Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Welcome back for term 2.
As you can see from the attached term calendar its already jam packed with lots of excellent experiences for our students.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
The skipping ropes are out and will be in use over the next 10 weeks. Jump Rope For Heart is on again for 2012. Within the next couple of weeks you will be receiving the sponsorship packs and we suggest that donations are collected from work colleagues, family and friends, rather than from door knocking. This is an unsafe way for the children to engage in fundraising for special causes. The jump off will take place on the last Wednesday of term.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
SCHOOL HATS
The School Council has sanctioned the mandatory wearing of hats in terms 1 & 4 and the ENCOURAGEMENT for the school hat to be worn through terms 2 & 3. There are a lot of sunny days during winter and the UV rays are just as strong as a warm day in summer.
All children must wear the school hat if they are going on an excursion or to Interschool sporting events.
WINTER JUMPERS
Please make sure your child wears a school jumper or a wet weather jacket. Casual coloured coats are NOT acceptable and students will not attend school events unless they have a school jumper.

LEGGINGS
On very cold days girls are permitted to wear leggings under their school skirts or skorts. The leggings must be grey or maroon, definitely not black, white, pink or any colour OTHER THAN THE SCHOOL COLOURS.

LAUNCH OF THE PLAYGROUP
At last we have established a Swan View Primary School Playgroup. The launch will take place on Friday 4th May between 9 and 11am. The girls have organised some activities to keep the children amused and to celebrate the launch of our very own local parent and toddler group. The playgroup will be held each Friday in the old Kindy. We are planning that the playgroup will extend to a three year old kindy. See the flyer on page 4.

PARKING
Thank you so much for the big improvement in staying out of the staff carpark. Gold stickers to those of you doing the right thing. Whilst on the subject of parking, the management of Kids Inn ask me to put a little piece in the newsletter reminding those dropping off children not to park across their driveway.

We’ve had several more enrolments over the past week to replace the ones we lost over the holidays.
Want a great gift for a present? Give the book THE VERY CRANKY BEAR by Nick Bland available from most bookshops. Why? On Wednesday 23rd May, our school will participate in National Simultaneous Storytime. We will read and share this wonderful Australian tale about friendship, sacrifice and learning that appearances aren’t important.

This is a fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children’s book that explores age appropriate themes and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades 1 to 6.

Last year over 170,000 children at over 1,100 locations across Australia took part in National Simultaneous Storytime, reading the book Feathers for Pheobe, written by Rod Clement. Children in the B area at school will be reading this book at EXACTLY the same time as all other children are reading this book in Australia and then I will read it to the whole school assembly on the same afternoon.

Go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGMY90P9-7Y&feature=youtu.be for a fun clip where Bob Monster interviews THE VERY CRANKY BEAR!

Have fun!
Helen McGinniss & Claire Brockway

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**Reading Tips for the National Year of Reading**

- Keep a travel dairy together and look back at it in years to come.
- Watch ABC3 for Kids together and choose the programmes that are based on books that you have read.
- Look at reviews of children’s books on http://spaghettibookclub.org/
- Get older brothers, sisters, aunts or special visitors to read to your child.
- Read a serial book that takes many days to read and don’t forget to read a little bit of where you finished the last time.
- Talk about the message that you think the author was trying to get across.

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**SWAN VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

This term Swan View Primary School will be reintroducing a School Breakfast Program for families requiring support, which will run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning before school at 8am commencing week two of term two. This is to encourage all students to eat a healthy and nutritious breakfast and will provide students with a social environment to make new friends. Swan View Primary School understands that sometimes mornings can be difficult and wants to help our wonderful school community. If you are available to help out any morning please contact the School Breakfast Program co-ordinator, Jamie Polich or register your interest at the office. Your help will be greatly appreciated and will ensure that the students are able to participate in this important program.
Helping your child with maths

Did you know??
Games are a great way to develop maths skills and share family time together.
Praise your child’s efforts—and have fun!

More ideas to make maths fun:

Guess my number: Write down a secret number. Give your child 10 chances to guess the number. After each guess, tell them whether it is higher or lower than your number. Gradually work up to large numbers and even decimals.

Reach the target: Choose a target number. Roll three dice. Your aim is to get as close to your target as possible by adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing the numbers on each die. Who can get the closest? For example: Target number is 25; dice rolled are 4, 6 and 2. Player 1: (4+6) x 2 = 20 Player 2: (4 x 6) - 2 = 22. Player 2 wins because their answer is closer to 25.

Times dominoes: Multiply the two sides of the domino to give a total. For example the domino with three and five dots represents 3 x 5 = 15. Make trains of dominoes that add up to 50.

Peer tutoring in maths

Ryan of A6 is helping Pierce of B6 understand the properties of 3 dimensional shapes. Pierce is constructing a square based pyramid using matchsticks and play dough to help him complete his mathematical worksheet.

A note from Mrs Dove:
The students are engaging in some amazing mathematical learning experiences. Thank you Mrs Armstrong for your inspirational approach to making maths fun.

Year 7 to year 8 Transition Day Swan View SHS

Swan View SHS year 7 to year 8 enrolment packages are due in by Friday 22nd June.

2013 Year 8 Scholarships.
6 scholarships are on offer: Academic, Citizenship, Basketball, Fame Academy (Specialised Drama), Motor V8 and Media-Arts-Design (MAD). Contact Swan View SHS for application or download from school website.

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The launch and naming day of the Swan View Primary School Playgroup will be held on **Friday 4th May 2012**. It will be held in the old Kindy area. For more information please contact Rachel or Kat on 9274 4499. Midland Playgroups in Schools activity is supported by Midvale Early Childhood and Parenting Centre— The Shire of Mundaring and Midland Communities for Children Plus. The PaCE (Parenting and Community Engagement) program will be held on Mondays from 9-11 in the old Kindy room. For more information contact Natalie on 9274 4499.

The Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on **MONDAY and WEDNESDAY** mornings from 8.30– 9.30. If you are unable to make this time you can also place orders through the office.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Start of the new menu brings winter warmers like spaghetti, macaroni, fried rice, soup and a roll, warm apple & custard and hot cheesy muffins. They are healthy and delicious. CANTEEN RESCUE and the Run Around Australia competition.

The more you spend at Midland Gate the closer our school is to winning a prize. You can win prizes for yourself too. Track our progress at runaroundaustralia.com.au or check out the leaderboard at midlandgate.com.au. GET THOSE DOCKETS IN AND HELP US WIN. Information is available at the service desk and there are quick drop boxes outside coles and Terry Whites or at the canteen.

Teresa

**Family Fun Day**

A very big than you to all of our community members for your support of this day. Overall the day was very successful and we raised over $5000.00. This money will be used to support the school through the purchase of assets.

Thank you to our volunteers for the day an invaluable effort was put in by a number of people. Congratulations to our raffle winners and thanks again to our donors. A list of donors is available in the front office P & C folder. Please support the businesses that support us.

**Mothers Day Stall**

A mother’s day stall will be held at school on the 11th May. Gifts will be priced between $1.50 and $5.00. Students will be able to purchase gifts during class time. We will gratefully accept donations of small items for the stall up to Wed 9th May.

**School Banking**

Exciting prizes for students.

As we celebrate our centenary the Commonwealth Bank will be running a fun and exciting School Banking competition between 16th April and 30 June 2012. There will be some fantastic prizes up for grabs, including iPads, excursions, movie tickets and more. Competition entry will be very simple, however a child must be banking at school to be eligible.