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Wednesday	School Banking
Thursday	NO CANTEEN this week
	Swimming Program Room 1 & 2 -----3 rd -14 th March Room 3 & 4 -----18 th -29 th February Room 5, 6 & 7 -----4 th - 15 th February
Mondays & Thursdays	Active After School ---3pm- 4.30pm (After school) 11 th Feb Start ---FREE
Thursday March 13th	Swimming Carnival- Nyah Pool

Principal's Report

Welcome to all our returning and new families for 2008. Tobias, Joshua and Elijah join us for their first year of education in Room 1, whilst Shaquille will be in Room 5 and Ellyse in Room 7.

First term will be a busy time with the swimming program operating for the whole school culminating with our swimming sports on 13th March.

The great news is that our pool should be ready for use next Monday. The Leisure Centre will continue to be used for our older and competent swimmers with our Pool being utilised by Rooms 1 & 2 and as a therapy activity for individual students.

As well your child's teacher will be organising times for Student Support Group meetings to set Individual Learning Plans for the year. These will be held in February.

There have been few staff changes. We welcome Robert McFarlane to our staff as a teacher in the Middle Years Section and

Claire Thomson to the Early Years. Jessica Brown will be working fulltime as a Trainee School Support Officer whilst completing Certificate IV in Disability Work.

In total we have 68 students and 25 staff.

Graeme

Parents Club Report

Meeting

Next meeting 20th Feb, 10.00am at school.

Catering

Our Parents club catered for lunch for 25 at Swan Hill North Primary School, yesterday. We would like to thank Tracey McL for the use of her home and for her food prep. We also thank Tania G, Karen I and Di W for their assistance.

Apology

I would like to apologize for an inexcusable oversight at the end of last year. I neglected to thank Lynne Burns for her wonderful raffle prizes that she so kindly created. Thank you Lynne, your efforts were very much appreciated not just with the prizes

but with catering throughout the year as well. Thank you, Lynne.

School Bags

The new school bags have arrived and are now available from the office or can be purchased by filling out the attached order form.

Pauline Wynne
Secretary

Room 1 News

Welcome back to Room One students. We hope they had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and are full of energy to commence the school year.

Room One welcomes Tobias, Elijah and Joshua, however we sadly say goodbye to Thomas Cincotta who is moving to Echuca. During Term One the students in Room One will be involved in many exciting activities and programs including a swimming program commencing on 3rd March.

Swimming

Our Intensive Swimming Program commences next Monday and will run until the end of term. Each class will get 10 consecutive swimming lessons on a daily basis. Our Program will finish with our Annual Swimming Carnival out at the Nyah Pool on Thursday March 13th.

Rooms 3-7 will swim at the Leisure Centre and Rooms 1 & 2 will swim in our new therapy pool. The cost of the Swimming Program is \$35 per student. This covers entry, transport and maintenance of our school pool. This money is due ASAP to Anne in the office (or paid through EMA)

Rooms 5, 6 & 7 will be the first classes to swim from Monday Feb 4th to Friday Feb 15th. Rooms 3 & 4 will follow from Monday 18th Feb to Friday 29th Feb. Rooms 1 & 2 will swim from Mon 3rd March to Friday 14th March.

Please ensure all swimming consent forms have been returned by the end of this week

Once our Intensive Swimming Program has concluded we will commence our Therapy Pool Program. We aim to ensure that each of our students who require one on one in the water will get at least 2-3 sessions each week. If we are able to obtain volunteers to assist in a permanent time slot then we will be able to increase the number of sessions. Wouldn't it be great for some of our students to be able to get a therapy session every day in the water?

If you are able to assist in a particular timeslot please let Virginia or Graeme know.

Congratulations to Matthew Brown



Ex-student, Matthew B received a citizenship award at this year's Australia Day breakfast.

Well done, Matthew

Active After School Program

We have been given more funds to continue our Active After School Program for Terms 1 & 2 this year. The aim of the program is to give our students opportunities to be as active as possible in their leisure time as a way to combat the rise of obesity and health problems resulting from inactivity.

We invite as many of our students as possible to be involved on Monday and/or Thursday afternoons from 3.00 – 4.30pm.

- All the activities are at NO COST to the student.
- We provide a nutritious afternoon tea for everyone

- Activities include Water Slide, Swimming, Cycling, Lawn Bowls, Football etc
- Our program commences on Monday 11th of Feb
- It is the parents responsibility to collect the students at the conclusion of the program at 4.30pm
- Please fill out the attached form if you would like your child to take part in this program – please tick the afternoons that you would attend

Permission Forms

At the end of last year we sent home consent forms for swimming, travel and photos, a large number of these have been returned to school but we have a lot outstanding.

NO student can travel on our buses or be involved in the swimming program without these forms signed and returned.

The consent form is attached to this newsletter. Please sign it and return it to school ASAP to ensure that your child does not miss out on community access or swimming.

Please note that if your child has either asthma or epilepsy a medical certificate is required before the child can be involved in our swimming programs.

School Bags

The new school bags have arrived and they look great. The cost of the bag is \$26.00. You are welcome to call into the office to view/purchase the bags at any time or fill in the attached purchase slip.

Grow ‘n’ Glow Canteen

There will be NO Canteen tomorrow but our Grow ‘n’ Glow Canteen will be running from week Thursday. Cost for a healthy lunch will be \$4.00.



Volunteer Support Program

The Volunteer Support Program is about to launch its Volunteer Training Program for 2008. The program is actioned packed with all courses on offer cost free. All volunteers, students and community members wanting to learn, enhance and/ or refresh old skills are welcome to participate. Training programs are to be conducted t the Swan Hill Rural City Council Reception Rooms on the last Monday of each month commencing February

For all enquiries and to register please contact Swan Hill Rural City Council’s Volunteer Support Office Jenny Astall on 5036 2380 or 0428 573 057



Dear Members,

Next Swan Hill Parents Support Group Meeting is on Thursday 14th February
At 7.00pm for dinner
At the Swan Pasta Inn,
Campbell St, Swan Hill

Agenda

Special Guest:-

Tasha Frame

From the Swan Hill Specialist School

RSVP ASAP for numbers

Thanks,

Pauline Wynne

Group Leader

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Active After School Program

Monday & Thursday

Starting Monday 11th February

After school -3.00pm to 4.30 pm

Parents to collect students

Free

I would like my child/ children to be involved in the after school program. I understand that it will be my responsibility to collect my child/children at the end of each session.

Please tick the session that you would like your child to attend.

(Children may attend both sessions)

ثف Monday

ثف Thursday

Swan Hill Specialist School Payment Slip

ثف Bus Levy (Community Access) \$80.00

ثف Swimming \$35.00

ثف I am an EMA Recipient and will use EMA to fund the above payments.

ثف School Bag (EMA CANNOT be used to pay for school bags.) \$26.00

Student's Name: _____ Room Number: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Swan Hill Specialist School

Please Complete & Return the Permission Slips Below .

With Regard to Epilepsy and/or Asthma -

We require a new medical certificate each year for student with asthma and/or epilepsy. If this applies to your child, please contact your doctor and ask him/her to provide you with a medical certificate stating that it is alright for your child to take part in swimming lessons under close supervision.

SWIMMING PERMISSION FOR 2008

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter _____ to attend the Swan Hill Specialist School swimming program for 2007. I understand that students will travel to and from the pool by bus.

In the event of illness or injury to my child whilst on the excursion or travelling to or from school, I authorise the Principal or staff members in charge of my child, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to consent to emergency medical arrangements on my behalf as are deemed necessary by a qualified medical practitioner. Such consent includes anaesthetics, blood transfusions and surgical operations.

Parent/Guardian: Date:.....

LOCAL EXCURSIONS FOR CONSENT 2008

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter _____ to attend outings within a 100km radius of Swan Hill. Such outings cover community access/awareness

(Eg. shopping, library and excursions.)

In the event of illness or injury to my child whilst on the excursion or travelling to or from school, I authorise the Principal or staff members in charge of my child, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to consent to emergency medical arrangements on my behalf as are deemed necessary by a qualified medical practitioner. Such consent includes anaesthetics, blood transfusions and surgical operations.

Parent/Guardian : Date:.....

PHOTOGRAPHING STUDENT CONSENT 2008

There are occasions where photographs of students are used in the media or to publicise or promote the school and its activities.

STUDENTS

NAME.....

I consent to my child being included in any photographs and videotapes used by the school for the above purposes.

I do not consent to my child being included in any photographs and videotapes used by the school for the above purposes.

Parent/Guardian:..... Date.....