



Principal's Message



Winter break is fast approaching and the weather lately is certainly reflecting the season. A reminder to all families to keep an eye on Diary Dates for upcoming events. We will be sending home invitations for Education Week activities in

Week 1 next term and dates will be in our newsletter next week so you can save the date/s.

Semester 1 reports will be sent home next week and I encourage families to provide your child's classroom teacher with any feedback and to engage with them early in Term 3 to re-negotiate their Semester 2 ILP's. Your support directly contributes to improved outcomes for students and is greatly appreciated.

Regards

Belinda Ryan
Principal

Friends News

Thank you to our families who have sold chocolates this year as part of our fundraising plans.

We need to pay the Cadbury account as soon as possible so it would be great if all money from chocolate sales be returned to school before the end of this term please.

Thank you so much to families who have returned money already.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

Friends Committee

Office News

Positive Partnerships

Please find attached a flyer for a workshop being held by Positive Partnerships. Registration forms are available upon request from school or by contacting the organisers.

Hunter Valley Gardens

Hunter Valley Gardens has kindly donated a family pass to "Snow Time in the Garden".

This gift voucher will be part of a raffle prize either through the IOTAS disco raffle or through a Friends raffle.

There is a flyer attached, it looks like lots of fun!

Diary Dates - Term 2

Week 9

Friday, June 27th	Semester 2 Reports home
Friday, June 27th	Last Day of Term 2

Diary Dates - Term 3

Week 1

Monday, July 14th	Staff Development Day
Tuesday, July 15th	School Students Return

Week 3

Monday, July 28th	Education Week
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FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2014NSWPC9 Location: Swansea

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?

As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:

- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
 - advocate for your child
 - support your child's participation at school
 - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system's processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details

Venue: Blue Water Function Room
Swansea RSL Club, Bridge Street, Swansea NSW 2281

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday 29 & Wednesday 30 July 2014

Day 1: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (**Registration from 8.15 am**)

Day 2: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Registration opens Tuesday 17 June 2014 and closes 2 days prior.

Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.

You will receive a confirmation of your registration.

Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet and fax or mail to:

Fax: 02 9451 9661; Mail: Positive Partnerships, ASPECT, PO Box 361, Forestville NSW 2087

Positive Partnerships Info Line number: 1300 881 971

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Snow Time in the Garden is on again these School Holidays at Hunter Valley Gardens. Bring along the whole family and enjoy a number of fabulous icy experiences in our brand new Marquee Area and Storybook Garden Play Zone over this fantastic 2 week event!

Check out these fantastic activities!



- Real ice skating rink
- Real ice toboggan
- Snow time play zone
- Snow ball challenge
- Snow board & alpine racers
- Roaming entertainment
- Snow time face painting
- Live ice sculpting*
- Husky racing demonstrations*

* Weekend only activities

All of these listed activities are FREE after paid Garden entry.

For more information and pricing visit

www.huntervalleygardens.com.au