

7th April 2011 Issue 5: Term 1

From the Principals Desk.....

As you may know, the newsletter goes home fortnightly on even weeks. As this is Week 10, normally this would be the last week of the term, but this year Term One is 11 weeks in length. The dates of school terms are determined by the Ministry of Education. This year the dates of the four terms are quite different as a result of the Rugby World Cup. As one of the largest sporting competitions in the world it is expected that there will be hundreds of thousands of tourists visiting the main centres to view the games. As a large portion of the road traffic on any given week day is education related it was determined that it was better to have schools on holiday, for at least the last few games in the competition. You may have noticed that traffic is definitely lighter during the school holidays!

So this year Term One is 11 weeks, Term Two is 11 weeks, Term Three is 10 weeks, and Term Four is 8 weeks. The final of the Rugby World Cup is scheduled for the weekend before schools open for Term Four.

With the school holidays only a week away, I hope you have an opportunity to spend some extra quality time with your kids and enjoy each other's company. Time spent with family, talking, sharing and having fun is as important as time spent in the pursuit of formal education. We are all products of our upbringing, so don't forget to timetable in quality time with your kids whenever possible. Values education is an important part of schooling but we learn our values from our families too. Kids aren't kids for long and we want to make them the best human beings they can be!

Kia Kaha

Bruce McLachlan

Timeline

15 Apr - END OF TERM 1

1 May - Mobile Dental Clinic Arrives

2 May - TERM 2 Starts

Citizens

Awards..... Congratulations to the following children for achieving Citizenship awards :-



Milialofa; LEEANNE (1)

Kylie ; Monica (2)

Isaac ; Hannah (3)

Krystal ; Brodin (4)

Phoenix ; Tatiana-Jade (5)

Kimberley ; Jaekib (6)

Alexa ; Sydney (8)

Kailey ; Laiba (10)

Grace ; Alex (11)

Natasha ; Zarius (12)

Tremaine ; Kyran (13)

Faith ; Ayda (14)

Jannal ; Brookelyn (15)

Rose ; Chantal (17)

Chocolate Fundraiser

I'm sure we missed the Chocolate coming home with children last year?

Well, you will be pleased to know that we have managed to get the chocolate back this year. We will be sending Chocolate home with children next term. Watch the newsletters for further information.



Set yourself a savings goal.

Decide what you want to save for. Be it a toy or a book, a DVD or even an IPod. Find out where you can buy it from and how much it is going to cost. Then, create a Savings Chart to help measure your progress.

New South Wales Competition

Another reminder to get your forms in with payment by 14th April (Thursday of next week) . These need to be given to Mrs Thomson Room 3. NOT to class teachers.

Forms and/or payments handed in after this date will not be accepted.

Community Software Plan — EdAlive

Don't miss your last chance EVER to order from the EdAlive Community Software Plan. Last week leaflets for the Last Ever CSP were distributed to the school community. The closing date for orders is tomorrow. Please return your orders to the front office or your classroom teacher so that we can send them off.

Celebrating Learning.....

Swanson School Gala

Last Thursday we held our Twilight Gala. Every class was involved in organising different stalls and activities. It was a successful afternoon and we raised over \$4000 in two hours!

That wasn't without a lot of preparation though, the teachers, under the leadership of Viv Adam, worked very hard putting it all together.

We were also very lucky to have the support of our hard working teacher aides and the following parents that came on the day and ran stalls and other fun activities. The parents that helped on the day were Melanie and Paul LeCren, Sarah Ethell, Tracy Calthrope, Lisa Edwards, Deano Villari, Angela Watson, Helen Kearns, Fiona Kearns, Zac Kearns, Patricia Antonvich, Crosh Maharaj and Tanea Lucinsky.

A huge thank you to all those families and community members that donated goods for our stalls.

It is because of your support that it was so successful.



PAINT & PLAY UKELELE

April School Holidays

Three creative days combining Art & Music.
For ages 6 to 10 years old.

When: 26-28 April 2011

Cost : \$199 per child for 3 half days

What do I bring? A small snack and a smile

Enrol Now: lewiseady.co.nz

Sports News

WELL DONE.....

To our T Ball team. Winners of the Northwest Cluster TBall and Softball tournament.

Our boys Softball team also did well, narrowly missing out on a final place.

Congratulations to all our teams!