Dear Parents and Caregivers

The staff and students at Sawyers Valley primary School have would like to wish Rachael Gillett all the very best with the expected arrival of her new baby in the very near future. Rachael has worked at Sawyers Valley for 18 months and in the short time that I have been at the School a number of parents have very positive things to say of Rachael. She has proven to be a very capable teacher who is dedicated and works hard for the students she teaches. Good Luck Rachael, know that you will be missed here.

Junior Playground
I would like to ask that parents picking up their children after school from the junior playground be mindful that their children should not play on the play equipment. As there are so many children in the grounds at that time it is difficult for staff to identify those who are being supervised and those who are not. We are always conscious of the need for students to be safe and we would like your assistance in this matter because it is a time when staff are easily distracted talking to parents and watching that children are picked up by their parents or caregivers.

Voluntary Contributions
Letters have been sent out recently to remind parents to pay their voluntary contributions. The School does rely on these contributions to enhance existing programs in classrooms. The funds are spent on your children across this year; they are not accumulated for later years.

They go towards your child’s classroom activities. Items such as paint, paper, card, reading books, Library books, glue, computers, ipads, craft items etc. can be very expensive and the more funds we have the more of these we are able to purchase to make your child’s learning more fun.

We are very grateful to the families who pay their contributions, even if you only manage part of the contribution it all helps provide the experience we can for your children.

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.

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Wednesday 10 June
Lunch Order Day
Playgroup

Thursday 11 June
Early Close 2.30pm

Friday 12 June
School Banking 8.30-8.45am
Honour Certificate Assembly
Winter Fixtures - away game
School Dance

Monday 15 June
Uniform Shop 3.00-3.30pm
Come along to our school dance on
Friday 12th June @ the Eastern Hills SHS gym,
Keane Street, Mt Helena WA 6082
THIS DANCE IS STRICTLY FOR STUDENTS WHO CURRENTLY
ATTEND SAWYERS VALLEY PS

**Students will need to be signed in and out of the dance**

- K to Year 2 from 5-6.30pm
- Years 3 to 6 from 7-9.00pm - students need to bring a plate to share for supper.

Boys bring something savoury and tasty (no foods that need reheating please).
Girls bring something sweet to share.

Cost: $2 per child OR $5 family (3 or more children).
Adults free - parents are encouraged to stay and join in the fun.
Lollies, water, Juice and glo sticks available for purchase
The main objectives for the garden club is to give the children a sense of pride and ownership of the school grounds.

I know from personnel experience with my children, if they had worked on something they had a deeper sense of pride and they understood the effort that goes into anything that is done around the school.

They also obviously learn basic life skills like co-operation and planning, having a sense of satisfaction and pride once a project is completed.

Our first project is to build a frog bog. The children will be hands on with this. We have started with planning, thinking about long term viability of the pond with regards to vandalism, safety, location and use of the area, visual impact and most importantly the environmental impact ie: attracting frogs. As some of the children are quite young, the project needs to move along to keep them enthusiastic but we want it to be a success so planning and support from the wider community is vital!

As the garden club is very new to the students, it will be interesting to find out what they learn or think about it and I will be asking them for some feedback.

I cannot see too many challenges ahead and as the school already has a great foundation of sustainability, I am positive this will be a success.

We will keep everyone up to date with how the project is going along with photos to share.

Thank you
Fiona Kent

Questions asked on the Wednesday 3rd June 2015

Why did you join Garden Club?
Jacinta - It’s a lot like green team.
Acacia - It sounded interesting.
Rachel - I like doing stuff around the school and it’s something to do at lunch time.
Bella and Ella - Because I like gardening.
Aiyana - Sounded fun.
Rick - I just love doing gardening and I can come out the gate and I love helping.

What would you like to get out of Garden Club?
Rick - I want to learn stuff.
Acacia - Have lots of fun and make the school look better.
Jacinta - To learn how to do more in the garden.
Bella & Ella - To have fun.
Rachel & Aiyana - To help the school grow. Rachel and Aiyana.

Request From Garden Club
If you have any bathtubs lying around we would love to have 2 of them to help our garden club build the Frog bog and we would really appreciate your help and support. We can show you where to bring them.
Thank you
Rick, Jacinta, Aiyana, Rachel, Bella, Ella, Acacia and Lili
SURVEY FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents with children or teens between the ages of 8 and 16 to help us find out more about the relationship between the personality trait, narcissism, and children's emerging understanding of who they are (their sense of self and self-esteem).

The survey can be done over the internet and at home, and it takes about twenty minutes of your time (5-10 min parents and 10-15 min children). Parents are given the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of twenty $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myer.

To participate go to:
http://tinyurl.com/DOEBParents

For more information please contact Kate Derry at 6488 3259.
**School Dance**
Looking forward to seeing everyone at the dance THIS FRIDAY, remember to bring along some money as we will have some glo products for sale along with some potato chips, shapes biscuits, lollies, popcorn and as always juices, water and tea and coffee.

Just a reminder that only students in years 3 – 7 are to bring a plate of food to share, when they arrive they can leave their plate of food at the P&C tables. Remember boys are to bring savoury and girls to bring sweet. Nothing that requires reheating please.

**Mount Helena Deli** have once again donated lollies for us to sell at the dance so please support them when you can.

You can call them from the dance to order food to pick up on your way home on 9572 1164.

**THANKYOU MOUNT HELENA DELI**

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**P&C General Meeting**
Thursday 23rd July 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

**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.
ENROLLING YOUR CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN FOR 2016
A year of part-time Kindergarten for 15 hours each week is available either at your local school. While it is not compulsory, almost all parents send their children to Kindergarten so they get the best start to learning at school. If you are applying to enrol your child in Kindergarten for this year or next year, you can do this now. To enrol, your child must be four years old by 30 June in the year they attend Kindergarten. You will be informed of the outcome of your application for next year during Term 3 2015.

ENROLLING YOUR CHILD IN PRE PRIMARY FOR 2016
If your child is currently enrolled in Kindergarten at a school which is not your local school, you will need to re-enrol them in Pre-primary for 2014. If your child is currently enrolled in Kindergarten at your local school and you wish for them to stay at that school for Pre-primary, it is not necessary to re-enrol, so no further action is required. Pre-primary is now compulsory. Every child of Pre-primary age is required to attend school and is guaranteed a place at their local school.

CAN I APPLY TO ENROL IN MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL?
As a parent, you can apply to enrol your children in any public school of your choice. However children already enrolled at another school, including another Kindergarten or receiving home education, cannot be accepted. Schools consider applications for enrolment of children throughout the year so you are asked to apply to one school and await the outcome before applying to another school.

INVITATION FROM EASTERN HILLS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians
I am pleased to extend an invitation for parents of prospective students to attend an “Open Morning” at EHSHS. Staff from our school will be able to discuss the opportunities we offer to students so that they can develop to their full potential in the academic, personal development and citizenship realms.
I look forward to meeting you and sharing our vision for the future success of your child.

Charlotte Edwards
Year 6 Transition Coordinator
Eastern Hills Senior High School

12th June 2015
Music Auditorium - EHSHS
9:30am — 11:00am

Morning tea provided by our Upper School Hospitality students and School Tours hosted by our Student Councillors.

Please wear enclosed shoes for the School Tour as we will be visiting the workshop.

RSVP by 9th June on 9573 0200

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