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Thursday 19 March

Early Close 2.30pm

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School Banking 8.30-8.45am
Honour Certificate Assembly

Monday 23 March

Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm
School Board Meeting

Thursday 26 March

Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday 30 March

Life Education Van

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Chaplain Voluntary Contribution \$10

Art/Craft K & PP \$25

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.

You are also more than welcome to pay fees in installments.

Dear Parents and Carers

In the previous edition of the newsletter I made mention of the BUZ Power program that the Year 6 students were being trained in. 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!!

The intention of this program is to assist in setting the tone and culture of what we expect of the senior leaders of the school. The Year 6 students have completed the training but will be held accountable to their learning and the way that they treat each other throughout the year. Alongside the BUZ training we have commenced two 6 week programs based on the great feedback from parents, students and staff that attended the afterhours Girl Power training offered last year. We have purchased the Good Guys program as well. The programs will be commenced with our senior students initially. Both of these programs empower tweens with the skills, language, and self-confidence to be better friends and develop healthier friendships through the workshops. Students learn what's normal in a friendship, the difference between healthy and unhealthy friends, and how to stand up for themselves. (For more information on these programs visit <https://urstrong.com/>). My aim is for every child to feel safe at school, both physically and emotionally. The research clearly shows

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.

that students with healthy friendships perform better academically, have higher self-esteem, a more positive body image, get involved in more leadership roles and make smarter decisions in future relationships. The programs we are implementing teach our boys and girls how to comfortably put out friendship fires™ (ie conflict) and how to put a voice to their feelings. Click [here](#) to read an article on why your child's emotional intelligence should be a priority.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

I have noted that many parents/carers have already taken the opportunity to book a parent/teacher interview with the online booking system www.ptcfast.com/schools/Sawyers_Valley_Primary_School. Our parent teacher interviews are next **Thursday 26th March** from the end of recess onwards. We are able to close the school for a half day to conduct the meetings. Students who are unable to be picked up at the end of recess will be supervised until the end of the day and parents have been requested to inform the school via www.sawyersvalleyps.wa.edu.au/parent-interviews-supervision/ as to whether their child will be remaining at school once parent teacher interviews start. These interviews are a fantastic way to find out how your child has settled into the new school year and the goals they are working towards. There are still time slots available, so take this chance to touch base with your child's teachers.

PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND ROOM 4 FINAL ASSEMBLY

In my first year here at Sawyers Valley the 2013 end of year presentation ceremony was held in the morning before the heat of the day arrived along with the bothersome flies. Families were advised from Term 2 onwards about the time change so that time away from work could be organised allowing parents to attend. Last year's ceremony was held in the early evening in the beautiful auditorium at our local Senior High School. We had a disappointing show of families and students in attendance, with many of our book award recipients absent from the evening. This year our presentation ceremony will be held at the school during **school hours** on the **Friday 11 December** and the Room 4 Assembly will be part of the presentation ceremony so that we have as many of our students and staff present to celebrate the achievements of their peers.

We're a Sporting School!

Sawyers Valley PS has registered to participate in Sporting Schools, a new Australian Government programme starting from **1 July 2015**.

Sporting Schools provides our students with the opportunity to access sport-based activities before, during or after school.

Sporting Schools program will complement Sawyers Valley's existing PE curriculum, allowing our students to explore a range of dynamic new sports, from tennis to bowls, athletics to cricket, Sporting Schools will help us work more closely with sporting clubs in our community and tap into the large pool of talented sports coaches in the Hills area. You will have the chance to engage with 32 national sporting organisations (NSOs) that are partnered with the programme. Students can participate in a broad range of sports including: athletics, AFL, badminton, baseball, basketball, cricket, cycling, equestrian, football, golf, gymnastics, hockey, lawn bowls, netball, orienteering, rowing, rugby league, rugby union, sailing, ski & snowboard, softball, squash, surf lifesaving, surfing, swimming, table tennis, tennis ten pin bowling, touch football, triathlon, volleyball, water polo.

Sporting Schools is funded by the Australian Government and so there will be no additional cost to parents. Please watch this space for more information.



A HUGE thank you to Kylie and Andrew Colyer for coming in after hours to secure the memorial chair near the paved chess board as well as for painting the check board in the undercover area.

INTRODUCING THE 2015 STUDENT COUNCIL

Year 2/3 Lucca and Shyanne
 Year 3/4 Teagan and Mason
 Year 4/5 Felix and Imogen
 Year 5/6 Oliver and Amber
 School Captains: George and Annelies



2015 FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A beautiful sunny day, the smell of sausages and hamburgers on the barbie and the sound of children laughing and splashing in a nice cool pool. It just about doesn't get any better! This year's swimming carnival was so much fun even the bees wanted to join in and who could blame them? A huge congratulations to every single child who entered the water and had a go in one or more of the events – and a special congratulations to those children who are not confident swimmers but still had a go anyway. All the teachers and parents were so proud of every child who took part and more importantly we hope you are proud of yourselves!

Congratulations also to Swans whose name will appear on the shield for the first time since before 2009 when Penguins started to win and have won every carnival till this one. Also congratulations to our swimming champions and runners up who were as follows.

	Champions	Runners Up
Year 4	Dominic Kataneska	Gareth Bacon
	Katie White	Juliah McAuliffe
Year 5	Edwin Lyons	Riley McAuliffe
	Imogen Willox	Erin McCrory
Year 6	Annelies Day	Chloe Regan
	Oliver Cliff	Sam Brown

Thankyou also to the amazing P&C who ran a yummy cake stall and provided restaurant quality lunches that were devoured by all our hungry swimmers. A final thankyou to everyone who donated cakes on the day so the P&C could sell them. Everyone is looking forward to next year's carnival already.

Alison Charman



SCHOOL BANKING

School banking has commenced for the 2015 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.

GARDENER NEWS - BULB FUNDRAISER

Every couple of years I run a Bulb Fundraiser to assist the school and our wonderful P & C with different projects around the school.

The school receives 30% of all sales (last time we ended up with around \$400.00).

The quality of bulbs and service from Tulips With A Difference, a local WA company, has always been excellent.

To receive all the discounts, the total of all sales must exceed \$250.00, all orders need to be clearly marked and returned by the 8th May to the Dockers box in admin with correct cash/chq payment enclosed. (I am unable to provide change)

If you have any questions, you can find me around school or leave a message with the office.

Each family will be receiving a brochure and there will be extra brochures in the wet area if needed.

Thank you for your ongoing support, its greatly appreciated.

Regards,
Mrs Kent.



Come along to our Bush Skills for Youth school holiday program!

All About Leaf Litter



Help celebrate the International Year of Soils at our interactive workshop with artist and Biodiversity Workshop Facilitator, Angela Rossen. Leaf litter is commonly overlooked when we visit the bushland or in our garden. This workshop will allow children to get a closer look at the interesting world that exists beneath our feet in the leaf litter. Participants will be using iscopes to look closely at their findings and to help in creating artwork. The workshop will include a walk and talk through a local bushland area followed by an indoors interactive workshop. Suitable for children aged 8-12.

When: 10.00am – 1.00pm

Wednesday, 15 April 2015

Where: Octagonal Hall, 52 McGlew Road, Glen Forrest

P&C NEWS

Swimming Carnival

Thankyou to Kim, Anne, Lee, Julie, Devo, Kylie, Bec, Mel, Lisa, Carmen, Jo, Amy and Teresa for their help at the P&C stall on Thursday and also thankyou to the **many** families that donated cakes and the **Bay Tree Bakery** for their basket of goodies that helped us make our fantastic profit of **\$357**.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be **closed** on Monday the 30th March due to parents visiting the Life Ed van.

Free Lunch

We will be providing our first free lunch for the year on Monday the 30th March – please keep a look out for posters around the school when we confirm what the lunch will be.

Easter Raffle

On Friday the children will bring home some raffle tickets to purchase to enter into our Easter Raffle. There are 16 prizes; tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1. Tickets stubbs with name and money will need to be returned by Wednesday 25th March to the Dockers Box in the office. Winners will be drawn on Monday 30th March.

Mother's Day Raffle

We are planning to hold a Mother's Day Raffle next term and we already have one donation from a local business. If you run a local business or work for one that could provide a donation for our mums to win it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to a P&C Committee member or email us at the address below.

P&C General Meeting **Tuesday 21st April 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.

Please contact us at anytime by email: svpspandc@hotmail.com

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.

APRIL 2015 SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Do you live in the Shire of Mundaring? Does your child have a disability? This April school holidays keep boredom at bay, with these fun activities for children (6-18yrs) and their families who live in Mundaring.

Scitech Visits (Various workshops available)



Learn whilst having fun and take part in multiple scientific activities.

Suitable for kids of all abilities

Nearer to Nature

Fun, hands on experimental learning in the natural environment.



Adventure Day, 17 April 2015

Come and have fun with exciting indoor/ outdoor activities like archery, damper cooking, remotes, and more. Suitable for kids of all abilities.



Seen and Heard

Explore your artistic side and take part in some or all of "Seen and Heard's" workshops. Suitable for kids of all abilities.

Circus Fun, 8 April 2015

Enjoy trapeze acts, amazing acrobatics, juggling, hula hoops, stilt walking and more!



Suitable for kids of all abilities

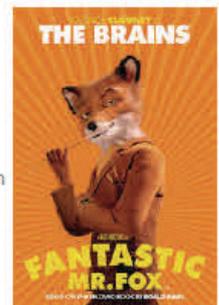
Free Outdoor Movie in Northbridge

11 April: Ratatouille

18 April: Fantastic Mr Fox

Free entertainment for all. Flicks and fun under the sun at Northbridge Piazza.

Suitable for kids of all abilities.



Rise

Your Community Support Network

If needed, some support will be provided to participate

Transport details available on request.

To register contact: Rashmi Kaushal at 62743796 or
Rasmi.Kaushal@risenetwork.com.au

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Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student
or call 1300 135 331 for more information

KSP Writers' Centre presents a three-day Write-a-Rama in the April school holidays. Fun, friendly, inspiring environment! All participants will become a published author and receive a free copy of the anthology. For details please phone 08 9294 1872 or visit <http://kspf.iinet.net.au> / Youth Programs.

Seen and Heard will be hosting the following events during the April School Holidays: ...

Cartooning Workshop

Date: Tuesday 7th April

Time: 10am – 2.30pm

Venue: Darlington Hall

Entry: FREE

Learn to draw awesome cartoons and create your own comic! Young People need to RSVP for this event, so please contact Seen and Heard to reserve your spot.

Parkour Workshop

Date: Monday 13th April

Time: 10am – 12pm

Venue: Mundaring Sculpture Park

Entry: \$5

FREE PIZZA!

Learn how to parkour! Perth Parkour instructors will teach you the basics to start your Parkour skills.

Young People need to RSVP for this event, so please contact Seen and Heard to reserve your spot.

BMX Jam

Date: Wednesday 15th April

Time: 12pm- 2pm

Venue: Chidlow Bike Jumps

Entry: FREE

Come along to the Childow Bike jumps and show Seen and Heard your bmx tricks to win yourself some cool prizes. Prizes may also be given for most dressed up bike. Free sausage sizzle for all that attend.

Fluoro Dance Party

Date: Friday, 17th April

Time: Juniors (5 – 12years) 5pm – 7 pm. Seniors (13+) 7.30pm – 10pm

Venue: Swan View Youth Centre

Entry: \$5

Free Glowsticks and Headbands. Wear white, fluoro or casual.

