Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

7 Weeks till Christmas—Yippee!!!
I guess you will all be happy to know that in six weeks time you won’t have to do any more school lunches and school uniforms.

Swimming
Given the number of water accidents and drowning, it is critical that our students learn to swim. Thank you to all those parents who have paid up the swimming fee. Sue Smith, our Registrar, sent letters home yesterday to those parents/carers who have not yet paid the swimming fee for your children who have been attending.

Sustainability Education
Well done, Mr Durant for the outcomes of your enthusiasm and guidance regarding sustainability practices.
Parents/Carers, to give your garden a boost you need the rich Worm Wizz produced from our worm farm. The students feed the worms the scraps from the staff room and canteen every day and tend the worms with loving care. You are only asked to make a gold coin donations for a 2 Ltr bottle of the precious gold.

Congratulations Year 12 Leavers
What an outstanding effort from one of our former students attending Governor Stirling Senior High School. John Elzer collected the Dux prize for Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

Personal Item List for 2015
The Book lists for 2015 will be arriving in your homes within the next two or three days. We have tried to keep these to a minimum as we have done with the Voluntary Contributions. Public schools charge up to $60 per child per year. We have kept our fee per child at $20 for as long as I can remember. Well over 14 years according to Vanya Thomas.

Staffing and Classes for 2015
Please do not telephone and request information about classes for next year. It is too early. As you will know from the media, schools now operate on a One Line Budget. This means that we now are given a budget for school resources, utilities (gas, water and power) and salaries for all staff members. The budget is extremely tight and there will be significant changes made in terms of teaching staff, education assistants and special programs. You are welcome to put a request in writing.

Thoughts to share with you
“Schools are like racetracks, and educators are like pit crews. But it’s the students who are at the wheel. They must want to win, and they must believe they can win. Their parents and other fans should be there, cheering them on and making them feel like they can do it.”
Erich May in “The Motivation Gap” in Education Week, January 15, 2014

School leaders, class teachers, education assistants, parents and carers, family members and significant adults who are part of a child’s life are all responsible for being a committed part of the cheer squad.
Marg Dove in her office, November 6, 2014
Adults, don’t forget to share with your children the Ed!Section that is in the centre of the West Australian newspaper every Tuesday during school terms. There is always some factual information written by a special team of journalists especially for West Australian school children. As well as this there are competitions to enter and puzzles to do. Five or six primary school children are asked their opinions on various subjects and their answers are an interesting and creative insight into children’s minds.

Please take time to share the featured SERIAL with your child.

This term it is a series of stories called the Bawoo Stories, written by May O’Brien, our state’s first aboriginal teacher. The stories are from a particular location near the middle of WA.

It was while May O’Brien was at Mt Margaret Mission School that she thought of documenting stories unique to this place where she had spent many of her younger years. “I thought we needed Aboriginal stories from every state in our libraries and schools so Aboriginal children can read about their people and learn about the Dreamtime”.

We have the book called BARWOO STORIES in our library and many more Aboriginal stories so please encourage your children to come and borrow them at any time.

All children in the school should be borrowing resources every week.

Helen McGinniss and Claire Brockway

**Library News** by Ms McGinniss

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**C Block recipients**

C1  Kristina Balmes  Cooper Detloff
C4  Oneli Eleperuma  Sonny Bates
C6  Ainsleymaree Whyatt  Zachery Gee

**B Block recipients**

B2  Tipene Whiu  Arthur Douglas
    Jack Hulme
B3  Dylan Holloway  Jayden Swanton
B4  Ethan Bois-Talbot  Sophie Huntley
B5  Hannah Kelly  Corey Rigg
B6  Lanz Miranda  Jayden Broome

**LA Block recipients**

LA1  Joshua Mtshena  Angus Walley
LA2  Chelsea Hulme  Haydn Mason

**Sports**

Matia Chalmers
Brianna Hubbard

**Science**

Chelsea Hulme
Alex Carlyon

**Art**

Shei-Lee Harvey
Tyrell Pryor
Did you know?
We no longer use commas when writing large numbers in Australia.
We now use a space between sets of three digits of the millions, thousands and ones. So 12 409 312 would read twelve million four hundred and nine thousand three hundred and twelve.

How are they written?

Teachers often use games, calculators and computers to develop and reinforce important maths skills.

Cup Day
We had a fantastic day on Tuesday with lots of orders and excitement. A huge thank you to Natalie for stepping into the breach when there was no volunteer for the day. The day would not have gone ahead without her help. If you have a few hours or a morning spare, please drop by the canteen and lend a hand.

Online canteen ordering
Our online canteen is an online ordering system which is an easy and convenient way to order school meals.

How to get started
- Visit ouronlinecanteen.com.au
- Sign up by completing the registration form
- Receive a confirmation email
- Log into the website
- Select your school and enter your child/ren names
- Add credit and order your meals.

Any problems ring 1300 116 637. If you would like to see it in action register your interest at the canteen.

If you order through this system before Friday 21 November you will be in the running to win $20 online credit for your child’s lunch ordering at the canteen.
**Community News**

**Frontier Tennis**

Private lessons will be available during the school holidays at the regular price. ($75). You can also get together with one or more of your friends or family and share the cost and benefits of the lessons. For more information please contact Cameron Fenner, TCA/Tennis Australia Accredited Coach. Ph: 9457 9704/ 0439 960 629 or www.frontiertennis.com or email frontiertennis@hotmail.com

**Swan Districts Junior Soccer Association**

SDJSA is committed to 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 soccer, developing their skills or just enjoy the game and play with their friends. Registrations can be completed at Farrell Oval in Stratton on: Sunday 16th and 23rd November between 8-11am, Sunday 15th Feb 2015 between 8-11 and Sunday 8th March 2015 between 8-11. Complete registration form online at www.sdjsa.myclub.org.au. For further information, please email SDJSA at swandistrictsjuniorsoccer@gmail.com

**Swan View Junior Cricket Club**

SVJCC –In2Cricket 2014/2015
Where: Bruce Douglas Pavilion, Brown Park, Swan View
When: Commencing Friday 14th November 5pm
Email: swanviewjcc12c@hotmail.com

**Step into life fitness**

Fun group fitness in the fresh air, all fitness levels welcome. Contact us to enjoy a trial session...Step into life Swan View.  
Www.stepintolife.com, or 0422 925 398

**Saver plus**

Saver Plus is a national matched saving and financial education program that assists people to save for education expenses, by matching their savings dollar for dollar up to $500. Join Saver Plus before 31st December to match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500. Enrolment for Phase 5 is closing on 31st December 2014. You may be eligible if you have a health care card or a pensioner concession card, some regular income from work (you or your partner), a child at school or study yourself. Contact Meagan Parry, your local saver plus worker on 9440 4147 or 0438 518 603 or Megan.parry@thesmithfamily.com.au.

**Little Kickers-We’re having a ball!**

At little kickers the focus is very much on fun, with a network if informal yet professionally run soccer classes where enthusiastic boys and girls (18months—7th birthday) are given a helping hand to stand on their own two feet. Indoor courts. Classes across the Perth East area. Weekday & weekend classes.