Dear Parents and Carers,

WA Opera Incursion
On Wednesday 28th November the students from years 2-7 were treated to an incursion by the WA Opera, sponsored by Healthway-“Smarter than Smoking”. The students learnt a brief history of Opera through the performances of Penny and Robert with Tommaso on the keyboard and assisted by Teresa. Highlights included the audience participation in the “Sleepwalking Scene, where everyone sang “Viva Amina, Viva Ancora, Viva Amina Wake up Now!” to wake up the sleepwalker. The 6 students who dressed up in capes as picadors were very effective in “The Toreador Song” from Carmen. Penny enjoyed teasing all the boys with her feather boa while she sang the “Waltz Song” from “La Boheme”. The children had a good time and we are very grateful to Healthway for the sponsorship provided.

FINAL ASSEMBLY- Class Awards
OUR FINAL ASSEMBLY IS ON WEDNESDAY 12th Dec at 9am.
Class teachers present students with awards for academic achievement and for endeavour.

IPADS
Some parents have expressed an interest in knowing how the iPads are used. In brief, this is what the students do;
- Maths club Tues and Wed.
- English as a second language on Tues afternoons.
- Class word study at scheduled times.
- Students wishing to use them at lunch and recess instead of going to the library or computer lab.
- Students who have problems out in the playground and like to have a quiet spot.
- Students who are enthralled by the technology and just want to have a go and hang out with the Principal.
- Students who are sent to the admin area and need to be engaged purposefully whilst the admin staff get on with their jobs.
- Students who need to practice sight words with the tutor.

UNIFORMS
If you are upsizing your children’s uniforms would you mind recycling the second hand ones back to school.
Cheers Marg
Library News

The end of the year is fast approaching. We celebrated our end of the year “LIBRARY MONITORS MORNING TEA” on Tuesday. These children help keep the library neat and tidy for everyone to enjoy.

PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN to return all resources. These holidays that are approaching are the only ones when we don’t allow borrowing, so we need to get EVERY resource back.

Thank you to everyone for all your help and support during the year, especially Mrs Lucy Fairbotham for volunteering her services in the library.

Being interested in what your child reads, encouraging them to be organised, being a good role model and discussing their learning is very helpful to them.

Please visit your local library during the holidays and remember a book is a great lasting present for Christmas.

Merry Christmas
Helen McGinniss & Claire Brockway

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

A Block recipients
A1 Pheonix Dunn Sebastian Flynn
A5 Mamai Johnson Logan Sanford
A6 Ella Banks Ryan Green
A7 Shania Sharpe Georgia Trinidad

B Block recipients
B1 Shyanne McMiles Jaymes Ford
B2 Olivia Wijtowycz Jordan Davis
B4 Shae-Anne Rix Zykairah Matthews
B5 Lewis Dunn Keisha Reed
B6 Sarah Hubbard Jack Trinidad

C Block recipients
C1 Mathew McKenzie Maddison Wise
C4 Kaitlin Hodgson Trent Cox-Simpson
C5 Corey Button Byron Walley
C6 Aly Hamdy Bevan Barnes

LA1 Ryan Armstrong-Byrne Leylani Humphries
LA2 Kyle Luff Jayden Swanton

Music
Briah Ryder

Sports Awards
Anton Pickett Luke Parks

These 4 great helpers Jayde Stephenson, Caleb Jordan, Tim Elzer and Zac Henson showed true SVPS spirit of “helping others” by staying behind to tidy up after our “Monitors Morning Tea”.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES
Helping your child with maths

Everyday maths in the home

Did you know?

• One of the best ways for your child to learn about decimals is to use money and measurements.
• $2.75 is more than $2 but less than $3. It is two dollars and 0.75 of the next dollar.
• 2.5 metres is 2 metres and point five, or half, of the next metre—it’s 2 metres and 50 centimetres.
• But 2.05 metres is two metres and point zero five of a metre—which is much less than half a metre— it’s 2 metres and only 5 centimetres.

Shopping

• Get your child to work out the best deals—one item at $2.99 or three for $8.00? Then ask your child to work out the change you would get from $50.00
• Have competitions to see who can make the closest estimate of how much the shopping will amount to.
• Use shopping catalogues to plan the weekly shop. Work out percentage discounts in sales. How much will you save?

Sports News

Swan View Perform Well

Last Friday many of our year 6 and 7 students competed in the annual interschool Super 8s cricket carnival. We entered 2 boys teams in A and B division and a girl’s team.

As is always the case, our students played with great sportsmanship and their behaviour all day was fantastic.

Our A division boys and girl’s teams both finished in 3rd place, and our B division boys won their final. Anton Pickett captained our B team and along with the whole team, must be congratulated on a great performance.

Well done to all the students who participated, you all did our school proud once again. Big thanks also go to Miss Pustkuchin for coming along and looking after our girl’s team.

Mr Peterson

Music
Canteen News

The canteen relies on its wonderful volunteers. Thank you for your precious time Gaye, Sandie, Jacinta, Lorrie, Lakmali, Claire, Kym, Beth, Dayne, Natalie and Kelly.

Volunteers and members of the P & C are invited to the end of year windup with a Sunday lunch. Contact Teresa on 0409 107 978 for details.

**LET’S COOK**

The Swan View Primary School cookbook is finally here. It’s an A5 booklet of about 50 pages with 76 recipes bought in by members of our school community. Thank you to all those that contributed to the making of this book. Orders can be placed at the canteen.

**P & C News**

On behalf of the whole P & C we would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and new year, and please return safely in 2013.

I would also like to thank the entire community for all your help with fundraising this year. See you next year. P & C

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Swan View Dental Therapy Centre**

The Swan View Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from Friday 14th Dec 2012 until Friday 1st Feb 2013 inclusive.

During these times in an EMERGENCY during normal centre hours please contact the following:

- 18th & 19th Dec Mundaring mobile 0429 120 614
- 20th Dec until 25th January Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre 43 Mt Henry Rd Como. 9313 0555

Should an emergency arise after clinic hours or during a public holiday please contact the emergency service on 9325 3452, or your local practitioner.

**Crikey it’s Christmas**

We want you to come and celebrate Christmas with us at Bunnings Warehouse Midland!

Bunnings Christmas Family Night Wed 5th December 6-8pm.

- Mechanical surfboard
- Baby animals
- Snakes and Koalas
- Games
- Products demonstrations

Meet santa!
- Sno-cones
- Face Painting
- Sausage sizzled
- Bouncy castle

Bookings essential Telephone 9250 9600

**Bilgoman Aquatic Centre**

Bilgoman Swim Lessons

Series 2 swim school enrolments are currently taking place at Bilgoman Aquatic, vacancies for stages 1-9. Series 2 starts on Monday 3rd December.

Any enquiries Ph: 9299 6597 or 0408 584 554.