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| Wednesday                        | School Banking                                                                                                                             |
|                                  | Swimming Program<br>Room 1 & 2 -----3 <sup>rd</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> March<br>Room 3 & 4 -----18 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Mondays & Thursdays              | Active After School ---3pm- 4.30pm (After school)                                                                                          |
| Thursdays                        | NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK                                                                                                                       |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> February        | Sunnies for Sight Day-Gold Coin Donation<br>Nominations close- School Council Elections                                                    |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March    | Labour Day Holiday- NO SCHOOL                                                                                                              |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March | Welcome Morning Tea                                                                                                                        |
| Thursday March 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Swimming Carnival- Nyah Pool                                                                                                               |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March    | Raffle ticket due back                                                                                                                     |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March | Parents Club 12pm Murray Downs                                                                                                             |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March  | Last Day- Term 1 -Early Finish (2.00pm)                                                                                                    |

### **Principal's Report**

With 1<sup>st</sup> term being so short, there are only 3 weeks until the 1<sup>st</sup> break. As you can read above though, March has a number of events including a Morning Tea on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March for all families, new and returning and our Swimming Sports on the 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Jim Crawford a consultant for providing Behaviour Management Programs is visiting our school for the next 2 days. Jim has extensive experience over many years especially for students with autism and will be providing staff with numerous strategies covering both individual and whole school approaches. Jim will return in Terms 2, 3 & 4 for additional workshops with staff. His approach is to observe classrooms and to follow up with practical suggestions. He is also working with some families.

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be undertaken in May. Students with disabilities in past years have been exempted from these assessments. In 2008 parents are advised to discuss with the school whether or not their child should

undertake the NAPLAN tests. Generally these tests are considered to be impractical for students with a disability as they do not provide valid information.

*Graeme*

### **Parents Club Report**

#### Meeting

Next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Murray Downs at 12:00

#### Easter Raffle

Parents Club will again be running the Easter Raffle and again we are asking each family to donate Easter egg for the prizes. Donations of eggs can be sent into the office from now on. Thanks.

The raffle tickets will be going out with next week's newsletter.

#### Morning Tea

A welcome morning tea for our new families will be held at the school on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. The morning tea is to give our new families the chance to meet other parents.

All of our new parents and families are invited to attend.

Pauline Wynne  
Secretary

**You Can Do It**  
**Section One**

Rian is our Section One You Can Do It award winner for this week. Rian received his award for his excellence in both reading and writing.  
Great work, Rian. Keep it up.

**Section Two**

Jesse is our Section Two You Can Do It award winner for this week. Jesse received his award for his excellent school work in the classroom.  
Congratulations, Jesse.

**No Canteen  
Tomorrow**

**Section Three**

Joanne is our Section Three You Can Do It award winner.

Joanne received her award for her excellence in the classroom. Joanne is working extremely hard with her VCAL studies.

Keep it up, Joanne. Well done.

**Before School**

Bill has done it again.

Bill has pulled his own name out of the box for the third week in a row.

Congratulations, Bill. You must have been doing all of the right things to have your name in the box enough times to be able to achieve that feat. Well done.

## **Healthy Value**

This makes it 3 out of 4 weeks that Connor has received the Healthy Value Award. Connor is working very hard and has shown excellence in his reading, writing and being a role model to others. Keep it up, Connor. Great effort.

## **PE Award**

Congratulations to Chris. Chris is this week's PE award winner because of his terrific attitude in swimming program. Excellent, Chris. Keep it up.

## **Room 5 News**

Room 5 is working extremely hard with the students continuing to be our hard working volunteer crew. The Room 5 students are again on the 'Meals-on-wheels' roster and they complete

the taping and mailing of the Talking Guardian every week of the school year. On top of this Room 5 also look after the towel contract that the school has with a local hairdresser.

Students were also working very hard on the class work and over the past couple weeks have also managed to fit in a swimming program at the Leisure Centre, which everyone enjoyed.

The shopping program has also started with the students cooking on Wednesday.

As part of their LOTE studies the students have cooked crepes as the country that they are looking at is France. The students have looked at place of interest and important landmarks in France.



Yesterday, Room 5 visited Caffrey's Farm to see how the fruit fresh from the trees made it to market. The student watched the fruit being washed, graded and then packed as part of their tour of the farm. Our students were shocked to learn that all the excess fruit was feed to the goats.

The students are also looking forward to the Open Water Program at Kangaroo Lake.

### **KIDS ONSIDE**

- *Getting our children to play Soccer.*

We are really excited that Swan Hill Soccer Club has approached our school to invite your child to play Soccer in the Saturday Competition which commences on April 12th.

Most of our students would be very capable to join in with this competition and it would benefit them in terms of health, fitness, skills and socialisation.

Yesterday our PE Teacher Virginia Allen met with Delia Baber who runs Mallee Sports Assembly, Sue Fox who organises the Swan Hill Soccer Competition and 3 parents- Di Wright, Del Rain & Pauline Wynne to target interested students into the program.

There will be an information sheet attached to next week's newsletter which will outline what is involved, the cost and how to register.

Please seriously consider this sporting opportunity for your child.

To support this Soccer Competition all the students in Advanced Sport will be doing Soccer for the first 6 weeks of next term.

Virginia Allen

### **Sunnies for Sight Day**

*Don't forget that this Friday is Sunnies for Sight day.*

Each year our senior students are involved in a number of different fundraisers. We feel that although it is very important to fundraise for our school it is equally important for our students to help those less fortunate than themselves.

As part of her studies Amy Harris is organising and running the Sunnies for Sight day fundraiser this Friday.

To achieve this Amy was require to access the internet to gain the details of this years event and then to register the school.

Amy has also been very busy advertising the day through Monday morning assembly's and by organising a colouring competition that will be drawn on Friday, Sunnies Day.

Amy has asked students wearing sunnies on Friday to donate a gold coin to raise money for the eye care of under privileged children.

### **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.

### **Grow "n" Glow Canteen**

There will be NO CANTEEN this week because the Canteen Team are involved in the Open Water Program at Kangaroo Lake. Next week's canteen will be the last for the team as we have our swimming carnival the following week.

**VCAL Catering**

Rob Gargano from Carers Support Services  
Bendigo Plus Delia Baber from Mallee  
Sports Assembly  
RSVP ASAP for numbers  
Thanks,  
Pauline Wynne  
Group Leader  
5030 2156

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!!

**Murray to Moyne**

As part of their VCAL studies our senior students, catering team catered for the Loddon Mallee Special Schools Principals meeting here at school last week. And of course once again our students impressed. Well done, team.



Dear Members,

Next Swan Hill Parents Support Group Meeting is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March At 7.00pm for dinner At the Carriages Restaurant, Campbell St, Swan Hill

Agenda

Special Guest:-

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**Therapy Pool Program**

I am interested in assisting with the Therapy Pool Program in Term 2 on

Please circle the day or times that suit.

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| MONDAYS-   | 10-11am | 11.30-12.30pm | 1.30-2.30pm |
| TUESDAYS   | 10-11am | 11.30-12.30pm | 1.30-2.30pm |
| WEDNESDAYS | 10-11am | 11.30-12.30pm | 1.30-2.30pm |
| THURSDAYS  | 10-11am | 11.30-12.30pm | 1.30-2.30pm |
| FRIDAYS    | 10-11am | 11.30-12.30pm | 1.30-2.30pm |

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Thank you for your reply  
Virginia Allen