Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

The Swan Extended School Hub project has been running for 3 years. It has been funded by the Smith Family, Fogarty Foundation, Education Department and the three primary Schools in the hub - Swan View Primary, Clayton View Primary and Middle Swan Primary. The Swan View Senior High School is also an integral part of the project. A focus for 2015 is strengthening what we do to engage students in their learning. Parents have a very significant role in helping schools achieve a high level of student engagement and thus improved numeracy and literacy and school attendance.

Student engagement refers to the degree of attention, curiosity, interest, optimism, and passion that students show when they are learning or being taught, which extends to the level of motivation they have to learn and progress in their education.

What parents can do

- Support school policies
- Encourage respect, courtesy and honesty at home
- Communicate with the school as often as possible, and not only when there is a problem with a student.
- Look for signs that suggest your child is not engaged with learning and the school community, is disengaging, or is being bullied. Such signs might be:
  - erratic or no attendance
  - falling performance
  - lack of interest in school and/or stated intention to leave
  - negative interactions with peers
  - behavioural issues including aggression, violence, or social withdrawal
  - significant change in behaviour, attitude or performance
- Encourage talking
- Listen calmly and don’t overreact
- Give assurance that the situation can be changed
- Make sure the child understands (in case of bullying) that there’s nothing wrong with him/her
- Always remember that disengagement is not always indicated by unacceptable behaviour, poor performance or a reluctance to go to school. Students can be quietly and passively disengaged.
- Encourage students to participate in school activities they enjoy, and support them if they choose to participate.

Cheers, Marg
In2Cricket Clinic at Swan View Primary School this term

Thursday this week, Mr Peterson will be running an In2Cricket clinic here at Swan View Primary School. Students from years 1-4 are invited to participate. Details are as follows:

- The program is aimed at young students and focuses on participation, learning skills and having fun.
- Starts on Thursday 12th February (today) – The first day will be a come-and-try session which will be free of charge if you do not wish to register your child.
- Runs for 8 weeks, ending in the last week of term.
- Sessions are from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.
- Cost will be $80 per students but this can be funded by Kidsport if your family is eligible.
- The cost covers the purchase of a bag (shown above) for each student containing a bat, ball, shirt, hat, water bottle and other items, as well as the 8 lessons.

It would be appreciated if we could get some parents involved – if you are willing to help out, please let Mr Peterson know when you register your child.

Canteen News by Teresa Elzer

Welcome back to a new year. There are 3 ways to order at the canteen.

1. Online – visit ouronlinecanteen.com.au
2. Write recess and lunch on bag, place money in bag and fold down. Bring to canteen. Lunchbags can be purchased at the canteen-20 for $1.00
3. Over the counter.

Volunteers are needed to help out in the canteen. Call into the canteen to discuss times when you are available. The more volunteers we have the more we can do for our children. Teresa – 9294 3347.

School Banking for 2015

Welcome back to all our School bankers.

Our theme this year is Outer Space, we have some fantastic rewards.
Come by and pick up a pack for more details
Thursday mornings 8:15am to 8:45am.

P & C Notice of AGM

The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 24th February in the school Library at 7.30 pm. All school community members are invited to attend. We require a minimum of 10 people for a quorum, many of our past members have moved on and we require new people to ensure our decisions are representative of our school community.

Being a part of the P & C is a rewarding experience, you get the opportunity to meet and talk with people who you would not normally cross paths with and you can develop skills that may aid you in your future.

I look forward to seeing as many as I can at this first meeting.

Deb Butler President

Swan Districts Junior Soccer Association

We are holding 2015 registrations for juniors aged between 4 and 12 years who are interested in learning the game, developing their skills or just to enjoy and play with their friends.
Registration can be completed at Farrell Oval in Stratton on Sunday 15th Feb & Sunday 8th March 2015 between 9-12pm or enquire online at www.sdjsa.myclub.org.au or ring Natalie on 0404 331 108 or Ray on 0415 140 677.