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Lunch Order Day
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Thursday 14 May

Early Close 2.30pm

Friday 15 May

School Banking 8.30-8.45am
Honour Certificate Assembly

Monday

Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I will take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am David Sawers and as Leanne pointed out in the last newsletter I am taking over from Leanne as principal at Sawyers Valley PS. I have come from Gingin District High School and I live in South Guildford. I have been working at SVPS on Wednesday each week.

I have been struck by the very positive and upbeat feel about Sawyers Valley PS and I hope to maintain that wonderful vibrant feel for the school. I work with an open door policy, which means that if you as a parent or community member have any concerns about the School please come and discuss them with me in person or on the telephone.

We have been notified that Carey Stewart has had her secondment in Central Officer working with the Early Childhood team extended to at least the end of the year. We wish Carey all the very best and know that they are getting value for their money. Well done Carey.

This week is NAPLAN week and testing for the Year 3s and 5s commences today with the spelling/grammar and writing tests; Wednesday is the reading test and Thursday is the mathematics test. If your child is absent for any reason we can run catch-up tests up until Friday. Remember the test is a measure of progress for individual students and is considered to be just another part of their school day.

Dancing lessons started last week and students seem to be really enjoying the opportunity to be involved. Many are looking forward the dance to be held at the end of the lessons. Coming up later this term is The Spelling Bee Wednesday 3rd June at Helena Valley PS and the Public Speaking Competition to be held at Glen Forest PS on Wednesday 17th June.

In the upcoming weeks we will begin collecting data on students with any form of learning disability and if your children are involved you will hear from the school before the collection. The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is a joint initiative of all Australian governments and all state and territory government and non-government education authorities. National data is collected annually to identify the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment provided for them. The national data collection has been progressively implemented over the period 2013-2015. From 2015, all government and non-government schools will participate annually in the national data collection.

Have a great fortnight
David Sawers
Principal

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 REVIEW

The School has just completed their review of the Business plan last week and we are waiting for the final report which should come in the near future. I would like to thank the parents, School board members and staff who gave up their time to participate in the review process.

The School Board is also looking to find some new members. If you think you would like to be involved or you know of a member of the community who would like to be involved in the School Board and understand how it works. Look for the upcoming advertisements. Being on the School Board does require a level of commitment with meetings twice per term usually after hours. If you have management skills and/or understanding of processes please consider nominating when the time comes.



We Need Your Help

We are committed to reducing the amount of rubbish produced at the school each day. A recent waste audit showed that more than half of the rubbish we produce is food scraps. Our new chickens, who are coming soon, will take care of those! However, there is still lots of non-recyclable rubbish coming to school in lunch boxes. For some **quick and easy** ways to pack a completely waste-free lunch box, please visit the website produced by some of our year

4, 5 and 6 students. The website can be found at www.reduceourrubbish.weebly.com



EXTRA ASSEMBLY

There is a short whole-school assembly to be held at 2.50pm this Wednesday and all parents are invited. A group of year 4, 5 and 6 students has been working hard to put the assembly together and its success depends on a large crowd being in attendance. The assembly will finish in time for the early childhood children to return to their classrooms to collect their bags and be dismissed by their teachers. It would be very much appreciated if you can arrive to pick up your children just a little bit earlier this Wednesday to support the work the children have been doing.

*Thank you.
Mrs Charman*

Lightning Carnival and Winter Fixtures

A very successful day was had by all year 5 and 6 students on Friday 1 May at the Small Schools Lightning Carnival. All students practised their sport and once again our Sawyers students behaved beautifully, making us very proud.

Year 5 and 6 students now get to practise their skills against other schools during the Winter Fixtures. Games will start at approximately 1pm and finish just after 2pm allowing schools time to catch buses to return by the end of the school day. Spectators are VERY welcome. When the fixtures are here at Sawyers Valley, our students provide oranges and mandarins to share with the visiting teams. The hockey and netball teams play here at school and the footballers play across the highway at the Sawyers Valley town oval.

Looking forward to seeing you all there! The fixtures are as follows:

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| Friday 22 May | v | Parkerville at Sawyers Valley Primary School |
| Friday 29 May | v | Gidgegannup at Gidgegannup Primary School |
| Friday 5 June | v | Chidlow at Sawyers Valley Primary School |
| Friday 12 June | v | Mt Helena at Sawyers Valley Primary School |
| Friday 19 June | v | Bakers Hill at Bakers Hill Primary School |
| Friday 26 June | | Bye |
| Friday 3 July | | Spare day in case of rain |

*Alison Charman
Health & Physical Education*

CHICKENPOX

There has been a student from room 6 that has become ill with chickenpox in the last week. Please keep a check on your children as it is very contagious before the blisters appear.

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.

Hills Raiders Basketball Association.....miniball Skills Programme 6-12 year olds at the Mt Helena Recreation Centre from 8.30 to 10.30 am commencing on the 18th July 19th September. Cost is \$40/ player, registration on 18th July.

Soul Tree Café...We host monthly events such as cooking classes and storytelling for adults, which some in your community might be interested in. For more information phone 92989997 or www.soultreecafe.com.au

P&C NEWS

P&C General Meeting Tuesday 26th May at 2pm in the Staffroom

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.*

CONGRATULATIONS to the students who won prizes in the Mother's Day Raffle Drawn by Mr J

| Prize | Winner |
|--|--------------------------|
| Wonderful Pamper Basket which includes Handmade tea lights, Bath salts, Foot soak, soap and a special glass just for Mum plus a \$15 clothing Voucher. Prizes donated by Scented Addictions and Hangers Boutique | Jacinta Humphreys Room 4 |
| \$50 Voucher donated by Mundaring Florists by design | Elsa Turner Room 3 |
| Voucher for a meal for 4 to the Value of \$100 donated by Café Cinco 5 Gallos | Asha Masee Room 6 |
| \$25 Voucher donated by Country Living | Rachel Colyer Room 4 |
| 1 month membership and 1 PT Session value \$165 donated by Club Sierra | Tom Room 5 |
| 1hr remedial massage donated by Mundaring Massage Therapy | Tiffany Ramsey Room 7 |
| Gift pack containing Photo frame, wheatbag and \$15 clothing voucher prizes donated by Everbloom Garden Centre, Mundaring Massage Therapy and Hangers Boutique | Teagan Park Room 7 |
| \$25 Voucher donated by Country Living | Ellh Metaxis Room 1 |

THANKYOU to these local businesses for their donations

Mundaring Massage Therapy
7180 Great Eastern Highway,
Mundaring

Everbloom Garden Centre
665 Railway Terrace, Sawyers
Valley

Scented Addictions
10940 Great Eastern Highway,
Sawyers Valley

Mundaring Florists by design
Shop 10, Mundaring Mall, Mundaring

Café Cinco 5 Gallos
Shop 9, Mundaring Village,
Mundaring

Country Living
Willow House,
Sawyers Valley

Hangers Boutique
Shop 7, Mundaring Mall,
Mundaring

Club Sierra
5795 Great Eastern Highway,
Mundaring







