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Wednesday	School Banking
	Swimming Program Room 1 & 2 ----- 3 rd -14 th March
Mondays & Thursdays	Active After School ---3pm- 4.30pm (After school)
Thursdays	CANTEEN THIS WEEK Fried Rice and Fruit Bars
Monday 10 th March	Labour Day Holiday- NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 11 th March	School Council Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 12 th March	Welcome Morning Tea
Thursday March 13 th	Swimming Carnival- Nyah Pool
Thursday March 13 th	Book Club Order are due Back At School
Friday 14 th March	Raffle tickets Due Back
Wednesday 19 th March	Parents Club 12 noon - Murray Downs
Thursday 20 th March	Last Day- Term 1 -Early Finish (2.00pm)

Principal's Report

I look forward to meeting all new families and of course our returning parents at the Parents Club Welcome Morning Tea at 10.30am on Wednesday, March 12th. This will be an opportunity for all parents to visit the school.

Parents might be interested is taking a look inside The Guardian today as our school was featured as part of the 'You and Your Child' series of adverts. The feature highlights many special programs that our school offers.

Nominations are now closed for this year's School Council. There was no need to conduct a vote as nominations equalled the number of vacancies. School Councillors for the current year are Dianne Wright, John Ritchie, Daryl Neil, Janet Jolliffe (DEECD), Annie Edgerton (DEECD) Karen Ilsley (re-elected) and Lynne Burns (elected). Congratulations to newly elected Parent Representative Lynne Burns and to Karen Ilsley for being re-elected to School Council.

Graeme

School Captains 2008

Last Friday, School Captains and the Leadership Team for 2008 were decided. All students in Rooms 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 voted. We would like to congratulate the following:

School Captains:

Josh W and Kyrsty H

Vice-Captains: Joanne S, Rebecca H & Josh C

Peer Support Leader: Amy H

Team Members:

Brian H, Amelia D

Team Technician:

Kaleb J

Leadership Team:

Max J, Brendan P, Jai C, Ellyse S, Kaylah G

Senior Students:

Amy R, Jayden A, Stephanie F, Michael G.

**BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE BACK BY
THURSDAY MARCH 13TH**

Grow “n” Glow Canteen

CANTEEN this week

Menu

Fried Rice, Fruit Bars, Popcorn or Scroggin.

Cost for a healthy lunch will be \$4.00.

Parents Club Report

Meeting

Next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 19th March at Murray Downs at 12:00 noon.

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 12th 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

Natasha was the Section One winner this week for her fantastic reading and writing skills

Section Two

Zane won the Section Two You Can Do It Award for showing great courage in swimming.

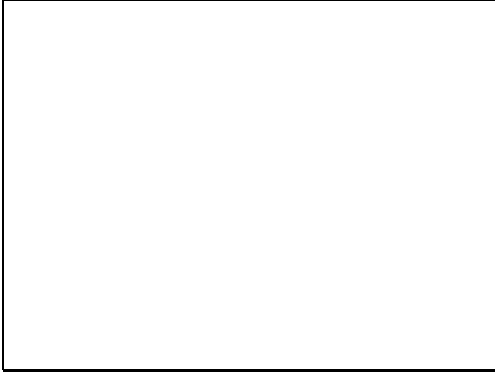
Section Three

Amy’s great working in communicating with fellow students won her the You Can Do It Section Three Award for this week.

Before School

Destiny was the winner of the Before School Award.

Music



Mary was this week's winner of the Music Award for showing enthusiasm during music and enjoying the sessions.

PE Award

Brooke was the PE Award this week for her fine efforts in PE.

Room 6&7 News

The VCAL Students have been extremely busy over the past few weeks. Hospitality and Auto have commenced at the Swan Hill College and Conservation and Land Management is well under way. Our Catering Team catered for the Special School Principals meeting two weeks ago. The students have already completed our swimming program.

The School Captains and Leadership team were decided last week. Community Access students have listened to a talk from Ally Collyer from Consumer Affairs and have started to visit places of interest in the community.

Max J has begun his work experience with a local mechanic as part of his Individual Learning Plan and Amy Harris organized Sunnies for Sight day as part of her Personal Development Module.



Room 6 and 7 have also celebrated Amy Rockstroh's 18th birthday by lunching at Murray Downs.

Our VCAL students are also working on their e-portfolios, an electronic record of their VCAL Studies. To complete these portfolios the students are required to create PowerPoints for modules being studied and hyperlink them to their personal profiles. Most of the students have already completed their first Community Access PowerPoint.

All of the senior students have completed their swimming program and are looking forward to the swimming carnival out at Nyah.



Open Water

Last Thursday students from Room 3 through 7 took part in the Royal Life Saving Society's Open Water Program. Our students learnt several different survival techniques that could save their lives in open water. Students also discussed the different types of dangers that they may encounter in and around open water.



Although the weather was not that great and the water was freezing all of our students enjoyed the day and the activities offer by the Life Saving Society.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting of the Swan Hill Specialist School Council will be held on Tuesday 11th March commencing at 6.00pm at the school.



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

Agenda:

Special Guest:-

Rob Gargano from Carers Support Services Bendigo plus Delia Baber from Mallee Sports Assembly

RSVP ASAP for numbers

Thanks,

Pauline Wynne

Group Leader

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PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!!

Murray to Moyne

On the 8th March and the 22nd March Debbie Lahy and her cycling team are running two street stalls from the main street kiosk.

The funds that they raise from the Murray to Moyne Bike Ride will be donated to the Swan Hill Specialist School.

Last year Deb and her team raised approximately \$5000.00 for us.

Debbie has asked us to assist with items to be sold at the stalls. If you are able to cook a cake or two it would be very much appreciated. If you live out of town and are unable to get to the stall to deliver goods they can be sent into school on the Friday and we will get them to the stall for you.

Please help Debbie help us!

SWIMMING SPORTS Thursday March 13th 2008
at the Nyah Heated Outdoor Pool.

We would like to invite all parents, carers and friends to our Annual School Swimming Carnival next week at the Nyah Outdoor Pool. It has always been a terrific day in the past with all of our students enjoying the friendly competition and being involved in a whole school carnival. **Fitness, Water Safety, Participation and Fun** is our main emphasis and we wish all the students good luck in their events. Many of our students have made great progress in their swimming confidence and stroke technique over the duration of the swimming program and this will be on show today.

- The first event is at 10.20am.
- Students need to be at the pool by 10.05am
- There is a BBQ lunch, icy pole and drink available for \$4.00 (please return the BBQ slip attached)
- Please indicate whether you will be taking your child to or from the sports in your own car so we can organise buses.

Virginia Allen
PE Teacher

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I would like to order _____ BBQ lunch/es for the swimming sports on
Thursday March 13th.

I enclose _____ (at \$4.00 per person per lunch).

Please tick the appropriate box:

My child will require transportation to and from the sports.

I will be collecting my child at the end of the day only.
(they will require transport in the morning)

I will be taking my child to the sports at the start of the day only.
(they will require transport home at the end of the day)

NAME: _____

KIDS ONSIDE



Engaging children and young people with a disability, particularly those with an intellectual disability, in community football.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Kids Onside will provide children and young people with a disability, particularly those with an intellectual disability, with the opportunity to access football (soccer) through mainstream clubs. The target group is boys and girls, between the ages of eight and thirteen years old.

Kids Onside is not just a sports program. It is a holistic health strategy, addressing physical health, nutrition, family support, social well being, mental health, and more. The program supports participants and their families in an inclusive, friendly and encouraging environment, where everybody has the right to engage in physical activity and community involvement.

Please attend information and registration session Tuesday 11th March; 2:30pm at Swan Hill Specialist School. For more information please contact Sue Fox – Soccer Coordinator: 0419535641

PLEASE NOTE: A Parent or Guardian needs to register child and a copy of birth certificate is required for registration.

Cost: 1st child is \$90.00, 2nd child is \$80, 3rd is \$70.00

Looking forward to meeting you at the information and registration session.

Yours sincerely

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