Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

ERROR IN LAST NEWSLETTER
On the front page of the last newsletter it stated that the students were returning to school on the 28 April. Each Monday at the beginning of a new term is always a school planning day. The students always start school on the Tuesday. Please accept an apology for making this error.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LEARNING RESOURCES
Swan View Primary School has set their school contributions at $20 for past 13 years and still we have a significant parents and carers who do not pay their school fees. These fees are to help the school buy additional learning resources for all children and therefore all parents and carers should make a contribution. You can work out a part payment system if you have more than one child at the school. Please contact the front office.

I know this was in the last newsletter but I intend to keep on reminding you to those of you who have not paid your contributions to do so.

WINTER UNIFORMS
Next term we move into Winter uniforms. At the last School Council meeting it was decided that maroon beanies and scarves could be a part of the school dress code. These are very cheap coming in at under $10 for both pieces. Keep your eyes open for the announcement of the arrival in the uniform shop.

SCHOOL FETE
Our Family Fun Day was certainly a huge success when it comes to the building of community spirit. To me, this is more important than huge amounts of money raised. In another part of this newsletter there will be a thank you extended to all those who supported the day. On behalf of the staff I acknowledge the hard work of a few and thank you for the efforts to create more resources for our learning programs.

STAFF MOVEMENT
A big fair well to Karen Russell who has left here Education Assistant position in the Early Childhood area. The staff and students will miss her many talents and her wonderful way of working and caring for our students. Karen has taken up a position in childcare, an area she had worked in previously. The staff of the Early Childhood Unit presented her with a thank you gift at a farewell function last week. We all wish her good luck.

ANZAC INCURSION
Thank you to those parents and carers who supported the student attendance at the ANZAC incursion, it was a great way to get involved in history and top up our knowledge of one part of the new Australian History Curriculum.

COMMUNITY CARE OF OUR SCHOOL OVER THE HOLIDAYS
I hope you will all take particular notice of what is happening around our school during the two weeks vacation. We all need to work together to prevent vandalism and so neighbourhood watch is a great way to keep our community safe.

HOLIDAYS AHEAD
Please take advantage of the holidays to spend some quality time with your children. We don’t need to spend a lot of money on our kids, just being with them is what they really need and want. Take care and return to us safely.

Cheers, Marg.
Maths News by Tracey Armstrong

- If you would like to do more...

Download maths posters to put on the fridge, toilet door or bedroom wall. Visit det.wa.edu.au/education/curriculum and follow the links to Literacy & Numeracy and Parents’ Resources for:

Younger children  House of ten helps add up to ten
Older children  Times tables help revise basic maths.

What if my child speaks another language or dialect?

If your child is learning English as a second language or dialect, support them in both their first language as well as in English. Talk about maths with your child in your first language so misunderstanding is less likely. If your child is learning to speak English, active learning is useful. This way they can understand what you are talking about by seeing and doing rather than just listening.

“We found that some words are very similar in both English and Italian, such as triangle and trianolo, sphere and sfero, number and numero.”

Discovering Science

Children are natural scientists because they are so curious. They ask lots of questions to help make sense of their world.

1. Questioning:
   - Children develop curiosity and thinking skills when you ask them questions like:
     - What does it feel, look, taste, smell, sound like?
     - What would happen if...?
     - How does...?
     - What if...?
     - How can you...?

2. Science and numbers

Science uses maths to describe things like:

More and less to compare things, high and low, big and little, full and empty, how long and how many to measure things,

Sorting and grouping to compare what is similar or different, up and down to learn about position, top and down to learn about area, straight, curved and bent to learn about shape.

3. Science and literacy

Ask your child to describe an object for someone who cannot see it. See how many different words they come up with.

Fun activities

- In the bath: Test different objects in the bath to see what floats or sinks. Ask your child to guess what will happen before testing each object. Ask questions like Why do some things float and others sink? And How can you make the floating object sink?
- In the kitchen: Make jelly. Describe the jelly crystals before and after water is added and how they change from a solid to a liquid and back to a solid. Make play-dough and create different shapes. Add peppermint oil, glitter or sand to change the smell or texture.
**Library News by Ms McGinniss**

All the students in the school are DEFINITELY ENCOURAGED to borrow resources for the school holidays. Some of the children have been so organised and are developing responsible practices. They arrange to return and borrow resources IN THEIR OWN TIME. The library is open before school, at lunch time and after school for this. Please remind your children that it is THEIR responsibility to borrow and return resources, NOT YOURS (so the pressure is off you).

A visit to the local library during the holidays is a great activity for you and your children to share.

Have a great holiday and enjoy reading together.

**Make friends with a book during the holidays!**

Helen McGinniss Library Resource Teacher

Claire Brockway Library Officer

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**Canteen News by Teresa Elzer**

A very BIG THANK YOU to my wonderful volunteers for giving up their precious time. I hope you have a wonderful holiday.

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**The world of words**

Reading and talking about stories are wonderful ways to show your children how enjoyable and important reading is—and it’s a great way to spend time together.

Reading with your children:

- Helps them to learn that stories have a beginning, middle and end
- Helps them to learn about sounds and patterns in words
- Makes books and characters come alive
- Helps them find out what kinds of stories they enjoy

You can help your children develop a love of books by reading to them from an early age. The experiences they share with you at home will continue to build on what they learn at school.

Some quick tips:

- Encourage everyone in the family to read with your children—and ask visitors to read as well.
- Have lots of things to read at home or while you are out and about such as comics, magazines and information books.
- Play computer adventure games, while playing ask questions such as What level are you on? What is the name of the character that you are playing?
- Talk about reading whenever possible.
- Why not try to write a story, poem or riddle together. You can add the pictures and illustrations after you have finished the book.
SDJSA is committed to the development and enjoyment of Junior Soccer in the Midland and Greater Swan area. We are holding registrations for juniors aged between 4 and 11 years who are interested in learning the game, develop their skills or just enjoy the game and play with their friends. Registrations can be completed at Farrell Oval in Stratton on Sundays between 2.00 and 4.00 pm or online at www.sdjsa.myclub.org.au. For further information, please email SDJSA at swandistrictsjuniorsoccer@gmail.com.

Please note the following Dental Therapy Centres will be open for EMERGENCIES only during the School Holidays on the following dates: Mon 14/4/14-Tue 15/4/14 Middle Swan DTC 92507342 Wed 16/4/14 Swan View DTC 9294 1072, Thurs 17/4/14, Wed 23/4/14, Thurs 24/4/14 Lockridge DTC 9279 2440 and Fri 18/4/14, Mon 21/4/14, Tue 22/4/14, Fri 25/4/14 Contact your local practitioner. Have a happy Easter...Don’t forget to brush after all those Easter eggs! Swan View DTC staff.

Swan Districts Junior Soccer Association

The first Basketball Super Camp is on for 2014. It is shortened because of public holidays and will be a 3 day camp on Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th April from 9 to 3pm at Ray Owen Sports Centre, Lesmurdie. Ages are from 5 to 15 years and cost is $90 for the 3 days or $30 per day. Suns SBL and WSBL players will teach basketball skills and direct fun competitions and games to new and more experienced players. Ring 9291 7600 or 0407 470 178 for more information.

Helen O’Grady Drama Academy

Kids love drama! Parents want the results! You may know that the prime aim of our programme is to give children ongoing confidence, self esteem and skill in verbal communication. Each week students are involved in a varied and interesting drama programme, including speech techniques, expressive movement and creative improvisation. Our fully qualified, enthusiastic teachers motivate students to achieve their personal best by providing a stimulating and positive learning environment. Should you require any further information, please call Principal, Merylene Sulak on 9378 4332 or email at Merylena.Sulak@helenogrady.net.au.

BMX Jam from Seen and Heard

BMX Jam Tuesday 15th April, Chidlow Bike Jumps 12-3pm. Music, Free sausage sizzle, best trick competition. seenandheard@parkerville.org.au. This event is strictly drug and alcohol free. For information contact seen and heard on 9255 2570 or email seenandheard@parkerville.org.au.