

Principal: Graeme Scoberg

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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
20 th February	Parents Club Meeting, 10.00am- at school
29 th February	Sunnies for Sight Day
Thursday March 13th	Swimming Carnival- Nyah Pool

Principal's Report

The school year has commenced smoothly with the students settling in well. Specialist classes commenced this week with Art on Monday, Sensory Art on Tuesday, PE on Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday and Music on Thursday/Friday.

As well the swimming program started for Rooms 5, 6 & 7 this week. Our Therapy Pool, apart from a couple of minor building items to be completed, is also operational. Some students will be accessing our pool as part of the swimming program, but regular timetabled therapy sessions will commence in Term 2.

Therapy sessions will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10-11am, 12-1pm and 2-3pm. As the majority of these sessions will involve 1 to 1 interaction, we require volunteers to assist. If you are interested or perhaps know someone who is, please contact the office. A parent who assists with the program will not need a 'Working With Children' check but all other volunteers will be required to apply.

Graeme

Parents Club Report

Meeting

Next meeting 20th Feb, 10.00am at school.

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

You Can Do It

Section One

Congratulations, Nathan W, on being the first Section One, You Can Do It award winner for 2008.

Nathan received his award for being a great role model and for having an excellent first week.

Great work, Nathan. Keep it up.

Section Two

Megan S is our Section Two, You Can Do It award winner.
Megan received her award for getting along.
Congratulations, Megan, on your award and a great first week. Keep it up.

Section Three

Welcome and congratulations Elly.
Ellyse S has returned to Swan Hill Specialist School and she is already a winner.
Elly is our Section Three, You Can Do It award winner, receiving her award for the fantastic way that she has settled into the route in Room 7.
Great effort, Elly. Keep it up.

Before School

Blake R is our Before School award winner.
Congratulations, Blake, on being a great role model on the bus.
Well done.

Healthy Values

Congratulations also go to Connor G for receiving the Healthy Value Award.
Connor has had a great start to the 2008 year and is working very hard in the classroom.
Well done, Connor.

Room 2 News

Room 2 students have had a great first week back at school. The students that have moved from room 1 have settled in well, while the other students have been very helpful and welcoming to their new classmates.



This week, Room 2 students have enjoyed reading big books, playing some maths games

and working on the computer.

Yesterday students made pancakes which they enjoyed eating for lunch.

Swimming Program

Our school program is off and running with Rooms 5, 6 & 7 thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre. Students have been put into small groups where they are working on improving stroke technique and water awareness.

If any parent is able to help with these lessons please ring Virginia Allen at school and let her know your availability. Each class gets 10 lessons of swimming on consecutive days.

Bus Levy

At the November School Council meeting, it was resolved to increase the cost of the Bus Levy from \$60.00 to \$80.00. This is a community access levy and money collected is used solely for the maintenance, fuel and running costs of the school buses. .

The buses are used daily by all classrooms so that students can participate in a variety of different programs, such as shopping, going to the Library, swimming, workskills, etc. Unfortunately the school does not receive any financial assistance from the Department of Education to assist with the costs of running buses.

This levy is not school fees. Swan Hill Specialist School does not charge students any fees to attend this school. It would be appreciated if all families could pay our bus levy and as stated in last week's and this week's newsletter that if you receive EMA, the allowance may be used to pay for this year's school bus levy.

Active After School Program

- Our program kicks off next week on Monday & Thursday afternoons from 3.00-4.30pm.
- We have had a good response from families but can still fit more students in particularly on the Monday afternoons. If you are interested in putting your child into this free program please fill out the form attached to this newsletter and return it to school this week.
- The program is all about keeping our children active and involved in fun activities.
- There is no cost at all
- Students receive a nutritious afternoon tea and participate in fun activities for 90 minutes.
- We will be swimming in our new therapy pool for the first term as part of the program so please make sure bathers and a towel are packed on Mondays and/or Thursdays.
- Remember to collect your child at 4.30pm on these days.

Grow "n" Glow Canteen

There will be NO Canteen tomorrow. Glow 'n' Grow Canteen will commence the week after next when Vicki (Our Canteen Co-ordinator) and Room 5 have completed their swimming program. Cost for a healthy lunch will be \$4.00.

No
Canteen

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 at 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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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.

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)

ف Monday

ف Thursday

Swan Hill Specialist School

Payment Slip

ف Bus Levy (Community Access) \$80.00

ف Swimming \$35.00

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

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

Student's Name: _____ Room Number: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

RDA

Riding Develops Ability

Expression of Interest

I would like my child to be part of the RDA program for 2008; I understand the costs and paperwork involved.

I also understand that students are selected for this program on the basis of individual needs and the horses available.

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____