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**UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED
THIS AFTERNOON DUE
TO CLASSROOM
MEETINGS**

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TUESDAY 18 FEB

Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm

WEDNESDAY 19 FEB

Room 6 Parent Info 3.10pm

THURSDAY 20 FEB

Early Close 2.30pm

School Board Meeting 6.30pm

FRIDAY 21 FEB

School Banking 8.30-8.45am

MONDAY 3 MARCH

Public Holiday

Sawyers Valley Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents

Wow the first two weeks have absolutely flown. We have had a smooth start to the school year and I would like to welcome new students, families and staff to the school.

Many of you will have already met or in the very least seen, Ms Rachael Gillett, Yr 2/3 (Rm 8). MS Gillett comes to us from Doubleview Primary School. Also new to Sawyers Valley this year is Mrs Amanda Henley. Mrs Henley will be teaching Asian Cultural Studies to classes during LOTE time as we were not able to secure a teacher of Japanese whilst Sensei Lund is on long service leave.

Elections for Student Council positions are underway. Classes have voted on their class reps and these will be announced at an upcoming assembly. Students in the leaving year levels of Year 6 and Year 7 have self nominated for School Captain. Given we have two year levels graduating at the end of this year, we have decided to broaden the student leadership this year and will be electing two School Captains from Year 6 and Year 7. Students who have nominated for School Captain will be delivering their speeches to assembled students this coming Thursday 20th February after lunch. Parents and community are most welcome to come along and hear what our potential student leaders will bring to the positions. Staff will vote for the School Captains. The result will be announced at an upcoming assembly.

This year we have introduced a couple of new practices that are happening school wide. We have adopted literacy and numeracy blocks in all classes. What this means is that before recess all classes will be focussed on literacy and in particular, guided reading. All students have been assessed since school started back. Teachers have analysed this data and grouped children accordingly. Between recess and lunch all classes are focussing on numeracy. Implementing literacy and numeracy blocks across all year levels has been an exciting change for Sawyers Valley. I would like to thank the P&C for donating funds at the end of last year towards the purchase of guided reading resources to support this initiative.

A number of people have approached me with concerns about the levels of safety in the carpark on Sawyers Road. I have been out in the carpark a number of times last week at home time and spoken to parents about their double parking. I am aware that parking spaces are limited and that there is some

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.

congestion at pick up time but the safety of your children is our main priority. Kids are small and they move quickly - one of the reasons that makes double parking dangerous—you simply cannot see children clearly. Parents are also parking in the 'Kiss and drop' area at the southern end of the car park - this is **NOT** a parking area. Please refrain from using it unless you are saying goodbye and driving away. One of my concerns is that children are darting across the carpark to get to parents that have parked on the verge of Sawyers Road. This is a dangerous practice as your children **ARE NOT** moving through the carpark safely. Children should be escorted across the carpark by parents. I do not want any accidents in the carpark and I will monitor regularly how parents are using the carpark. **Carparks require all of us to be vigilant.**

The P&C had their AGM for the year last week. I am so lucky to work alongside a truly dedicated group of parents who want the best for their children and school. All children benefit from their fundraising endeavours but many hands are needed to help out at events and behind the scenes. If you have any spare time on your hands and want to meet some wonderful locals and help out your child's school at the same time, we would love to hear from you. Our president once again this year is Robyn Netherway. The vice president again this year is Teresa Bacon. The secretary is Kylie Colyer (thank you Kym Shingleton for your support in previous years) and the Treasurer is once more Graham Hardy. Down in the uniform shop you will be greeted by Bec Ewen and Rachel Coleston. We have the Swimming Carnival later this term and the P&C would love your help.

Did you know that our school turns 130 this year? How are we planning on celebrating this milestone? Watch this space :)

Leanne Sheardown
Principal

MERIT CERTIFICATE ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies commence Week 4, Friday 28th Feb @ 9am in the undercover area. Merit Certificate Assemblies are held every 2 weeks. All parents, community members are welcome to attend. Our first classroom assembly will be held by Room 6 on Friday 28th March.

SCHOOL FEES

**A voluntary contribution of:
\$50 per student**

**Many thanks to the families who have already paid and we 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.

We are more than happy for fees to be paid in installments if that helps families.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking has commenced for the 2014 school year on 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.



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.

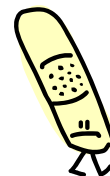
If your child has a medical condition, please ensure that the school is notified and the forms completed. Thank you.

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School Officer



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CONTACT UPDATE - Please, Please do this.

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.

Even if you don't think your details have changed, please complete the form and return it to the office or your child's classroom.

We have only had 11 families return this form.

NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL

By the end of Semester 1 we are hoping to be sending our newsletter by email only. The newsletter will also be available on the School website.

We have included as many email addresses as possible on our distribution list. If you have not provided us with your email address please do so when completing the Contact Details Form.

You may provide us with more than one email address if you like.

Have you seen our school
website or Facebook page
lately?

www.sawyersvalleyyps.wa.edu.au

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: _____

P&C NEWS

Thankyou again to everyone who supported the P&C in 2013

The 2014 P&C Committee are:

President – Robyn Netherway

Vice President – Teresa Bacon

Treasurer – Graham Hardy

Secretary – Kylie Colyer

Executive Committee Members:

Bec Ewen, Julie Seccull, Rachel Coleston

UNIFORM SHOP

This year Rachel Coleston will be running the uniform shop with Bec Ewen. The uniform shop will be open on Tuesday afternoons between 3 – 3.30pm. If you have any queries please visit Rachel and Bec at the uniform shop.

P&C MEETINGS

At the request of parents the P&C will be holding a daytime meeting this term, this meeting will be:

P&C General Meeting
Wednesday 5th March at 9am
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.

No previous experience is required all you need is a desire to supplement your child's educational journey.

DISASTER COMMITTEE

Hello! My name is Susan James and I am with a disaster committee run by the hills Uniting Churches.

We have vouchers to give for Bunnings, Big W and IGA for anyone affected by the fire. Please contact Greta Williams 92988389 or me 0439369798.

Any counselling or a listening ear that's needed can contact Nick Stuurstraat 92951705 or Kira Jamieson 92943912.

we look forward to helping!

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.

Perth Hills United... welcomes junior boys & girls (5-18), men & women for its 2014 season. Register online at www.phufc.com.au; come to Harry Riseborough Oval, Hartung St, Mundaring on Sat 15th or 22nd Feb from 9.00-12.30 for more info or email tonywittcomb@bigpond.com It's a great club for the whole family. Perth Hills Utd is a Kidsport Club.

Basketball... is commencing for girls and boys from ages 6 to 16 on 24th 26th and 27th February. Training and games are at Ray Owen Stadium in Lesmurdie from 4pm onwards and players are welcome to 'have a go' before they commit to a season. Game fees vary from \$4 to \$5 and season fees are from \$50 to \$70 a semester and include uniforms and coaching. Special training night is on Monday 10th February at Ray Owen Stadium from 4.30 to 5.30pm. Ring Chris on 0439 936 536 for more information. The Under 20 Men's and Women's National Championships and The Ivor Burge Nationals (State intellectual basketball teams) are being held at Ray Owen Stadium in Lesmurdie from 16th to 22nd February from 9am to 7pm. Come and see the best players in Australia play against other states. Wildcats will be there at the opening ceremony and this is an incredible opportunity to help inspire you in basketball and see Australia's talent!

Mums Raising Teenage Girls... Tuesday 18th February 6.30-9 @ Lotteries House, 2232c Albany Highway. The passage from girl to young woman is often challenging, not only for the girls but also for their mums. If we can better understand the developmental stages of teens we can achieve a level of harmony with our precious daughters. To enroll please phone 9489 6322.

Dads Raising Teenage Girls... Thursday 27th February at 1 Ord Street, Fremantle from 6.30-9.00pm, \$25.00 per person. The father-daughter relationship is particularly important during the teenage years to help girls navigate this difficult time. Find out how you can build a more rewarding relationship with your teenage daughter. For further information please ring 9489 6322

Mundaring Junior Football Club... Junior Girls Football registration day on Sunday 23rd February 9.00 - 12.00pm at Mundaring Recreation Ground. For more information Jamie Walter on 0439850509 or whitelinefeva@hotmail.com or Chelsea Randall 92798700 or Crandall@swandistrictsfc.com

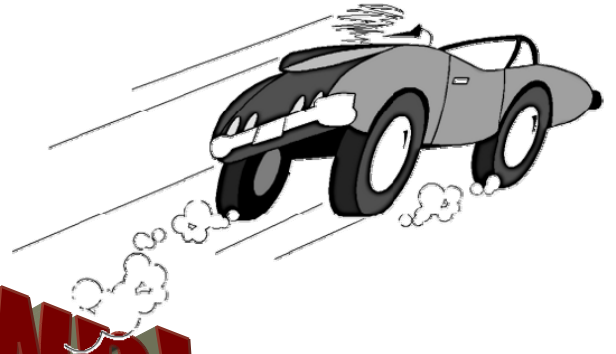
Bilgoman after school swim lessons ...Series 4 starts 26 Feb, places still available Junior squad 4pm & senior squad 5.15pm Mon & Wed. Any enquiries Ph: 9299 7954

Chidlow Netball Club... registration day on Sunday 23TH February from 10am-12pm at Chidlow Primary School. Please note that fees are payable at the time of registration. For more information please contact Barbara Mees on pbtel@dodo.com.au or 0448 023 582

Look out for our children along Barlow Street and in the car parks

Please

Slow Down!



Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?



Have you
missed out
on thousands
of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the 'First Child Tax Offset' and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have **ANY** child that was born between **1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004** you may be eligible to receive up to \$12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

ACT NOW!
DEADLINE
JUNE 2014

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Your Family Tax Specialist

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	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 Room 7 Parent Info - Rm 7 - 3.15pm	18/2 Parent Info - Rm 3 - 2.15pm Rm 4/5 - 3.15pm Rm 8 - 3.20pm	19/2 Parent Info - Rm 6 - 3.10pm	20/2 Early Close 2.30pm School Board Meeting 6.30pm	21/2
4	24/2	25/2 Uniform Shop 3-3.30pm	26/2	27/2 Early Close 2.30pm	28/2 Merit Certificate Assembly
5	3/3 Labour Day Holiday	4/3 Uniform Shop 3-3.30pm	5/3 P&C Meeting 9am	6/3 Early Close 2.30pm	7/3
6	10/3	11/3 Uniform Shop 3-3.30pm	12/3	13/3 Faction Swimming Carnival Early Close 2.30pm	14/3 Assembly
7	17/3	18/3 Uniform Shop 3-3.30pm	19/3	20/3 Early Close 2.30pm	21/3 Harmony Day
8	24/3	25/3 Uniform Shop 3-3.30pm	26/3	27/3 Early Close 2.30pm	28/3 Merit Certificate Rm 6 Assembly
9	31/3	1/4 Uniform Shop 3-3.30pm	2/4 P&C Meeting	3/4 Early Close 2.30pm	4/4
10	7/4	8/4 Uniform Shop 3-3.30pm	9/4	10/4 Early Close 2.30pm	11/4 Assembly