Dear Parents and Carers

We are now half way through Term 1 and already so much has happened. The Student Council speeches and voting for class representatives has been completed and this Thursday starting @ 1:45pm senior students who have nominated for the position of School Captain will present their speech to an audience. Parents are most welcome to come and join the audience; however voting is completed by school staff only. All class representatives and the School Captains will be announced at the assembly the following morning.

Following on from the election of the Student Council will be our Swimming Carnival @ Mt Helena on Thursday 12th March. This carnival is for our Year 4, 5 and 6 students and fingers are crossed for lovely pool weather! The P&C will be there serving treats as well as fulfilling lunch orders. I look forward to seeing you up there.

I am really excited about how our staff are working to embed Social Emotional Learning into an already full curriculum. We are a KidsMatter school. As a Kidsmatter school we are working with a framework for mental health and wellbeing that is proven to make a difference to the lives of Australian children. Under the umbrella of Social Emotional Learning is the BUZ program. We adopted the BUZ program in Term 4 last year and all classes are using this resource to assist in nurturing happy, balanced children. One of the BUZ programs is called BUZ Power. The focus of the BUZ Power program is to develop within each individual a sense of personal power as well as expanding their skills within the context of a group, growing in their ability to cooperate effectively. This program 'powerfully' helps equip pre-adolescents with important life skills. Each student receives a BUZ Power Tool Box with 'Tools/symbols' and a BUZ Power Manual to take with them to help recharge their personal power!!

This training is usually done over 9 weeks but we have been fortunate to secure the services of Mr BUZ himself, Steve Heron, to facilitate the program over 2 days, starting TODAY, with our Year 6 students and associated staff including our school chaplain Rachelle Zarb. Year 6 students will complete the training on Monday 9th March. As a school we have also purchased the GirlPower program which will provide another avenue to address the friendship issues that many girls face in primary school with Queen Bees. As children’s interests and developmental needs change, their friendship patterns may also change. By the middle of primary school it is common for children to form small friendship groups based around similar interests. These groups often establish their own rules about who can join them. Setting rules and learning to negotiate them is important for helping children to develop their understanding of social relationships.

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.
However, when children lack cooperative relationship skills it can lead to friendship groups being dominated by some children and excluding others.

I trust that you had a most fabulous long weekend. Have a wonderful fortnight.

Leanne Sheardown
PRINCIPAL

The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN)
The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN) is a secure reporting and referral service for cybercrime and online incidents which may be in breach of Australian law. Certain reports will be directed to Australian law enforcement and government agencies for further investigation. The ACORN is an online reporting facility for cybercrime. The ACORN will make it easier for the public to report cybercrime, get the information they need to protect themselves online and ensure agencies can respond more quickly. The ACORN will also provide a clearer picture of the cybercrime affecting Australians. This will help improve our operational and policy responses. The ACORN is a national policing initiative of the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments. You can report the most common types of cybercrime to the ACORN.


If your child sees illegal or inappropriate online content please report this to ACMA’s online content complaint form.

If you suspect an adult has engaged in inappropriate activity involving a child, call the police immediately on Triple Zero 000 (if it is an emergency) or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

- If you are being bullied or harassed or have seen abusive or inappropriate content on social media, you can report this to the relevant social media provider. The process for doing this is slightly different for each site: Facebook – You can report abusive content on Facebook by using the Report link that appears near the content itself. Facebook’s How to Report Things page has instructions on how to report abusive content for the different features.
- Twitter – You can file a report that someone is posting abusive messages by going to Twitter’s forms page. More information on Twitter’s policy on abusive behaviour is available at the How to Report Abusive Behaviour page.
- LinkedIn – You can report inappropriate content that violates LinkedIn’s Community Guidelines or User Agreement by flagging it directly from the site. Your identity will not be shared if you flag an item. You can also report spam, phishing and other suspicious messages. After reviewing reported items, LinkedIn will take them down if necessary.
- YouTube – You can report content that violates YouTube’s Community Guidelines by flagging it. Flagging videos does not take them down straight away, but sends a report back to YouTube staff to review the flagged video. More information on flagging videos is available at YouTube’s Community Guidelines Violations page. To report a case of harassment, privacy or bullying, you can visit YouTube’s Help and Safety Tool page.
- Instagram – You can report inappropriate photos, comments, or users that are in violation of Instagram’s Community Guidelines or directly to Instagram with the built-in flagging feature.

You can also report serious cyber-bullying or stalking behaviour to the ACORN if the conduct is intended to make you (or the victim you are reporting on behalf of) feel fearful, uncomfortable, offended or harassed.
Support for children

Children can be particularly vulnerable online. They may become victims of cyber-bullying, targets of online grooming or be exposed to inappropriate online content which involves concepts they are not developmentally ready to manage.

Children often do not tell their parents about online incidents, in fear that it will make the situation worse. This may be damaging to a young person's health and wellbeing, particularly if they have already experienced mental illness or trauma.

If you know or suspect that your child has been a victim of cyber-bullying or any other type of cybercrime, it is important that he or she feels comfortable to speak about the incident with you, a teacher or another trusted adult.

Your child may also benefit from contacting Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800. Kids Helpline is a free, private and confidential, telephone and online counselling service specifically for young people aged between 5 and 25. It is available 24 hours a day to help with all sorts of problems, big and small.

You and your child may also find it useful to access the Cybersmart Online Helpline Service or consider the following resources:

- Online safety advice for kids and teens
- Socialising online
- Dealing with cyber-bullying
- Cybersafety help – Information and Cybersafety help button.
- Secure your mobile devices

If you or your child has seen material online depicting sexual conduct involving children or you suspect an adult has engaged in any inappropriate activity involving a child, there are well-established processes in place for the reporting and investigation of online offences against children. Given the seriousness of these offences and the need to act immediately, the ACORN does not accept reports on online offences against children.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority accepts reports of offensive and illegal online content including child sexual abuse material.

If you suspect an adult has engaged in inappropriate activity involving a child, call the police immediately on Triple Zero 000 (if it is an emergency) or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

**Can I file a complaint via phone?** No. The ACORN will only accept reports via the online reporting facility. Reports via telephone, mail, fax, or email will not be accepted.

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**LIBRARY OPEN**

The Library is open again for 2015.

I would like to remind parents that all children **must** have library bags. If they do not have a bag they will not be able to borrow.

Glenys Holling
Library Officer

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**SUSTAINABILITY NEWS**

A **HUGE** thank you goes out to all families that helped over the summer break to keep our worm farms fed, watered and cared for! We really appreciate your assistance. Soon we will be harvesting our castings and selling them at a very reasonable price at the School Assemblies. Just in case you are not sure the **benefits of worm castings** are as follows…

- Improved plant growth
- Soil softening
- Biological decomposition
- Beneficial nematodes
- Fungus control
- Odour elimination
- Insect repellency
ROOM 1
Matthew Browne
Hayley Colyer
Annie Osborne

ROOM 2
Charley Cockman
Jasper Buckles

ROOM 3
Cody Lucassen
Amelie Pole

ROOM 4
Nash Ley
Sebb Hoffman
Sam Brown

ROOM 5
Tom Wild
Lili McLachlan
Isabella Browne
Taylah Andrews

ROOM 6
Mia Thomas
Toby Andrews

ROOM 7
Amelie Lyons
Gareth Bacon
Thankyou to everyone who supported the P&C in 2014
what we achieved for the kids was fantastic!!!!!!

The 2015 P&C Committee are:
President - Lee Stohr
Vice President - Amy Metaxas
Treasurer - Kylie Colyer
Secretary - Anne Baer

Executive Committee Members:
Bec Ewen, Kim Ruwoldt, Jo Gray

Events / Fundraising
We have elected our new committee but we would like some more people to help us with events and fundraising throughout the year. If you would like to help with a particular fundraiser or all events your help would be most appreciated. New ideas are most welcome also!!

Roles
Our Executive Committee are also open to working with other people so if you want to learn what these roles entail by spending some time with a committee member please let us know.
We can all work together to help contribute to our children’s education and make a difference.

Do you like our school?

....Do you love our school?

....Do you want the best for your children?

Then come and join the P&C!

P&C General Meeting
Tuesday 10th March at 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: svpspandc@hotmail.com

The P&C for 2015 would like to Thank

Robyn Netherway    Teresa Bacon    Graham Hardy

for your contributions to the P&C Committee over the past few years
P&C Training Session
Get involved - make a difference! Help to shape your children’s future. Become involved in the partnership between parents, schools and your local community and find out how to operate your P&C effectively.
Come along to the free training session at:
Sawyers Valley Primary School
Thursday 5th March
9.00 to 11.30am
All welcome!!

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.
School Holiday Activity Program….for children with a disability aged 6-18 years, living in the Shire of Mundaring. To register your interest or find out more about the program contact: Rashmi Kaushal on 62743796 or Rashmi.Kaushal@risenetwork.com.au
Flyers have been placed on the red notice board in the Wet Area.

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.
Ballroom Dance
Youth Class
Friday nights
6.00 – 7.00pm
At
The Swan
Ballroom
New Class for 2015
Commencing SOON

Enrolments Now Open

Cost—by Term
$100.00 per person or Casual rate
$12.00 per person

Contact 9250 2904 or 0466 309 507
or swanballroom@yahoo.com
Upstairs, 11 Spring Park Road, Midland

Primary-school age
10.00-11.00 am SATURDAY
$12.00 per person OR $100.00 per term

Teaching the styles of Ballroom, Latin American, Australian New Vogue, Street Latin plus Fun Dances

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or swanballroom@yahoo.com
TheSwanBallroom
What is the Safety House Program?

Safety House is a community based “Good Neighbour” program of volunteer householders willing to help any young child in need in their local community.

The Safety House program offers a place of help and safety for children if they ever feel unsure or unsafe when they are away from home and school.

A Safety House sign on a letterbox or shop window means that the premises are safe and the adult residents have been thoroughly Police Checked.

Parents can be reassured that the Safety House sign means children have a safe place to turn to. The local community is helping to keep their area safe.

Regular checks are made on each Safety House to ensure it is a safe place.

How is the Safety House program run?
The Safety House WA Head Office manages the statewide program and Safety House Committees and Coordinators run groups in local communities. Advice, support and resources are provided by Safety House WA staff to schools and communities.

Who can become a Safety House?
To become a Safety House you must:

- care about the safety and well-being of children in your community.
- generally be available to help during school travel times.
- live in premises that could be easily accessible by a young child.
- agree to have WA Police Checks done on a continuous basis for all residents aged 14 and over.

If you would like to be a Safety House please contact Safety House WA Inc. on 9343 7511 for more information or you can talk to your local School Office.

When can children use a Safety House?
A Safety House can be used by children travelling to or from school or whenever they feel unsure or unsafe. Some of the common reasons a child may use a Safety House could be if they:

- are lost or confused
- are hurt or feeling unwell
- are being bullied by other kids
- are frightened by an animal
- are approached or followed

Who is my local Safety House Contact?
Check out the Safety House WA Inc website www.safetyhousewa.org.au.
Contact the Head Office on 9434 7511 safety@safetyhousewa.org.au

Feeling Unsure? Knock on a safety House Door!