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Monday/Thursday	Active After School Program Starts the first week of May
Wednesday	School Banking
Thursdays	CANTEEN
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Curriculum Day - No school for students
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Open Day

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Welcome back to Term 2 to all our students and their families.

An extra special welcome to a new teacher with Mrs Debra Farley commencing full time. Mrs Farley replaces Mrs Davies who has relocated from the area. We also have Jacqui Taylor and Cheryl Goggin working 2 days each week assisting with programs that will be operating across the school.

Other staff changes for Term 2 includes Ms Isma who will be taking Long Service Leave each Monday & Tuesday with Mrs Parsons replacing Ms Isma on those days.

The Therapy Pool program commences next Monday and we are still looking for volunteers to assist. No special requirements except for the love of water and a commitment to a regular allocated hour session each week.

Many thanks to the Swan Hill Rotary Club who volunteered to clean our Community Farm/Garden. Approximately 30 members spent an hour last Thursday weeding the bike path and garden beds.

Our Open Day will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May with all class and school programs operating. As well we will be providing evaluation forms so that every visitor to the school has the opportunity to say what we do well or not so well at the Specialist School.

*Graeme*

### **Room 3 News**

Room 3 students completed a busy Term 1 with many Easter activities taking place. The students made Easter baskets for their chocolates which were produced with assistance from Mrs Truelove. Biscuits were decorated with icing and lollies, with assistance from Mrs Parsons, Vonda and Mrs Hammond.

Everyone returned to school refreshed after the holidays and are pleased to be back. Term 2 promises to be a busy time with lunch cooking and shopping commencing this week.

Shaniah, Jorja and Lochie eagerly awaited the recommencement of the RDA program. Jorja and Brent will be participating in the therapy swimming program in our new pool.

LOTE commenced on Tuesday and the country of study for this Term is Italy. The students will be involved in many different activities such as mapping, cooking, counting, drawing the flag

and recognition of some famous Italian landmarks.

This term, Mrs Parsons will be working in Room 3 on Mondays and Tuesdays whilst Ms Isma will teach on Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays.

### **Parents Club Report**

Due to Di heading off to Melbourne next week we have decided to bring forward our meeting. It will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>, 11.00am at the school.

Catering. We have a catering job coming up on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE. We need people to help on the day, plus people to make the following:- slices, party pies, sausage rolls, mini quiches, pizza slices or any other hot finger food. It will be for 20 people each day, so not a huge amount needed. Please contact either myself on 5030 2156 or Anne in the office as to who can help.

Many thanks to everyone who helped and donated items for the street stall held during the holidays.

Many thanks also to everyone who donated eggs etc for the Easter Raffle. I hope the winners enjoyed their treat.

Pauline Wynne  
Secretary

### **Footy Tipping**

There were a grand total of 172 entries into the Parents Club footy tipping competition. After three rounds, almost half are still in. There are people who have gone for the same team each week. Others have always picked a home side. Some are keeping to a pattern. A few have been totally random, going for a different team each

week. One has constantly gone for the team playing Melbourne every round- will they make it all the way to the finals?

The safest option (so far) has been to simply go for Geelong, and a few people have selected them every week for the season. Over half of the people still in picked Geelong in round three. A few have been very brave (?) enough to go against them.

Out of all the winners in round one, only three had the courage to pick Richmond. And sensibly, none of them dared to do that again in round two! Collingwood going down to Brisbane in round two cost a lot of people their chances.

Geelong, Collingwood and Freo (yep, they're playing the Tigers this week) have most of the support this week, although the selections are far and wide. How many will survive into round four? Where will the upsets be? Will your pick win? Look for the update next week!

### **Fundraising**

Thank you to the Senior Students who helped at the street stall on Easter Saturday morning.

We sold fruit, vegetables, cakes, raffle tickets and gifts. The money that we raised went to the Special Swans bike riders, who rode in the Murray to Moyne bike ride. They gave the money that they raised to our school to buy the hoist for the Therapy Pool.

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

Vegetarian Penne and Fruit Kebabs.  
\$4.00

## **You Can Do It Awards**

### **Section One Award**

Congratulations to Mary Ann G on receiving the Section One You Can Do It Award for this week. Mary Ann received her award for her confidence in using her voice in the classroom.

Well done, Mary Ann.

### **Section Two Award**

Kaitlyn W is our Section Two Award winner. Kaitlyn received her award because of her confidence in the classroom. Well done, Kaitlyn. Keep it up.

## **Section Three Award**

Amy H is our Section Three, You Can Do It Award winner for this week. Amy received her award for her fantastic peer support. Great to see, Amy. Keep up the great work.

### **Healthy Value Award**

Amy H is starring again. Amy received the last Healthy Value award and now she has received the Section Award and the Healthy Value award. What a star! Amy received her tickets in the Healthy Value award for her role model behaviour and for her assistance in the classroom with chores such as the dishes and clean-up. Well done, Amy.

**Swan Hill Specialist School Community**  
**Farm/ Garden**



Thank you to the Green Corp Trainees for their help with our community garden.  
On Monday we gave them a certificate and a pen because it was their last day. Since January they have made pathways and a 'Mandalla Garden.' This week some of our students will start working in their class vegetable plots.  
report by Kyrsty H.



Dear members,

Next Swan Hill Parent Support Group  
Meeting is on  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
At 7.00pm for dinner  
At the Royal Hotel, Kerang.  
Agenda  
Just a night out with friends  
RSVP ASAP for numbers

Thanks  
Pauline Wynne  
Group Leader  
5030 2156  
Meet at McDonald car park at 6.15 to car pool to  
Kerang

**Mallee ALPS**

Yesterday the senior students who are studying Conservation and Land Management went to Emmetts to find out more about tractors. Every Tuesday seven of our students and seven MacKillop College students work on their certificate outcomes as part of this program. These students work on different projects in the community eg revegetating land, re-establishing a nursery and landscaping.

The students chose the name Mallee ALPS (Applied Learning Projects) for their name. Yesterday they all wore their new high visibility work shirts which has the Mallee ALPS logo embroidered on it.

**.....SCHOOL BAGS.....**

*Reminders that back packs with school logo are still available for sale @ \$26.00 per bag.  
Contact the office if you would like to purchase one.*

**Cross Country**

This year's cross country will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May following a similar format to last year. Parents and friends are invited to come along and support their children.  
A \$4.00 lunch of soup, salad roll and icy pole will follow the run.