

SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL

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Meet Our New School Captains and Leaders



Swansea High are excited to announce our School Captains and Senior Leaders for 2017. Our leadership team was inducted this week as our outgoing Year 12 Leaders hand over the mantle to engage in the final days of preparation for their HSC. The 2017 Captains, Ruby Rizk and Jason Dizon, together with Vice Captains, Emma Boertje and Tom Mitchell and Prefects Bianca Racists, Tayla Cummings, Brandon Oblasser and John Hoffman will certainly provide a formidable team that will confidently lead the school into 2017. We look forward to the ideas and enthusiasm they will bring to the positions.

Swansea High ROCKS!

On Friday 26th August, students were entertained by a lunchtime rock concert. Four very talented home grown bands performed a number of live songs to the school. 2016 has seen an exponential growth in the Creative and Performing Arts with students taking the multitude of opportunities to showcase their amazing talent.

The school runs a lunchtime rock band sessions in the music room (Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) for muso's to come along and jam with other musicians and mentors. Anyone who plays and instrument is welcome to attend.



TERM FOCUS: Responsible Learners

From the Principal

Robyn Leggatt

We are at the end of Term 3 – where has the year gone? We are well on the way to gathering the research information that will lay the foundations for the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations for our classrooms. Students and teachers have been looking at what makes an effective classroom and how students learn best. Teachers have been moving outside of their comfort zone and trialling a number of formative assessment strategies where students are given the opportunity to interact more actively with their teachers to pace their learning. Teachers are using a variety of strategies including technology to make the learning environment as engaging as possible. When the expectations are developed and implemented for the start of 2017 it will be on the foundation that staff are doing their best and we expect students to do the same. The great news for our school is that we have compared our data from now, to this time last year and there has been a dramatic improvement with a 30% reduction in referrals (when teachers record student misbehaviour in our system). This is a significant impact and reflects the positive influence of the PBL process on our school. I continue to be very proud of the efforts of both students and staff and I know we are moving in a very positive direction.

Important Dates

September

12th - Yr 11 Standard Eng Assess Task

12th - Yr 10 Food Excursion

13th - Induction of 2017 School Captains

16th - Yr 9 Orienteering Excursion

16th to 23rd - Year 11 Yearly Exams

22nd - Year 12 Graduation Assembly 9:15 am

23rd - Last Day of Term 3

October

10th - All students return for Term 4

12th - P&C Meeting 4:45 pm in Common Room

18th - Term 3 Achievement Assembly 9:15 am

19th - Skills Road Careers Day

21st - Yr 11 Crossroads Day

24th to 28th - Construction Workplacement



Springtime Fun!

Miss Blakes Year 7 Food Technology class had a great time making fruit parfait. This was their first time ever in a school kitchen and they all did a wonderful job!

Spelling Bee Champion

On Tuesday, ten of our Stage 4 students participated in the Galgabba Spelling Bee. This is our first involvement in the Spelling Bee and we hope it is the start of something big. Each of our partner primary schools held their own school competition to decide the students to participate on Tuesday in the annual event. As we are the only secondary school in the group we were able to have ten students involved. It is a great concept and will most definitely assist us in improving students' spelling. Our participants included Year 7 students Zoey Watson, Shaydn Moore and Jenna Harvey and Year 8 students Phil Nonkovski, Billy Mount, Oscar Baird, Emma Cummings, Bridie Emanuel and Harlee Angus.

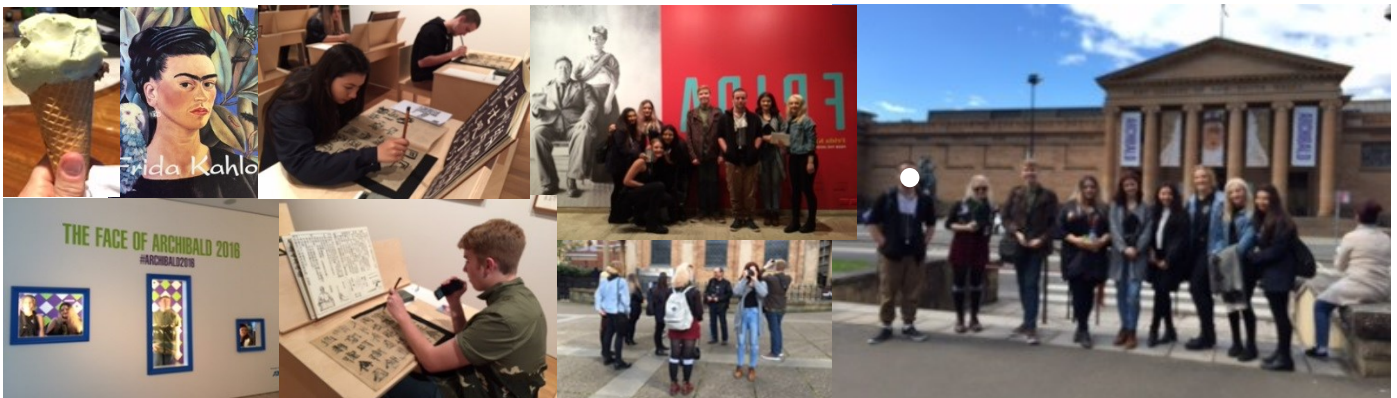
Congratulations to our champion speller, Shayden Moore from Karakal GATS class who spelt all of the words rapidly and accurately! Well done!



Food, Frida, Fun & the Archibald

On Saturday, 3rd September, our Year 11 Visual Art students went to Sydney to view the fantastic Frida Kahlo exhibition and the Archibald Prize at the Art Gallery of NSW. Students caught an early train from Wyee station and spent the day wandering the gallery.

We visited the Frida Kahlo exhibition which is the only Australian viewing. Then we saw the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes. Lots of inspiring art to contemplate. The Jan's Big Day Out was a mix of culture, geography, history and gastronomic delights....& art! As always, Year 11 were wonderful ambassadors for Swansea High School.



Developing Critical Thinkers



Year 8 has been participating in Initiative Games as part of their PDHPE studies. Initiative games are fun, cooperative, challenging games in which the students are confronted with a specific problem to solve. These activities are designed to motivate students to pool their talents and perform at their best individually and as a team. Student teams discovered through a range of challenges that diversity is their greatest asset and trust, cooperation and effective communication are the key to a team's success. The activities not only encouraged individual development, but also developed skills in critical thinking in students to achieve a common goal.



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Thredbo Snow Trip

By Caitlin Hoff & Sophie Myers

8:00am, bags are packed and loaded onto the bus, by 8:30am, thirty students and four teachers set off on an 8-hour drive to the Snowy Valley Resort in Jindabyne where we stayed for 3 nights.

We arrived, settled into our rooms then had a small tour of the resort before dinner. There was an indoor heated pool, spa, a pool room and a games room. After dinner we were fitted for our gear including skis, snow boards, boots and clothing. An early night was due as we had a very early start the next morning.

5:30am was the time our alarms sounded to get ready and be at breakfast by 6:30am. We all piled onto the bus to leave the resort by 7:00am to arrive at Thredbo in time for our lesson. We all participated in a 2-hour lesson each morning before enjoying our day on the slopes.

Luckily there were no major injuries but there were a few spectacular stacks. The highlight of the trip was on Day One when Mr Korsman decided to take a group of eight students up the mountain who had never skied before. This resulted in only two students making it down on skis, one on foot and five catching the shuttle down.

All in all it was a successful snow trip and would like to thank Mr Korsman, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Jarrett and Leah for their organisation, effort and taking us on a trip we all will never forget. From all Year 11 students that went, THANK YOU!



Year 12 Graduation

Parents, caregivers, grandparents and friends are Invited to Year 12 Graduation assembly.

WHEN: Thursday 22nd September

TIME: 9:15 — 11am

WHERE: Swansea High School Hall



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From October through to March

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New School Website—with Parent Online Payment (POP)

Swansea High School has updated our webpage. One special feature is that parents can now make online payments using Westpac Quickstream. This allows parents/carers to transfer funds directly to the school via a secure Westpac site.

A link can be found on our new school website located in the ribbon bar on the front page of the school's website. By selecting “**\$ Make a payment**”, parents/carers will be taken to a secure Westpac payment page, they will no longer be in the school's website.



Parents/carers should be advised that details are **not retained** by the QuickWeb site, protecting parents/carers from fraudulent transactions and ensuring compliance with PCI DSS.

POP is mobile friendly which makes using the system even more convenient for parents.

Please NOTE: Your payment is your receipt, which is not required by the Administration Office. Payments for **Excursions** have to be made **two working days** prior to closing date to be included.

Where there is limited numbers required for an excursion or sport, payment online would not be possible.

A Different Perspective on a Shopping Centre

For most of us, a trip to a shopping centre is a place we just go to shop. But for *Year 8 Commerce*, a trip to Lake Macquarie Fair, Mount Hutton, was an opportunity to meet with people for whom a shopping centre is their livelihood.

Some of the highlights were:

- A tour of Woolworths' new concept supermarket (complete with hairnets), with Luke, the Store Manager, and Michael, Customer Experience Manager.
- Speaking to a supervisor at EB Games about how much fun it was to work there. The group discussed marketing and sales strategies, as well as the KPIs that measure staff performance of a business with over 40 stores around Australia.
- Hearing the difficult yet rewarding journey of a business owner, from Healthy Life, who has been in business for 26 years, about the importance of customer service to the success of a small business.
- Being the *first ever* to see the 3D modeling of the exciting expansion proposed for the Centre with a presentation by Erika, the Retail Manager at Charter Hall, who also provided a snapshot of the different parts of a \$17.5 billion public company.



With Business Owner of Healthy Life franchise



Discussing marketing and sales strategies Supervisor at EB Games



Discussion of the new concept store

Interactive Language Lessons (日本語 Japanese)

'Quizlet LIVE' is a great interactive online based programs where students have to work collaboratively in teams. Students logon, and the website randomly places the students into small groups of 3 or 4 under animal names. Students then move (along with their laptops) and sit with their small group team members. The topic for this particular lesson was : 'Compass Points in Japanese'.



The focus is on small group work and communication among the group. It's a race... the first group to gain 12 points! The catch is, only one student in the group has the correct answer on their screen and they all have to figure out who it is by communicating! If one student in the group clicks the wrong answer because they 'jump the gun' or don't listen to the group discussion, then the team loses all their points and go back to zero again (a real problem if your group is on 11 points!).

The exciting thing is, once it's all set up with the students sitting together in their groups, the teacher observes the magic happen. Students can see a sliding scale projected on the board as the groups try to make their way to the 12 point mark. You can see the points creeping up or dropping down (after a wrong answer!). After one team has reached 12 points, they are acknowledged with a 'splash' page, then the website gives you valuable formative feedback on where the students had issues and also their strengths.

Uniform SALE
Once a Year Sale
20% off



13th & 15th Sept and
20th & 22nd Sept

Tuesdays 8:30 am to 11:30am
and
Thursday 1 pm to 4 pm

at SHS Uniform Shop

Year 12 Graduation Sponsors your support is much appreciated

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