newton/ Mrs Jenny Gunstone/Mrs Leo Lane
Room 4 - Mrs Marilyn O'Hare / Mrs Jenny Ewen/Mrs Sarah Newton
Room 5 - Mrs Denise Winsor / Mrs Margaret Cassidy
Room 6 - Mrs Sarah Newton
Room 7 - Ms Sarah Harrison/Mrs Marilyn O'Hare / Mrs Vanessa Bowen / Mrs Jenny Ewen

ADMINISTRATION

Principal	Ms Leanne Sheardown / Mr David Sawers (Wed for Term 1 and 2)
Deputy Principal	Mr Andrew Johnston
Registrar	Mrs Lyn Liddle
School Officer	Ms Di Brown
Library Officer	Mrs Glenys Holling
Gardener	Mrs Fiona Kent

CONTRIBUTIONS

A voluntary contribution of \$50 per student is requested.

Chaplain Voluntary Contribution \$10

This can be paid at the office by cheque or cash.

or

**you are welcome to pay via bank
transfer into our Bendigo Bank account in Mundaring.**

Account Name: Sawyers Valley Primary School

BSB: 633-000

Account Number: 150617231

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

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 in the staff room several times a term. **P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Will be held next Tuesday 17th February in the staffroom at 9am.

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 choose 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 **MONDAY** 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 or paid into our Bendigo Bank account.

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
5. Lunch Order Menu / Price List

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 2015

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: _____

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2/2 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	3/2	4/2 Playgroup 9-11	5/2 Early Close 2.30pm	6/2 Assembly
2	9/2 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	10/2	11/2 Playgroup 9-11	12/2 Early Close 2.30pm	13/2
3	16/2 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	17/2 P&C AGM 9am	18/2 Playgroup 9-11	19/2 Early Close 2.30pm	20/2 Assembly—merit cert
4	23/2 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	24/2	25/2 Playgroup 9-11	26/2 Early Close 2.30pm	27/2
5	2/3 Labour Day Holiday	3/3	4/3 Playgroup 9-11	5/3 Early Close 2.30pm	6/3 Assembly- announcement of student coun- cillors
6	9/3 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	10/3	11/3 Playgroup 9-11	12/3 Early Close 2.30pm	13/3
7	16/3 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	17/3	18/3 Playgroup 9-11	19/3 Early Close 2.30pm	20/3 Assembly—merit cert
8	23/3 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	24/3	25/3 Playgroup 9-11	26/3 Early Close 2.30pm	27/3
9	30/3 Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm	31/3	1/4 Playgroup 9-11	2/4 Early Close 2.30pm	3/4 Good Friday

Health and Nutrition for Happy Families

Come along and learn more about.....

- How to make lunchboxes exciting!
- How to make healthy meals from scratch.
- Cooking on a budget.
- How to reduce processed foods in your diet.
- How to deal with fussy eaters.

Free Gift Each Week



Cook and take food home each week!

NO COST

For more information call CLAN Midland 9250 6335

