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Wednesday	School Banking
	Swimming Program Room 1 & 2 -----3 rd -14 th March Room 3 & 4 -----18 th -29 th February
Mondays & Thursdays	Active After School ---3pm- 4.30pm (After school) 11 th Feb Start ---FREE
29 th February	Sunnies for Sight Day
Thursday March 13th	Swimming Carnival- Nyah Pool

Principal's Report

Our hoist for the Therapy Pool is expected to arrive in 2 weeks. Once installed, this will allow for the safe entry & exit of our students into the pool. We are still looking for volunteers for our therapy swimming program that commences 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 is the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 19th March at Murray Downs at 12:00

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

Swimming Program

Rooms 3 & 4 are swimming this week and next week. **If we have any parent volunteers who are able to assist in our program, please let the school know on 50323683.**

You Can Do It

Section One

Hazel has been developing her cutting skills. She is a very reliable worker.

Section Two

Sebastian is working well in the classroom and having a go at all tasks.

Section Three

Jayden has settled into his classroom and is also making an attempt with all class activities.

Before School

Well done Bill for being our before school award winner for 2 weeks in a row.

Healthy Value

For the third week, our Healthy Value winner came from Room 1. Congratulations on your great start to the year Connor who won for the 2nd time in 3 weeks.

PE Award

means to us. We developed our classroom rules around our feelings. They are:

- Respect Yourself
- Respect others
- Respect Property

We hope to continue to reinforce the value of respect throughout this year, during our time at school and for the rest of our lives. We in Room 4 have also been developing routines to help with the running of our classroom. These include a class 'Jobs List' for helping with organising classroom tidy-up, 'Stars' are awarded for star choice behaviour and playtime in our 'Middles' play area.

Excellent attitude in swimming has been shown by Josh.

Art Award



Room 4 has been enjoying many great school activities like Advance Sports, Music, Art, PE, Maths activities and games, Writing activities and starting this week swimming. We have seen Garath, Logan and Rhiannan having fun in their swimming activities and Blake, Jonno, Jessica, Brooke, Chris,

Kaylah is Art's first award winner for 2008. Well done Kaylah.

Room 4 News

Our Room 4 classroom has been really buzzing since the beginning of the school year. We have been establishing classroom rules and routines, and enjoying lots of fun school activities.

We have been spending time in discussions on the value of RESPECT and what it

Seb and Katy all doing their best efforts for their teachers in the pool. Glenda also enjoyed her time in the pool which was made accessible to her with the aid of a special pool wheelchair. We are all looking forward to continuing our fun swimming program and all our other great stuff at school.

Monday is Art Day

Students have commenced their weekly art sessions in the Art Room. All the class groups have had the choice of three to four favourite activities at each session. Activities have included play dough (for younger students), clay, painting and drawing with oil pastels, textas or crayons. All students are using tools such as plastic cutters and rollers and wood and wire clay tools. They all are being encouraged to manage their own paints, water and brushes and to organise the drying and storing of their work.



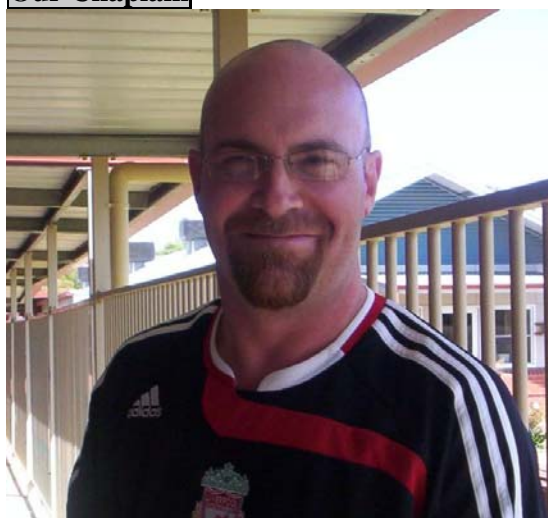
It has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm in their approach to their paintings, drawings and models. We have had a great start to the year and plan now to display our work under our class groups on the windows of the Art Room.

The first winner of the weekly Art Award is Kaylah, who did an excellent job of assisting in organizing the art room for the start of the year. Kaylah was assisted by Joanne Stevenson and Elly Sherman. Thanks for all the help girls!

Art smocks and shirts.

It would be appreciated if parents could supply a shirt/smock for their child to use in their Monday sessions. Could these items be named as they will be sent home weekly to be washed and then returned to school every Monday. Thanks to the parents who already do this.

Our Chaplain



I'd like to introduce myself: my name's Graham Jewell and I've just begun working at the school as Chaplain. I am here to help care for and support your children, you as parents, and the staff here. I work on Monday and Wednesday each week, and am funded by the generosity of the old Howard government!

The role of Chaplain is a new one for me, as well as working in a Specialist school environment, and so there's been a lot for me to learn over the past few weeks. But it has been a very enjoyable experience! Over the past few weeks I have spent a lot of time with different rooms, and I have been thrilled to see the way the kids work so hard; look after each other so thoughtfully; their discipline; and the passion of the teachers and aides.

As Chaplain, I am available for your children and for you to chat to. I am here to help with relationship issues, or if your children are not happy at home. If there are issues with your child's behaviour or if there's been a death of someone close. Maybe your child is about to face major surgery. I am also here to help people who want to explore the spiritual area of life.

You can phone me for a chat on, or I'd hope you'd come and introduce yourself when you're at the school – I'm the bald one, as you can see in the photo! It doesn't have to be something major: often it's the little things in life that cause us greatest stress! Chatting about things normally helps. I am here to help you as well as your children!

Looking forward to catching up with you soon, Graham

Grow "n" Glow Canteen

Cost for a healthy lunch will be \$4.00.

Swan Hill Junior Soccer League



Registrations for Swan Hill Junior Soccer League competition open on 21st February

and close on 13th March 2008. No late entries accepted.

All players who are interested in playing must register and if they are new to the association they must also provide a photocopy of their birth certificate. Registrations need to be signed by either a parent or guardian.

Players will be able to register between 4.30 - 7.00 pm at the Harrison Sporting Ground clubrooms with the following playing fees also required at the time of registering.

\$90.00 1st child \$80.00 2nd child
\$70.00 3rd and subsequent child/ren from the same family.

Enquiries to Kylie Bailey – Registration Officer 5037 6962

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being called for this year's School Council.

Nomination forms are available from the general office and should be completed and returned to school by 4.00pm on Friday the 29th February

We ask you to please consider joining School Council and play a part in key decision making which helps to shape the direction of our school. No experience is required, just an interest in the education of your children and other children attending our school. Parent members provide School Council with a parent perspective. Any parent who takes an active interest in their child's education has the knowledge to fill this role.

The commitment is not huge - just one meeting per month (2nd Tuesday of each month) of approximately 1 ½ hours. The role is most satisfying as councillors get to see their ideas put into practice and have a positive impact on students, teachers and parents in our school community.

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**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: \$ _____

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**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: _____