

## Parent-Teacher Meetings Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019

It is time again for our Parent-Teacher Meetings.

These are meetings to talk about your child's learning and progress. You are welcome to bring other members of your family or whānau. They are useful, positive meetings where as well as hearing from your child's teacher, you can ask questions and share your thoughts so that you and the teacher can become partners in your child's education.

At Swanson School we encourage students to attend the meetings as well. This ensures that messages about learning are understood by everyone. Including your child ensures that they realise that they must take responsibility for their learning. Students understand that being accountable for their efforts, evaluating their progress and setting learning goals, is not something that is done to them but is part of their learning.

If you are unable to come to the Parent-Teacher Meetings on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, you can make an alternative time on another day that is suitable to you and the teacher.

School will finish at 2.00 p.m. on this day. Appointments will be between 2.20 and 7.20 p.m.

All interview times need to be booked on-line. This booking service will be opened on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

### Follow these simple instructions to log-on:

Log on to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

A school event code will be asked for – **The code is 2zmh6**

Then simply follow the simple instructions.

Regards, Leandro Piantelli - Principal

### Sick Children...

We seem to be having some children being sent to school lately who are obviously sick. We would appreciate it if you were able to keep your children at home if they are unwell as this will avoid them spreading whatever they have with those around them at school. We know it can sometimes be a hassle to find childcare but we are trying to look out for all the children and staff in the school.

### After school pick ups...

We are noticing that there seem to be more and more students waiting at the front of the school in the afternoons to be picked up. School finishes at 2:55pm each day so please try your best to pick your children up as close to then as possible. If for any reason you are held up on a particular day as can happen from time to time, just give the office a call and let us know.

### Naming uniforms...

It is important that students come to school with their uniform named. It is much easier to find lost or misplaced uniform if there is a name on it. Especially sweatshirts and jumpers as these are often taken on and off throughout the day. So please check over your child's uniform and check that they are named.

### Scholastic Book fair...

We will be having the book fair in at school again. Children can purchase books and stationery items and a percentage of the sales will go towards buying new resources for the school library. Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 8:30-9am and 2:30-4pm. (Open till 6pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> before the parenting tips evening)



## Upcoming Events

### June 26

Parent teacher meetings. 2pm – 7pm.  
School closes early.

### June 28

Whole school cross country from midday Friday. Students can wear multi house colours for the day.

### July 2

Parenting Tips evening – Run by the parenting place. Free to all families. 6 - 7:30pm

### July 5

Last Day of term 2  
School finishes 2:55pm.

### July 22

First Day of term 3.

## SOCIAL MEDIA TIPS

For parents of tweens and teens

Urge your kids to avoid questionnaires, giveaways and contests. These are often attempts to gather personal information.



Monitor the pictures your child posts. Make sure the content is harmless and that no identifiable locales are noticeable in the background.



Teach kids about online reputation. Let them know the impact inappropriate messages or images could have when they are applying to college or a job.

Get to know the technology. Get help learning and navigating social media sites that you aren't familiar with



Use Filtering Software. Programs such as Net Nanny and PureSight PC let you monitor social media sites, block chats, filter content and more.



## Communication – how we communicate...

Just to keep everyone up to date with how we communicate, these are our most common ways of communication from school to home...

- **Paper Notices** - Paper notices get sent out either in a bulk lot of information like this one or on an individual event basis.
- **Facebook** - The school Facebook page gets updated with news and information regularly.
- **Instagram** - The school Instagram account has picture updates regularly.
- **School App** – Notifications come out to parents through the school app.
- **Electric sign** - The electric sign out the front of the school scrolls through messages of upcoming events.
- **Website** - We are in the process of upgrading our school website, but there is still plenty of information that is kept up to date.

## Social media...

As the use of social media becomes more and more popular we thought it would be a good idea to pass on a message to spend some time speaking with your children about social media and online gaming.

There are lots of different online chatting, gaming and sharing sites that students access these days. The parts of the site or game that they show you may only be the tame areas and often there is a not so safe side to some of these sites. They can be opening themselves up to bullying opportunities or chatting with people who they actually have no idea who they are. Please help keep your children safe online.

## Parent meeting...

On Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, we will be hosting another parenting tips evening. The event has been set up by Lisa our SWIS (Social Worker in School). Last time we had John Cowan in he shared some helpful and humorous tips on how to support our children growing up so this one is bound to be just as helpful. Please invite your family and friends



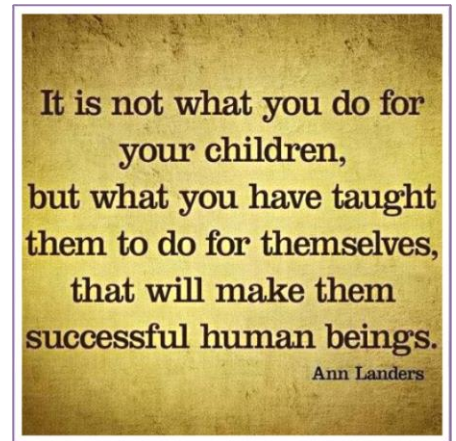
**Parenting Tips Evening**  
with John Cowan

Learn to get cooperation from your kids – even the tricky, strong-willed ones! Alternative strategies for firm but fair discipline using effective, peaceful and relationship-enhancing techniques with less noise, anger and resentment that will help kids think, solve problems and make better decisions.

Tuesday, 2 July  
Swanson School, 703 Swanson Road, Swanson  
5.30pm – Doors open  
6-7.30pm – Presentation  
Cost – Free  
Light refreshments provided

For further information please contact Lisa Griffin at  
lisa.griffin@fwn.org.nz or phone 021538219

parentingplace.nz



## In the Community

### School Cross country...

We will be holding our annual school cross country at the end of term two. Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June if weather permits. 12:30pm start. Students can come to school in their house colours for the day.

### Book Fair...

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### CIA (Communities in action) Facebook...

CIA Parents Facebook page is up and running. Go check it out and keep up to date with what the CIA are doing in the school. Search “CIA at Swanson School” to find their page.

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