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Term 1 Week 7

Thursday 10 March 2016

School Calendar 2016 Term 1 Events

Term 4	
Wed 16	Year 6 Taster Lessons Swansea HS
Thurs 17	Easter Hat Making Afternoon 2pm Kindergarten Information Session 3:15pm
Mon 21	Harmony Day
Thurs 24	Easter Hat Parade Book Fair
Fri 25/3 - Mon 28/3	Easter Long Weekend
Thurs 31/3— Fri 1/4	Band Camp
Monday 4 April	Premiers Sporting Leadership Challenge 5/6
Tues 5 April	P&C Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed 6 April	ANZAC Service
Fri 8	Band Performance Caves Beach Last Day of Term
Wed 27	Students Return
18 May— 20 May	Year 5 & 6 Camp Canberra

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS—Karin Hird

Cross Country

Thank you to everyone for your support with the time change for today. It resulted in a much better outcome for the students. Considering the improved running conditions resulting from this change, this will probably be the format in future years.

Thank you to Carl Derbyshire for his organisation today. Thanks also to Anna and the team in the canteen and to all of the parents who assisted around the course. Your support of our school is greatly appreciated.

Visit from our State Representative

It was very exciting to have Yasmin Catley MP visit our school during last Friday's assembly. Ms Catley MP was here to present each of the student leaders with a very special certificate congratulating them on their role. A beautiful keepsake for these students. Ms Catley MP spoke to me about the storm during presentation night last year. Although there is no guarantee that anything will come of it; she will be writing to the Minister requesting that NWPS receives funding for a school hall. With our growing community perhaps this will be a possibility. It is exciting to know that NWPS will be mentioned in the Hansard records for this year.

P&C President

Congratulations to Kate Lechner, your new P&C President! We look forward to working with Kate and the P&C to continue achieving great outcomes for our students.

ICAS Competitions

A note is coming home today with details of the upcoming ICAS Competitions. These are run by the University of NSW and are open to students in Years 3-6. Participation is voluntary. Students who score highly in these tests are recognised through the presentation of merit, distinction and high distinction certificates.

Karin Hird

Kindergarten News

We have been making groups in Maths this week with objects and drawings, such as moving blocks into 3 groups or 4 or drawing groups of 2 flowers in a set of vases. We are learning how to check whether groups are equal or not.

Students have been writing sentences using sound pics (letters) from the Green SSP Level, making sure they include a capital letter at the start, finger spaces and a full stop at the end. They have also been reading books with me in their reading groups.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to Ms Titterton for teaching Kindergarten in my absence. It has been wonderful seeing how much the students have progressed this term already. Thank you also to parents for your understanding after I left on

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P&C President

Vacant

Canteen

Open Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday
Coordinator
Anna Ditchburn

Uniform Shop

Open Thursdays
9:00 am—9:30am
Coordinator
Leanne Munro

Guitar

Tuesday



Student Banking

Tuesday



Library

Tuesday



Scripture

Wednesday

Band

Wednesday



School Security
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such short notice to care for my Mum until she passed. Your kind words and condolences have been comforting.

I will hold the information session that was postponed next week on Thursday, 17 March at 3:15pm. During this session I will explain the SSP approach to teaching reading and writing and how you can support your child at home with his/her homework. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions. I hope to see you all there.

Trinity Hook

Class 1/2 News

The Star of the Week is Delilah. Thank you to parents and relatives who came to support us at the Cross Country today. Great job to all our students who had a go, I'm very proud of you.



This week in Maths we are talking about halves and quarters of objects.

Next Thursday, 17 March, is our Easter Hat Making afternoon from 2:00pm—3:00pm. Students are asked to bring cardboard or a hat to decorate and some decorations such as stickers. Parents are most welcome to help us for this activity.

Kate Halligan

Class 2/3 News

Congratulations to the students who achieved 100% in their spelling last week: Kyan, Bonnie, Hallie, Taj, Billy, Joe and Kamea. Several students have been performing well each week and this week they have moved up a group.

We have been exploring the states and territories of Australia this week in our Geography unit. As part of this study, we would love to hear about the places you have visited around Australia. If you could briefly describe which state or territory you have visited and which places/landmarks you saw and send this information back in with your child before next Tuesday, that would be greatly appreciated.

This week we talked about doing acts of kindness for people: not because you have to but just because it is a nice thing to do. We've been taking notice of when we see someone doing an act of kindness at school.

2/3 had a wonderful time at Cross Country today. Every student tried their hardest and showed great sportsmanship and support for their peers. Well done 2/3!

Donna Black and Karin Hird

Class 3/4 News

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling: Alex, Felix, Lyla, Maddison, Torhi, Maggie, Daniel, Annie, Darcy, Lachlan and Grace C.

Students are continuing to work hard with their times tables, unfortunately there were no Wizards *at time of print* for this week.

Next week our class will be looking at Patterns and Algebra during Maths.

This week we have put extra effort into Cross Country practice which was evident in the students great achievements today. The early start to the day, in an attempt to escape the unseasonably warm weather, was a great idea. A big thank you to the parent helpers around the course today, your efforts were invaluable.

If you would like to help at any time during class please come and see me as it would be very much appreciated.



Carl Derbyshire

5/6 Class News

This week we have been talking about ways to improve our narrative writing. We have been talking about structure and how to interest the reader from the very beginning of the story. We have also been practising the use of interesting adverbs to begin sentences and to use complex sentences by beginning with conjunctions. Better, more interesting vocabulary is also being encouraged in their writing.

In Mathematics we have been adding and subtracting simple fractions and converting decimals to fractions and percentages.

With our surfing picture completed we are now discussing our next project which will likely be a Picasso inspired artwork.

Interest in debating is also being assessed so that we can determine if a debating team is viable

Peter Westcott

Office News

It is a busy time of the year especially for Year 6 parents with three notes due to be returned in the next few days. It would be greatly appreciated if all due notes could be returned on or before the due date so that the administrative duties involved can be carried out.

- The Year 5/6 Canberra excursion EOI is due **tomorrow**. The permission note and money so that the final numbers and costing can be worked out. Even if your child is not attending please return the permission note with a description of 'my child will not be attending' or hand write a note stating the same.
- Year 6 Taster Lessons at SHS due **Tuesday, 15 March**. A reminder parent drivers are required.
- Year 6 Expression of Interest for High School 2017 is due **Friday, 18 March**. This is a State wide due date set by the Department.

Thank you to the many families who have paid the account for their child/ren's book packs and voluntary contribution. Statements of accounts were sent home again today for those families who are yet to pay. Payment would be greatly appreciated as the school has already covered the cost to our suppliers. If you feel you are unable to make a payment, please contact the school office to make an appointment with Karin Hird.

Our Parent Online Payment (POP) option is now up and running. Simply visit the school webpage www.nordswarf-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and click on the '\$ Make a Payment' button and follow the prompts.

Robyn Hamilton



Merit Awards—Week 5

Class	Name
K	Ethan, Bodi
1/2	Rory, Callum, Tilly, Billy W, Caitlyn, Tyler, Taleah, Lisa
2/3	Tommy, Alby, Max, Evie A, Bailee
3/4	Darcy, Lachlan, Isabelle, Dylan, Daniel
5/6	Elloise, Elsa, Sunny, Mary-Jane, Jay P Eva, Savita, Max C, Evan, Taj R, Sam

TERM DATES 2016

Term 2

26 April—

1 July

(Students return 27 April)

Term 3

18 July—

23 September

(Students return 19 July)

Term 4

10 October—

20 December

(Students finish

16 December)

Quote of the Week

Good, better, best.

Never let it rest.

"Til your good is
better and your
better is best.

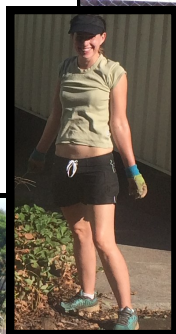
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*The community
acknowledges The
Awabakal people as the
traditional custodians of
the land on which the
school is located.*

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—WOW! LOOK AT OUR GARDEN!



Many hands make light work! Here are just a few of our wonderful volunteers who are helping to create a veggie patch and to put some TLC into our school grounds.



Students in 3/4 love their outdoor reading space



Garden Club Meets

Mondays: 8:30am—9:15am

Wednesday: 3:00—4:00pm

Fridays: 11:15am—11:55am



Easter Raffle

Once again our wonderful P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle.

Raffle tickets will be sent home this week.

\$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade, Thursday, 24 March 2016.

Donations of Easter items such as soft toys, craft sets, or of course Easter Eggs, would be greatly appreciated.



Please leave your donations at the school office.



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