From The Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents/Carers

KINDERGARTEN AND PRE PRIMARY ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

Parents/Carers wishing to enrol their children turning four before 30 June 2010 in Kindergarten or turning five before 30 June 2009 in Pre Primary are invited to complete an "Application for Enrolment" form. These are available from the school office. Parents/Carers of children currently enrolled in Kindy need to complete the application for enrolment form for entry into Pre Primary 2014.

The child’s birth certificate and immunisation records will be required at the time the application is made. Further information is available by phoning the school on 9294 1522.

MATHLETICS

As you are aware we have the program called Mathletics operating here at school and it is time to celebrate some successes. Our top achieving students are Jack Trinidad, (86.25%), Te Raharaha (96.67%) and Gouri Majoi-Kumar (96.36%). Since the start of this year students at Swan View PS have answered a staggering 32,238 quick fire questions.

Congratulations to Mrs Ann Risbey Year 5 C6 whose students have the highest percentage of mastered activities. Mathletics is only part of the Numeracy Curriculum but it does have a great impact on students responding automatically to number facts and enjoying a sense of achievement.

UPDATING RECORDS

Families of Years 1-5 have been sent forms requesting an update of details. There are two areas to which I need to draw your attention:

1. Please make sure you have completed the parent background information. Remember this information is confidential. It is important that we have correct information about occupation, qualifications and whether or not there is paid work coming into the house. Some of our funding is dependent on what they call our “Socio Economic Index”. Put simply, this means that we get more funding if we have parents in poorer situations so that we can provide extra support programs for our students.

2. There is a question in the medical part of the form which asks for permission to administer first aid. Many of the recently returned forms have not indicated whether or not you wish to have your child given first aid when an incident occurs.

FUNDRAISING FOR YEAR 7 CAMP

Money raised from the sale of sweets and chocolates is now due in to the office. Please make a big effort to get your money in as soon as possible so that we can work out the final costs of the camp to parents.

We have four weeks of the third term remaining. Lately we’ve been going through a very tough time with some extremely poor behaviour in the middle school area. Parents and carers are asked to become more involved in supporting the school dealing with ongoing bad behaviour by a group of boys in the C Block area.

Cheers, Marg
Science News

In science this term our students have been engaged in the topic of Earth and Space Science. This topic covers such areas as: observing changes in the sky and landscape, how the Earth’s movement causes day and night, using the Earth’s limited resources and learning about the structure and movement of the components of our solar system.

It has been a very interesting topic and our students are gaining a much better understanding of the Earth and its place in space.

Did you know? Until the 1600s, it was believed that the universe was Geocentric, which means that everything orbits around the Earth. It wasn’t until Galileo saw moons orbiting around Jupiter in 1609 with his very early telescope that these ideas began to be seriously questioned. Galileo’s ideas were considered heresy at the time and he was placed on house arrest for the rest of his life. With further observations by other astronomers, however, the belief that the universe was Heliocentric, which means everything orbits the sun, started to be accepted more widely. It was later discovered that the whole universe did not orbit the sun, but it was an accurate model for our solar system.

We have had one incursion from the CSIRO lab at Scitech earlier this term called Slime Time and next week we have another similar incursion. This one is called Rocks to Rockets and A6, A7, C1 and B6 will be attending next Monday.
Mr Peterson/Miss O’Shaughnessy

Italian News

Ciao! Just a reminder that our Italian Day for this year will be held on WEDNESDAY 11th September.
This time our theme is “Mangiamo, mangiamo!” (Let’s eat, let’s eat), which coincides with the students learning about Italian food during our Italian lessons. It is a special celebration of the Italian language and culture and it will involve students from Years 2-7. The day will include an assembly and a fancy dress parade. Students are encouraged to dress up in something associated with Italian food or cooking, (eg, waiter, chef, pizza or a giant meatball). The students will participate in Italian cultural activities throughout the day and the canteen will be offering a special Italian menu for the day. If students are interested in buying an “authentic” Italian “gelato” (ice cream) they must place an order next week and remember to bring in $3.50.
I am sure that our Italian Day for 2013 will be a fun and memorable event.
Grazie! Signorina Russo

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

A Block recipients
A1 Bree Hancock Cody Rix
A5 Vaughn Button
A6 Tim Elzer Toni Principe
A7 Darren Moody Damon Grant

B Block recipients
B2 Ruby Livingstone Darcy Alder
B3 Cate Slade Joshua Jones
B4 Jessica Cairns Joshua Southern
B5 Logan Campbell Royah Alizadeh
B6 Kyanne Beagley Oneli Eleperuma

C Block recipients
C1 Alyssa Skidmore Karen Summers
C4 Jason McHenry Rebecca Clarke
C6 Shei-Lee Harvey Deklan Burns

LA Block recipients
LA1 Scarlett-Rose Withers Katie Knox
LA2 Ella Caputo Naseem Woods

Music Sarah Hubbard

Sport Hemroo Eleperuma Olivia Geranis
BOOK WEEK PARADE AND ASSEMBLY

Our celebrations for Book Week “READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE” are still under way and the students are really enjoying doing some of the 17 activities in the Library. Mrs Van’s creative skills are on display once again and a big thank you to her and the students in the Life Skills program for their efforts. The rocket and banner are superb! Winners of the many competitions associated with Book Week will be announced in the next newsletter and students will be presented with their prizes at the next school assembly.

What a wonderful Book Week Parade we had last Thursday with so many students enjoying dressing up and having fun. Even the President of USA, President Obama came to our Book Week Parade! Thank you to Mr Schoenmakers for teaching the whole school the 2 songs that the students sang with gusto! Mrs Elzer in the canteen was a real trooper in organising and dispensing the ‘rings of Saturn” for the children to eat. Thank you for your continuing support. A special congratulations go to the following students who wrote and presented their Readers’ Theatre for the whole school community. WELL DONE to Arlyn Grant, Oneli Eleperuma, Sebastian Evans, Jayden Haddon, Shyanne McMiles, Brahim Woods, Zanka King and Zachery Gegenis.

The following students in A6 made board games and are to be congratulated on their efforts-Raymond Smith, Tahlia Vincent, Dakota Rivers, Jeneeta Geldert, Tahlia Murray, Jovic Lana, Toni Principe, Cooper Harrison and Kira Quain.

Books were made by 4 students from A1 and they are on display in the library. Congratulations to Crystal England, Georgia Gibb, Taya Woods and Bree Hancock.

The Books of the Year are in our school library. These award books are books that you may like to give as PRESENTS so here are the titles and they are available from good bookshops.

Book of the Year: You Readers

Winner
*The Children of the King, by Sonya Hartnett.

Honour Books
*Pennies for Hitler by Jackie French
The Tender Moments of Saffron Silk by Glenda Millard

Book of the Year: Early Childhood

Winner
The Terrible Suitcase by Emma Allen

Honour Books
*With Nan by Tania Cox
*Too many elephants in This House by Ursula Dubosarsky

Eve Pownall Award for Information Books

Winner
*Tom the Outback Mailman by Kristin Weidenbach

Honour Books
*Lyrebird! A True Story Museum by Jackie Kerin

Thank you adults at home, for your continuing support.

Claire Brockway and Helen McGinniss
Canteen News

BOOKWEEK
Read across the Universe was great fun. Thank you to the following volunteers for making a busy week smooth, Natalie, Lorrie, Tenille, Gaye and Di. Thank you also to Sandie Gibson for helping to hand out the “Rings of Saturn”.

ITALIAN DAY
Please bring Italian order forms to the canteen. Join in with the big traditional Italian luncheon on the day. Please be aware NO USUAL CANTEEN MENU ON THIS DAY.

VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers are still desperately needed for Wednesdays and Fridays. Please contact Teresa on 0409 107 978 if you are able to help.

Swan View Primary School phone app
Swan View PS now has a phone application available free of charge for you to download from the apple apps store or the android playstore. From this app, you can keep up to date with the latest newsletter, term planners, canteen menu and more. One main feature is the notification of absenteeism of your children. If you have any problems with the app drop by the front office and see Vanya!

Community News

Vaccination information for families with children enrolling in 2014 kindergarten
The Western Australian Department of Health is undertaking an awareness campaign to remind parents to have their child’s immunisations up to date before starting school. Western Australia currently has the nation’s lowest rate of children fully immunised by the age of five on the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register. An updated information brochure for parents entitled Starting school? Moving to a new school? That outlines what parents need to know about having vaccinations up to date and the need to provide schools with their child’s immunisation history. Copies are available online at www.health.wa.gov.au/ordering.

Hills Night Hockey Association
Hills Night Hocket 2013/2014 season will commence in October for all players pre-primary to seniors. Registration night and Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday 4th September at the Pavilion, Mundaring Weir Rd, Mundaring commencing 7pm. So grab a few friends and make up a team. Player nomination forms and more details are available from the Hills Night Hockey website www.hnha.com.au or from your team manager. More information is available from the Association Secretary, Kerry Duncan 0408 809 543 or kidunc@bigpond.com