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School Board

FRIDAY 28 MARCH

School Banking 8.30-8.45am
Room 6 Assembly

TUESDAY 29 APRIL

Term 2 Begins

Sawyers Valley Primary School Newsletter

SCHOOL FEES

\$50 per student

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.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What can I say? Last year's swimming carnival was cold and a wash out with storms, thunder and lightning! This year was overcast, balmy and perfect for a swimming carnival! I visited twice over the course of the day and the one thing that struck me was how much everyone was enjoying the day. There were lots of parent helpers, the P&C was selling tasty treats and lunches, the students were having a ball and the staff all looked relaxed! A great day was had by all and I congratulate all students on the manner in which they conducted themselves.

I would like to thank parents and community members for your cooperation in and around the school carparks at home time. As I have acknowledged before, it is a busy time of the day but by working together we can make sure that all children and users of the car parks are kept safe and free of accident and injury.

We are over half way through the term. Lots of assessment has occurred already with the early childhood classes conducting the On Entry testing and all classes assessing students via running records as part of guided reading within Literacy blocks. I know that many of you are eagerly waiting to meet with your child's teacher as part of the annual parent teacher interviews/meetings. We are working towards streamlining this process and will have information out to you as soon as possible.

Australian Education Ministers have determined that all Australian schools will participate in parent, student and staff opinion surveys. As a consequence, all WA public schools are required to administer parent, student and staff National School Opinion Surveys (NSOS) at least every two years, commencing in 2014. We are in the process of creating these surveys and will provide information about the surveys in the near future. I welcome all feedback as it helps our forward planning in all areas.

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.

School Play – Mrs Shaw has searched high and low to source a script for the Junior and Senior productions for 2014. I know that I am already looking forward to seeing the talent walk the stage once again this year. The Junior production has the themes of helping others and finding where you belong. The Senior production is all about accepting diversity and difference.

Student Leadership Conference

On Tuesday 11th March four of our elected student leaders attended a Student leader Conference at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre with the school Chaplain Mrs Zarb and Ms Sheardown. Over 1700 primary students attended the event! Lots of leadership information was delivered in a fun setting. Ellen Mees, Laura Mees, Sebb Hoffman and Emily Zarb will be sharing what they learned with the other student councillors this term.



Here is what they thought about the day.

On Tuesday I attended a Leadership Conference at the Convention Centre. I learnt about a school yard superhero and how to be a good leader at school. I liked the Loud Noises which was when you could scream and dance. We played games. I will be sharing what I learnt with Student Council. I had a very very good day by Laura Mees.

*When we went to the Grip Leadership Conference we learnt to be a strawberry leader not a watermelon leader. A strawberry leader is how they appear on the outside is the same as who they are on the inside but a watermelon leader appears different on the outside to who they are on the inside. A strawberry leader should be a leader with integrity. It was really fun when we went to the conference and some bits we had noise bits where we were allowed to scream and be crazy. It was called Loud Noises. **Emily Zarb***

*I attended a Leadership Conference on Tuesday. It was fun. My favourite part was Loud Noises. There were two people doing it. We had to do a quiz and they got some people on stage. You had to make your own buzzer with your mouth. We had a booklet with things to do in it. We did the quizzes and other things we learnt in it. There were people who did speeches and it was about leading your school. I saw my friend Cooper from Gidgegannup Primary School. You had to go around and ask people questions and what they can do. I went with Ms Sheardown, Mrs Zarb, Sebb, Emily, Laura and me (Ellen). They had badges that said different things on them. I got one that said "get a GRIP". It was very funny because the people doing loud noises would shout. There were four helpers. Some schools brought a whole class or a whole school. We were the only 4 student group. **Ellen Mees***

When I went to the leadership Conference I learned not to be a watermelon leader but to be a strawberry leader. I like the Loud Noises because we were allowed to dance and yell and be crazy. I learned about school yard superhero and we watched videos about it. I had a good day.

Sebb Hoffman

Leanne Sheardown
Principal

WANTED - 'Guess Who' GAMES

If you have this game and you are no longer use it, please consider donating it to Melissa Jones in Room 7. Only the boards are needed so if face cards are missing that's ok.

I'm going to use them as a way of practising spelling/math concepts.
Thank you

2014 Faction Swimming Carnival

After dark clouds early in the morning threatened a repeat of last year's weather, the day warmed up and stayed dry for yet another successful Faction Swimming Carnival. As usual the children made us all proud as they swam their hardest during the events and behaved beautifully in the faction bays cheering for their team mates. The volunteer officials made the day a huge success and the tireless work of the P&C kept everybody fed and very well looked after. A heartfelt thankyou to all the people who helped on the day. Penguins were the winning faction and the individual champions and runners up were as follows.

	Champions	Runners Up
Year 4	Imogen Willox Ryley McAuliffe	Peyton Coleston Edwin Lyons
Year 5	Annelies Day Oliver Cliff	Chloe Regan Samuel Brown
Year 6	Jamaja Bell Alex Cayley	Mackenze Sadler Dan Bulla
Year 7	Jasmine Manchip Mitchell Bacon	Samantha Olley Shakira Coleston Bryn Regan

Congratulations to the above students and to all our "champion" swimmers who tried their hardest and made us all so proud on the day.

Winning faction - Penguins



FROM THE DENTAL VAN

The Dental van is now located at Mundaring Primary School, we expect to be here for approximately 5 – 6 months.

The van is **only** open Mon, Thursday & Friday's all of first term due to staff shortage.

We will also be closed during the April school holidays.

For emergency treatment when we are not open please contact Guildford DTC ... 9279 5869 During school hours

The emergency centre for the April school holidays week 1. Lockridge DTC9279 2440

Week 2. Darlington Mobile 0407 594 254

Thanks

Sue, Sharon & Wendy

Dental Staff.

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENT

Mackenze competed at the Zone Qualifiers last Saturday 8th March at the Noranda Sporting Complex. She entered 3 events and qualified in two events to compete at the State Championships for Little Athletics next Saturday 22nd March 2014 at Challenge Stadium. Mackenze placed 3rd in the discus (only the top 4 go thru) and placed 3rd in the 1100m Race Walk with a personal best time (top 6 go thru).

Alex Cayley also competed at the Zone Qualifiers and qualified for the Shot put and Javelin events, therefore he will also be competing at the State Championship at Challenge Stadium. The State Championships incorporates all athletic associations in WA, both metro and country as well as Singapore.

Mackenze has also been selected for the Under 12 Development Squad for Netball playing for the Eastern Hills Association.

Children take their behavioural cues from the world around them. Screen time – the time spent watching television, playing computer games, and being on the internet – is a big influence on kids' understanding of right and wrong and the way they develop socially. Think of all the TV shows and theme songs lodged in your subconscious from childhood!

For some families, it can sometimes feel like a massive task to ensure children aren't coming into contact with bad language, overly-mature content, or inappropriate role models through the media. Studies linking excess screen time to childhood obesity and impaired brain development in babies and toddlers is also concerning. (For more, see the [Government's physical activity recommendations for children](#).)

The upside is that with effective limits and adult guidance, school-aged children can generally learn to take an element of responsibility for their TV, internet and gaming habits. Here are some ideas you might like to try at home.

Choose appropriate programs, computer games and websites together

Talking through why some content is acceptable and why some isn't involves kids in the decision-making process. Choose a list of acceptable programs, games and websites together and show them that you trust them to stick to it. This way there are no surprises for them if they deviate from what has been agreed on.

Set a time limit on their daily or weekly screen time habits

For example, you could introduce an 'hour of power' once a day or several times a week during which they are free to choose from your preapproved games, programs and websites. Being up-front about the time frame means fewer arguments when it's time to switch off and go outside.

Treat screen time as a privilege, not a right

You wouldn't feed kids chocolate and sweets for every meal as they're not the healthiest foods around. But you may not exclude them entirely from the pantry either. You could treat screen time in the same way with children – as a privilege, not as a given, and one that is linked to their behaviour.

Teach good online behaviours

It's really important to talk about what is and isn't acceptable online conduct with your child, and show them that they can come to you with any questions or problems. If you feel like cyberspace isn't your strong suit, fear not. Parents and carers can get up to speed with a host of free cybersafety resources for families from the [Government's Cybersmart website](#).

Avoid advertising where possible

As you know, 'pester power' works. But children are very literal beings, and ads can impact on their values, sense of the world, and even self-confidence. Look into content without ads or that is pre-recorded so you can fast-forward through the commercials. You could even talk to your children about the realities of advertising.

HORSE MANURE REQUIRED!

Can anyone help?

The school requires horse manure for our gardens and our composting system. Is anyone in the school community able to drop off the odd trailer load? There is a possibility that we could provide a trailer to be filled...

Please see Fiona or Danielle if you can Assist.



PARENT HELP in the garden...

It is planting time again! If you are a green-fingered parent with a little bit of time on your hands to help, we would love to see you at school. Please pop in to see your child's class teacher if you would like to assist with planting out our garden beds.

We would LOVE to have you join us!

And yes, you are equally welcome in the upper grades as well as the junior ones!



P&C NEWS

We would like to thank the number of parents who attended our daytime P&C meeting on the 5th March, the interaction and feedback from all members is always welcomed and appreciated.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The swimming carnival lunches and cake stall went very well, with the help of a number of new parents we managed to raise \$285. Thankyou to everyone who assisted.

P&C General Meeting
Wednesday 2nd April at 6.30pm
in the Staffroom

www.sawyersvalleypps.wa.edu.au

Have you seen our school
website or Facebook page
lately?

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: _____

EMB INSURANCE BROKERS

Children being children accidents do happen and parents are too often surprised to learn just how little cover, if any, their children have when they suffer injuries either in or outside school hours. Unfortunately severe injuries can place parents and guardians under severe financial pressure. StudentCover accident insurance was developed to give parents and guardians a helping hand when they need it the most, at a very affordable price. The annual cost of a StudentCover policy is just \$29.00.

Some of the features include:

- Compensation of \$500,000.00 for major injuries such as paraplegia
- Compensation for other major injuries such as loss of sight or loss of use of a limb or death
- Compensation for common injuries included such as broken bones, fractures, loss of teeth
- Help with student tutoring expenses as a result of total disablement, to ensure a child's education suffers the least possible disruption.

StudentCover is only available online - making it quick and easy to protect your child or children. To apply online simply go to www.studentcover.com.au and click APPLY NOW.