Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

NO JEANS AT SCHOOL
Please be reminded that jeans are out, even if they are grey or maroon in colour. Across the state jeans are not a part of public school dress code. When the weather is cooler students wear tracksuit pants in either grey or maroon. Staff are also encouraged to refrain from wearing jeans as it is part of the Department of Education’s dress code policy.

PHONE APP
Just a reminder that we have a school mobile phone app. You can download this free of charge from either iTunes or Playstore. This will help keep you up to date on what is happening around the school.

UNION INDUSTRIAL ACTION:
TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2014
As you would be aware from my recent letter, the State School Teachers’ Union, CPSU/CSA and United Voice have announced “a community day of action” on Tuesday 1 April 2014. Please be assured that children who attend school on this day will be supervised, however programs may need to be modified.
It is important to remember that every day at school counts, so I encourage you to ensure your children attend school as normal on Tuesday 1 April. If you have any further questions about arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact us on 9294 1522.

Online resources for parents and carers with young children
There are online resources with the Education Department to support parents/carers of young children from birth to Year 2 in building strong foundations in early learning. I will send home to you a copy of each broad sheet which gives parents some excellent ideas about getting their children off to a good start from K to 2. The first one will come home next week.

Student SmartRider 50 cent fare: Condition of travel
You are reminded that when travelling on the Student SmartRider 50 cent fare, you must stand for adults, particularly adults with special needs (eg seniors, people with disabilities and pregnant women). There are many people in our community who struggle to stand for long periods when on buses or trains. By offering them your seat you are not only adhering to the conditions of your subsidised 50 cent fare but helping someone in greater need.

SHOE LACES!
Please teach your children to tie their shoe laces. We see so many children tripping up on untied shoe laces.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
When you keep your child away from school please make sure you send a note explaining why your child is absent. A child should only miss school if it is for illness, medical appointment or an urgent family event. We need to improve our student attendance rates and we also need to get our children to school on time. Too many children are coming late and disrupting classes, and more importantly they are missing out on school work.

THANK YOU
A big thank you to the cleaners who have kept the school so neat and tidy and polished up. Especially with Bernie, our head cleaner, still incapacitated from her bad fall.
Library News by Ms McGinniss

I thought it might be helpful for you to know your children’s library times for the year. A big change this year is that some children are required to be responsible for borrowing and returning their library resources in their own time. This can be done EVERY DAY for the children from years 2-7, before school and at lunchtime. Children from years 4-7 may borrow 2 resources (one of which should be fiction to develop their sense of story structure and literature enjoyment) and the second is a totally free choice. Kindy to year 3 borrow one resource but this is definitely negotiable. All children are asked to have a library bag to protect their resources.

Kindy 1 Tuesday 1.25-1.45 (return-borrow resources)
Kindy 2 Thursday 1.25-1.45 (return and borrow resources)
PP1 & PP2 Friday 12-12.45 (return and borrow resources)
LA1 Monday 10.10-10.50 & Thurs 8.50-9.30 (return and borrow resources on both days)
LA2 Wednesday 10.10-10.50 & Friday 9.25-10.10 (return and borrow resources on the day only)
B2 Tuesday 9.10-10am (return and borrow resources)
B4 Tuesday 10.00-10.50 (return and borrow)
B6 Tuesday 1.45-3.00 (return-borrow)
C4 Friday 10.10-10.50 (return-borrow)
A1 Monday 9.10-10.10 (return and borrow)
A7 Thursday 10.10-10.50 (return and borrow)

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with the sausage sizzle last Monday: Suzie Ardnt, Renee Grant, Jo Barnes, Amanda Kerrison and Teresa Elzer. A profit of $219.70 was made.

Year 7 Fundraising News by Mr Tompkins

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to all of the following students who received honour certificates.

A Block recipients
A1 Brooklyn Rangitakatu Corey Button
A6 Shei-Lee Harvey Ivy Sheedy
A7 Jayde Stephenson Tramaine Roberts

B Block recipients
B2 Janet Rodney Liam Milner-Jutten
B3 Sharadhi Rao Anolda Mathew
B4 Sophie Huntley Hemroo Elepuruma
B5 Zoe Fitzhardinge Rahmah Andi-Iqbal
B6 Lauchlan Donaldson Hellen Martins

C Block recipients
C1 Benjimen Everett Heath Reynolds
C4 Yvette Walley Trey Robinett
C6 Keisha Reed David Thomson
LA1 Kaylen Lynch Alana Brown
LA2 Jameson Hewer Jack Wylde

Sports Jade Narrier Jack Eades
Science Lauchlan Donaldson Jade Faulkner-England
Art Hayden Linton Willow Broomhall
Sports News by Graham Peterson

Harmony Day Basketball

Last Wednesday 13 of our year 6 and 7 students participated in the Harmony Day basketball carnival at Swan View Senior High School. This was the 4th or 5th year we have been a part of this carnival and we have been improving our basketball steadily over that time. We entered 2 teams in the carnival – one in B division and one in the championship division. We managed to win B division last year but that has been our only success so far.

This year our students played a great brand of basketball and we won the big one – the championship division. Our championship division team went through the carnival undefeated. We only just beat Midvale both times we played them but we had very comfortable wins against all the other teams – our best game being a 34-4 victory. Our B division team finished in 3rd place.

As with all sports activities our students participate in, they behaved in a fantastic way for the whole day and showed great sportsmanship and a positive attitude.

Our winning championship division team was made up of Jack, Tim, Corey, Tommy, Terrence and Trystan and all of these players should be very pleased with their efforts. A big congratulations to all the players on both teams, you have done our school proud.

Maths News by Tracey Armstrong

Building Skills

You can help your children build their skills as they learn. Young children learn maths at their own pace and by different methods such as seeing, hearing, saying, doing and playing.

Help your child by:

♦ Singing rhymes together with the numbers in order, for example One, Two, three, four, five-once I caught a fish alive; One, Two, buckle my shoe; Five little ducks; Ten green bottles.
♦ Asking for help to count things, for example Please get me four plates and Let’s count how many apples we have.
♦ Playing games where they have to imagine what’s missing from a small collection, for example put out five bananas, cover one and then ask how many are missing.

TIP

Point out numbers in magazines, signs, prices, footy jumpers. Talk together about how these numbers tell us things like how much, how many and which one.
We are holding a Family Fun Day on the school oval on Saturday April 5 from 10am to 3pm to raise much needed funds for the school. But we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to man various stalls (book stall, drink stand, dunk tank etc) as well as helping to set up and pack up. If you or your children can help on the day, please let the front office, or Belinda Belton, know ASAP. We are also in need of plastic shopping bags to use for the fete. If you have any spare, please bring them to either the office or the canteen. Thank you. Have you got a great fundraising idea? Then SVPS Family Fun Day needs YOU! Can you make delicious jam, or cute bunnies out of socks? Can your Dad make wooden toys? Then come and man a stall on Saturday April 5 and turn your hobby into books and resources for your kids' school. Contact: swanviewfete@hotmail.com 0449 554 223 or check us out on facebook under Swan View Primary School Family Fun Day. We need prizes to raffle or auction on the SVPS Family Fun Day. Because of the generous response to the Bushfire appeal, a lot of local businesses are suffering 'donor fatigue'. Could you ask the business you work for to donate something? In return we will advertise their business at the Fun Day. Please leave any donations at the front office, with a note about who it came from and a contact number. Thank you.

We are undertaking the “Filled Jar” stall at the Fete this year. Would everyone go through their toy box and find anything small and clean that would fit in a jar and either put it in a clean jar or bring it along to B2. We accept all sorts of things. So far we have shampoos, conditioners and soaps from hotels, hair ties and clips, little toys, stuffed toys. In previous years we have had marbles, shells, lace, buttons, lollies, lollypops...you name it, if it is small and fits in a jar, we will have it! With less than three weeks to go to the big day, please help as soon as possible. Thank you very much to those who have already bought some jars in, they are much appreciated. Thanks, Janice Nind.

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P & C News by Deb Butler & Sue Frazer

YEAR SIX CAMP FUNDRAISING

The year 6 students will be going on a three day camp to Toodyay this year as part of their graduating year. As with the year 7s, we will also be fundraising to bring the cost of the camp down. This term we will be doing two fundraisers.

BIKE RAFFLES

We will be selling raffle tickets from this week to win a bike! There are 2 bikes to be won, a pink and a blue bike along with a helmet each. Tickets are $1 and will be available for purchase on the veranda of the administration building. The raffles will be drawn at the school fete on Saturday 5th April. Make sure you get your tickets!

BRIC-A-BRAC STORE

We will be running a bric-a-brac stall at the school fete. Donations are needed for this stall. If you have any toys, games, video games, kitchen items and household items you no longer need, please donate them to us by dropping them into the front office. Please note we do not want any clothing, large items or electrical items. Thanks, Sue and Deb