Our Purpose
We will create a caring learning environment that provides students with the opportunity to develop the academic and social skills they need to achieve their individual potential.

School Website : www.upperswanps.wa.edu.au

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
Welcome to the new school year. Voluntary Contributions for 2015 are $60.00 per child, per year. We do encourage payment of the Voluntary Contributions for your child/ren at the beginning of each school year, directly to the school office or via the school bank account. Reminder Statements of outstanding amounts will be issued at the beginning of each Term to parents. If you would like to make arrangements to pay instalments on either Contributions or Charges please contact Wendy Dailey on 9296 4622.

Thank you to the families that have made payment to date. Your continued support enables us to provide the extra resources we need to enrich your child's/ren's learning. The money we collect is a vital part of our school budget.

There is an expectation that all students pay for incursions/excursions, or make arrangements for a payment plan with classroom teachers or directly with the office. Charges for each optional activity should be paid into collection envelopes and placed into the collection tin outside reception. Permission slips should be returned to the class teacher for their records.

SCHOOL BANKING
Every Wednesday 8.15am – 8.45am in Library
Regards Tara Leader and Helen Ainsworth - School Banking Coordinators

Uniform Shop
Tuesday afternoons 2.30pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am
Enquiries: Jenelle 0411 183 099

PLEASE READ: DIRECT DEPOSITS
When making Direct Deposits into the school bank account for Voluntary Contributions PLEASE put the CHILDS SURNAME, FIRST NAME OR INITIAL as the reference. This allows me to allocate to the correct student.

At present I have 2 deposits that I am unable to allocate. If you recognise the references below could you please contact Wendy to rectify as soon as possible:

RAYLENE LEAHY vol contributions
WECU Upper Swan PS
We Have Liftoff

It’s terrific to see everyone again, especially your energetic and enthusiastic children. I really enjoy the excitement of the first few days when we’re all back together and we have the anticipation of what the new year brings. Our teachers and education assistants put in a huge effort to ensure meaningful learning takes place from the very first day. I congratulate them for the preparation they did. I would like to give a special mention to the year 6 children in room 11 for their exceptional effort on the first day with a relief teacher.

Our student numbers are sitting at 390; around 25 less than last February.

We have several families whose first child is starting kindergarten. I would like to welcome you to our school and trust your first experience as a parent in the school system is a positive one.

Several other families have joined us in other classes throughout the school. I welcome the following families and thank them for putting their trust in our school:

Ager,
Fernandez,
Hislop,
Loo,
Mura-Friesema,
Raats,
Shannon and
Staggard

Teaching Line Up

Kindergarten:  Mrs Harrington-Tighe + EA Mrs Liddle (room 14)
               Mrs Steele + EA Mrs Lyon (room 16)
Pre Primary:  Mrs Casilli and Mrs Melican + EA’s Mrs Brooks and Mrs Power (room 13)
              Mrs Hocking and Mrs Green (Mrs Robb’s mum and no relation) + EA’s Mrs Spencer, Mrs Burghall and Mrs Harkins (room 15)
Year 1:       Mrs Robb + EA Mrs Harkins (room 5)
              Miss Martin + EA Mrs Hampshire (room 6)
Year 2:       Mrs Condo and Ms White + EA Mrs Fenton-Bodis (room 3)
              Miss Duffield and Mrs Skehan (room 4)
              Miss Black + EA Mrs Holman (room 7)
Year 3:       Miss Caiafa (room 1) and Mr Anthony (room 2)
Year 4:       Mrs Stotter (room 9)
Year 4/5:     Mrs Salomon and Ms Poulter + EA Mrs Stewart (room 8)
Year 5:       Mrs Holmes + EA Mrs Hampshire (room 12)
Year 5/6:     Mrs King (room 10)
Year 6:       Miss Kongras (room 11)

Mr Taylor: Music and Physical Education
Mrs Cepo: Visual Arts
Mr Probert: Physical Education
Ibu Panisilvam: Indonesian

The main changes are:

• Ms Beth White (Associate Principal) taking a class teaching role one day per week in year 2.
• Miss Jess Black is a new appointment to year 2. Last year Miss Black finished the year off in Pre Primary when Mrs Jefferies went on maternity leave.
• Mrs Konnie Green working on Fridays in Pre Primary
Student Reward System
In term 4 (2014), by way of parent survey and forums, our Green Card Reward System was reviewed. A few changes were made. The following points give a basic outline of the system.

- Teachers continue to run their own class reward system.
- Teachers need to link their class system to the green card system.
- The links must be specific and clearly communicated to your children.
- You children are to be treated as individuals and given an appropriate level of challenge for earning class rewards and green cards. This means you don’t need to always treat each child the same.
- Children can have their own goals to achieve in order to get a green card.
- This year we’re going to give children who lose green cards the opportunity to earn them back by setting good behaviour periods.

Assemblies in Term 1
Friday, 13th February Hosted by the Student Council
Friday 27th February Hosted by the Student Council
Friday 13th March Hosted by Mrs Holmes’ year 5, room 12 class.
Thursday, 2nd April Hosted by Mr Anthony’s year 3, room 1 class.

Cleaning and Gardening
Over summer our gardener, Lex Stowell, has done an outstanding job of improving our grounds, especially the nature play garden. The work he has done is first class. He was ably assisted by his lovely wife, Jo, and his daughter, Kiri. Lex just loves having a couple of extra bosses giving him advice.

Over the last two weeks our cleaners have been busy preparing the classrooms and surrounds for our return. We have a terrific team that dedicate themselves to making our school safe and clean for all us. I extend my thanks to Thip Drage, Suwan Turner, Nina Elwin and Aree Latham.

Parent Car Park
99% of the time 99% of people use the parent car park and Kiss and Drop area correctly. I thank everyone for showing the patience and courtesy that is needed to keep your children safe and your cars in good shape.

Attached to the newsletter email is a map showing how the car park works. Please take a few moments to refresh your memory.

Pedestrians are reminded to please use one of the three the pathways when entering and exiting the school. Please use the crosswalk near room 11 and do not cut through the car park.

Parking at the Front of the School
Parking is available at the front of the school. If you park out the front you need to come in to the school to meet your children then walk them out to your car. For safety reasons, children are not allowed out the front of the school on their own.

Do not block our neighbour’s driveway. He will call the City of Swan Ranger and you will be fined. Please keep to entry and exit points to the gravel car park open.

Exiting on to Great Northern Highway
When leaving from the front of the school, you need to use the access road. You are not meant to pull out on to the highway directly from the gravel area. It creates unpredictability for vehicles already on the highway and those trying to leave by the correct means.

Turning Right on to Great Northern Highway
There must be only one car at a time in the centre island. When ‘double stacking’ occurs, the vision of the first driver is obscured. I don’t want anyone guessing if it is safe to go.
At all times the staff car park is out of bounds for parents and children.

**Year 6 News**
Last week your children were given an order form for their **graduation shirt**. The order needs to be returned by this **Friday, 13th February**. Orders need to be paid for by Friday, 6th March.

Later this term we will determine the date and format for the Year 6 graduation. We’re open to ideas. We are not locked in to doing things exactly the same way every year.

Camp will be held early in term 2. Your children will have the opportunity of spending 4 days and three nights at Point Peron. Start putting your children to work so they can earn, then bank, their camp fee. The ball park figure is $350. A lot more detail will be coming your way at the end of March.

**Long Service Leave**
Last year the Education Department issued a directive for all employees to clear their long service leave credits by the end of 2016. Since last year several teachers, support and administration staff have been taking their leave. Expect this to continue throughout this year and in to 2016.

You will be informed beforehand if and when it affects your child’s class.

**Early Closing = Parent / Teacher Meetings, Wednesday 1st April**
This is early notification to let you know classes will finish early on Wednesday, 1st April. The last lesson concludes at 11:40am. Children are able to go home at this time or stay until the normal finish time of 2:50pm.

Teachers are available throughout the afternoon and early evening to discuss your children’s progress. Appointments will be taken approximately 2 ½ weeks prior to the date.

**Semester 1 Term Dates**
With Easter being early, this year’s dates for terms 1 and 2 are slightly different.

Term 1 is only nine weeks; finishing on Thursday, 2nd April. Friday 3rd April is Good Friday and the beginning of the holidays. Term 2 runs for 11 weeks; from Tuesday 21st April through to Friday, 3rd July.

**Swimming Lessons – Term 4**
Again this year Ms White has been able to organise swimming lessons in term 4. They will run in weeks 3 and 4: Monday 26th October through to Friday 6th November.

**Student Banking – Wednesday Mornings**
From tomorrow, Wednesday 11th February, Student Banking will be happening every Wednesday morning in the library before school. If you would like to start up an account for your children or re-start their savings plan, pop in to the library on Wednesdays and you
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lean muscle building | wealth creation |

Have you tried everything? Are you finding it hard to get the results you are working hard to achieve? Are you sick and tired of being sick and tired? Are you burned out? Stressed? Trying to find a solution? Well just STOP

NUTRITIONAL CLEANSING WITH THIS INCREDIBLE SYSTEM MAY BE FOR YOU

PROJECT IGNITION

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