Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to our second last newsletter for the year. Where did that year go? It seems as if we are on a freight train and we are gathering momentum.

We are into planning for next year and hope to have class lists finalised in the next week or two. We have also began reviewing our Business plan to ensure it is relevant for the future and set to carry the School through for the next three years. I will be presenting some suggestions for fine tuning at the next School Board meeting on Monday night.

I had a visit from Evelyn Twine from Camp Australia last Friday. Camp Australia is an organisation who offers after school care for students. We have agreed to survey the parent population of the local community to see if there is enough interest to run an after school program at Sawyers Valley Primary School. If you think you would be interested in tapping into an after school care program please look out for a survey link and further information in the next newsletter.

We will be holding a Kindy information session for Kindy parents in room 3 on Tuesday 1st December starting at 9:15. The session is to let parents know about Kindy and how it operates. We would really love to see you there.

We also have a special afternoon tea for our School Volunteers who have worked with some of our students throughout the year which will be held on Thursday 3rd December at 1:30 pm in the staff room. Parents and the students who the Volunteers have worked with across the year are invited as well. We are very grateful to our Volunteers as they work in a mentoring role with our students and can often make a big difference for them.

Preparations are also underway for our annual Presentation Assembly to be held on Friday 11th.

David Sawers
Principal

MISSION STATEMENT
Sawyers Valley Primary School aims to create and foster an environment where students become independent learners, enabling them to take responsible control of their lives and contribute meaningfully to society.
New Christmas Books!
Have you seen our new Christmas books in the library yet? Mrs Holling has been busy buying some new books for this festive season and she has them beautifully on display. There are books for all ages and appetites and they are available for borrowing now.

2015 YEAR BOOK
Due to a lack of interest / response the year book will not be happening.
**BIG BIG THANKS**

to those families that volunteered their time to help finish off the school chicken pen on Saturday the 14th of November!

We just could not have proceeded without your valuable knowledge, special skills and support!

**Thanks from SVPS go out to...**

Mr David Sawyers, he might have bumped his head a few times on the low entry bar to the external pen, but boy he just keeps going!
The Colyer Family, especially Andrew for his amazing welding talents!
Our solar chicken door was expertly installed by Andrew and will last the distance…
The Gray Family, especially solar tech wizard – Kirk! Also to Jo and Acacia for their impending donation of precious chickens from their own stock.
Sebastian’s Dad, Steve and his farm work crew and donations of corrugated iron, flashing and fencing wire! Great trenching and laying of the concrete slabs Matt and Juri (WWOOFERS from our farm).
Ms Lucy Blair for being the hostess with the most-est!
Amy Metaxas for helping to move slabs back and forth!
Also thanks to Mrs Kent for wiring up the external pen, for her continued enthusiasm, advice and support!
So... our girls are coming this week. Keep watching the pen for their arrival! Pop across and say hello.
Egg carton donations will be gratefully accepted. Cartons will be stored in the caged area behind Room 4. Feel free to send them in with your child or leave them by this area and the student green team will pop them away.

Thank Everyone!

*Danielle Murphy*
 *(Teacher/Sustainability Coordinator)*

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Mr Sawers!!
Many Thanks to the following for their generous donations for the ‘Silent Auction’

**Guest Fine Art Services – Osborne Park**
for the...
Art Deco Framed Mirror – retail value $450
Thank you – Greg and Melissa Guest!

**Chris Mitchell Earthworks and Garden Supply – Mundaring**
for the...
Collection of garden ornaments – retail value over $100
Thank you

**Begonia Pets and Produce – Mundaring**
for the...
Gift Voucher – value $50

**Kmart – Midland**
for the...
Donation of prizes for our colouring-in competition for students!

**Mundaring Greywater Systems**
for the
Steel Garden Bed and signed copy of ‘How to Permaculture Your Life’ – value over $200
Thank you to Steve Nimmo for the herb collection.
Big Thanks to Ross & Jenny Mars and and Simone Willis
Plants Plus – Everbloom Nursery
Sawyers Valley
for the...
Gift Voucher – value $30

Target – Midland
for the...
Gift Voucher – value $50
Thank you – Richard and Stephanie!

Rustic Metalworks – Morangup
for the...
‘Home Sweet Home’ Steel Laser Cut Sign – retail value $150

Flourish Organics – Verissima
House, Mundaring
for the...
‘Savi Organics’ SkinCare pack – retail value $180
Thank you – Sandra and Jodie!

Thank you – Dockers Football Club
for the...
MEMBERS MERCHANDISE BACK-PACK
AND THE
MERCHANDISE PACK

Thank you – Sandra and Jodie!
Do you know where these Room 2 students, Chloe, CJ and Charlotte are in our school?
Your prize for guessing is a yummy ripe berry – a Marian Berry to be precise! *(planted in loving memory of our lovely Mrs Marian Gard)*
Please only take the very dark ones, only a couple so that there are some left for other berry hunters!

**INTERM SWIMMING**
Enrolment forms and payment is due now. Please ensure these are to your child’s classroom teacher by next Wednesday 2 December.
Free passes to the Bilgoman Pool will be available from the office.
Today our past and present student green team members were invited to participate in a very special recycled craft activity. The activities team at Midland Bunnings hosted the event and will be providing all of the materials needed to create personal living terrariums. I also attended as the supervising teacher. It was wonderful to have Parents of invited students come along as parent helpers and be a part of the fun.

Our student green team work hard to keep a number of sustainable projects going around our school. Without them, many of these projects just would not happen.

The school will be looking for volunteers to help feed the worm farms over the Christmas break. If you think you can help out a few times over one nominated week, please contact Lucy Blair or Danielle Murphy. Or... phone the school on 9295 1434 and leave a message.

Thanks, Danielle Murphy

Sensitive Santa

Midland Gate Shopping Centre is running a Sensitive Santa and they don’t have many bookings yet.

This is where families with children with sensitivity regarding Santa and noise or crowds, ie. children with Autism or alike disorders that can have one on one time with Santa at the shops before the centre opens.

Call Sharon Collins at the CLAN office if you would like to know more. 92506335.

This session will be held from 9am—11am Sunday 29 November.

If customers call or go to customer service (92503688 option 1) they can make a booking.

Reward for our hard working STUDENT GREEN TEAM
You, your family and friends are invited to the annual

**Gidgegannup Community Christmas Carols**

**Sunday 13th December**

**7pm**

Featuring performances from the Hills Choir and Annika Moses

Gidgegannup Recreation Centre

Gates open at 6pm. Bring your own picnic tea, chairs and blankets. Candles and glow sticks provided.

Children can come dressed in a Christmas theme for a parade. Parade begins at 6:45pm.

Children may bring a gift to put under tree to donate to Christmas Appeal and there will be a collection for the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

The school is often asked to include community news or additional information sheets with our newsletter but please be aware that the school does not necessarily endorse or recommend these particular services.

**Mount Helena Tennis Club...**Do you want to get fit? Do you want to have fun and socialise? Come and join us Thursday morning from 9am-12 noon or casual use can be arranged, key picked up from the Mount Helena Deli.

Racquets available and the first session is free

Phone Addy on 9573 1986 or Jamy on 0400 147 562 for more information

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**Pickering Brook Primary School Centenary 1915-2015**

Past and present students and staff, family and community members are invited to Pickering Brook Primary School’s Centenary celebration.

Meet up with old friends and colleagues.

Share your memories with today’s students and staff.

- Donate a book to the school library
- Write an anecdote about your time at Pickering Brook
- Pickering Brook Heritage Park open

Tea/coffee available  
Stalls  
Veteran car display  
Machinery display  
Performances by school choir & brass band  
Dave & Liz from the Pioneer Bush Band  
History displays  
Bouncy castle  
Face painting  
Old time games  
Lunches available  
Afternoon tea available

**Celebration Open Day**

**Saturday, December 5 2015**

9:30am ~ 4:00pm

For more information email Julius.550@bigpond.com

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