Dear Parents and Carers,

**Back-to-School is not just for children**

Back-to-School time is prime time for families to get to know the place and the people who will be interacting with their children for the new school year. Here are some things to keep in mind when taking your children to school for the first year or for another year:

- Visit the school and, if possible, your child’s classroom so you know where it is.
- Find the best route to the school from your home and workplace in case of emergency.
- Meet the principal, school staff, and your child’s teacher. We are always happy and keen to meet our parents.
- Let the teacher and school staff know about your child’s personality and any special needs or issues he or she might have, such as asthma or hearing problems.
- Keep the school calendar handy, and make a note to attend scheduled parent-teacher conferences and other important events.
- We do our best to keep you in touch and always post information on our website in case notices get lost. Let us have your contact details including an email address for quick communication.
- Sign up to volunteer at school. The school office has a list of opportunities for parents to become involved.

• Get to know your children’s friends and their families at back-to-school events. Most important, join your school’s P & C. You will meet other parents and help create a better school.

Classes are back in full swing and there are lots of good things happening in the rooms and out and about.

Cheers Marg

Our year 7 students had a visit from Swan View Senior High School for a transition to high school visit.

The students in B6 working hard.
Last Sunday I went to the Writers’ Festival at the Western Australian University and saw thousands of children enjoying themselves. Many of us went to see children’s authors tell us how to write great stories and how they wrote their stories. Alison Lester-The Children’s Laureate 2012-2013 encouraged children to go to the website [Www.childrenslaureate.org.au/laureates/alison-lester/] and click on “Alison’s Project”. Here your child can be challenged to write and have their work published for the project “This is my place”.

Good luck!

A report on his visit to the Writers’ Festival by Cameron Beagley in C4.

On Sunday I went to the Writers’ Festival at the University of WA. I watched Andy Griffiths speak about his books. He writes all different kinds of funny books. He said to choose a situation and turn it upside down. It will make it really funny. He said that his first book took him 2 years to write. He has sold 5,000,000 books. My favourite book is The Bad Book because Johnny throws knives at a teacher stuck to a blackboard.

Library News

Making maths fun
Another golden rule for learning and enjoying maths is to make it fun.

Games are a good way to do this. These activities are popular and easy.

Hopscotch: Great for learning numbers and getting exercise!
Balloon tap: Count how many times you can tap a balloon to each other without it touching the floor. When it hits the floor, start again.
Dominoes: Count and match the dots.
Search and find: Give directions or positions as clues to finding an item such as Look under...; It is in...
Board games: Help your child to count and keep the score.
Scavenger hunt: Write a list of things for your child to find around the house or yard. For example 3 gum nuts; 4 brown leaves; 1 red leaf; 5 clothes pegs; 2 red blocks; 1 shell.
Treasure hunt: This helps children learn about directions and position. Write directions for your child to find a clue which tells where to look for the next clue, continuing until the ‘treasure’ is found. For example, Look under your pillow; look behind the kitchen door; look on top of the TV; look in the washing machine.

Numeracy and Literacy

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

A Block recipients
A1 Manon Burgos  Melissa Bennett
A5 Byron Walley  Nashua Chittleborough
A6 Jovic Lana  Mamai Johnson
A7 Ethan Toki  Taylah-Anne Arndt

B Block recipients
B2 Ruby Livingstone  Tyra McKenzie
B4 Latoya Dlamine  Jessica Orr
B5 Dylan Holloway  Jade Faulkner-England
B6 Brianna Hubbard  Kael Orr

C Block recipients
C1 Olivia Wijtowycz  Nate Cross
C4 Kamella Henare-Thomas  Damon Gibbons
C6 Jack Trinidad  Toby Summers

LA1 Lucas Jordan  Indiana Ryder
LA2 Sophie Huntley  Raphael Pryor

Music
Justin Doogan
Environmental News

**WORM WIZZ**
The popular general all purpose fertilizer is back in supply. 
Just call in at the office and pick up a generous supply. 
2 litres for a gold coin donation

Year 7 Fundraising News

The year seven students will again be fund raising for their trip to Rottnest in November. Once again we will be holding sausage sizzles on Mondays when the canteen is not open. There will be three sausage sizzles this term the first of which will be on Monday March 11th. Order forms will be sent out early next week. Please support this fundraiser as it helps to significantly defray costs for our year seven students to attend camp.

Canteen News

**HOW TO ORDER:** Menus are available from the canteen. Choose from meal deals or the daily menu. Write recess and lunch orders on one bag, be sure to include student name and room number. Place money in the bag and fold down and bring it to the canteen. Lunch bags can be purchased from the canteen 20 for $1.00.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped up for another great year in the canteen. I still need a few to fill some gaps in the roster. One day a month equates to two days a term. Times are 8.30 or after kids are in class until 1.30pm. All we ask is you wear enclosed shoes. Morning tea and/or lunch is provided. Please call into the canteen or ring Teresa on 0409 107 978.

**COOKBOOK:** “Let’s Cook” the Swan View Primary School cookbook is still available. Pick up your copy from the canteen for $5.00. We sold over 100 books and raised $500 to go towards a Thermo mix for the canteen.

WACA Excursion

Last Wednesday a group of our year 5 to 7 students went to the WACA to watch a part of a Ryobi Cup match between WA and Tasmania. Tasmania batted first and we saw a majority of their innings – Ricky Ponting scored 95 and got out just before we left. Tasmania scored over 300 runs and won the match with WA scoring about 260. Once again our students were very well behaved and did a great job of representing our school - I’m sure they all enjoyed the experience.

Mr Peterson
Seniors train at Stratton oval on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6pm. All welcome to come and join the fun. For more information please call either Kehu on 0450 342 915 or Mike on 0417 175 532.

KidSport will enable Western Australia children to participate in community sport and recreation, no matter their financial circumstances. Eligible youth aged 5-18 years can apply for financial assistance to contribute towards club fee. The fees go directly to the registered KidSport club through their participating local government. While the primary objective of KidSport is to ensure all Western Australian children can participate in sport and recreation clubs, its secondary objective is to engage these children and their families in the community.

For more information contact your local government or visit: www.clubsonline.drs.wa.gov.au/kidsport. Or email: kidsport@dsr.wa.gov.au

We have a family in our school community who, due to unforeseen circumstances are now in great need of any assistance with clothing, food and household items. Any donations for this family would be greatly appreciated. If you can assist please contact the office. We have had a very generous donation from Harvey Norman in Midland. Thank you so much for your kindness!

Welcome back to another exciting year of school banking. This year will be themed as the Savings Hunter program.

If you are looking at starting a New Youth Saver School Banking account you will need to go to the Commonwealth Bank with your child’s birth certificate and parent ID such as drivers license for identification. Once the account is open you can start banking every Thursday morning.

Catherine Swanton, School Banking Coordinator.

The P & C AGM was held last Tuesday night. All nominated positions were filled. We welcome Terri Burke as President, Tracey Kelly as Vice President, Jo Barnes as Fundraising Co-ordinator, Catherine Swanton as Parent representative for school council, Lynda Martin as secretary and Debbie Butler are Treasurer. Any new parents/carers are always welcome to attend.

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