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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
29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents Club Catering 2 more helpers need from 10am to approx 1pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Raffle tickets and money due back
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Stall at school
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Raffle Draw Mothers Day Stall at school Welcome Morning Tea 10.30am at school
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Open Day Parents Club

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April, the school will be affected by teachers taking stop work action. Teaching members of the Australian Education Union are stopping work as a result of no agreement being reached with the Victorian Government for a Certified Agreement covering class sizes, work load and pay rates. A letter will be sent home tomorrow indicating classes that will be affected by the stop work action.

*Graeme*

### **Room 4 News**

We have had a great start to the new term with lots of exciting changes in our classroom programs and our students seem to be settling in to class routines well.

We welcome along Michelle to our class and school. She has moved from WA to Kerang recently and has already made wonderful friends in our class.

This term we will be Learning about 'Jobs and Work' as our theme and also finding out about caring for our 'Healthy River Murray'. Our LOTE studies this term will see us exploring the

home of pizza, gondolas and a leaning tower. Italy.

Programs and events our class will participate in this term include:

Movie Making with Sue O looks like being a lot of fun and I look forward to seeing our students finished presentations.

Kahootz will be running this term with our very own Tash taking the students through the enjoyment of this IT program.

Animation is another program that has commenced this term. Anne Guest will lead this program that has our students working with model characters to develop stories around them.

Cooking Program will again be happening this term. Already we have enjoyed fish and chips as

Brooke's selection with Garath's choice of tacos proving to be popular.

PE this term will centre on our cross country run to be held in early May. The Huff-n-Puff exercise sessions are really enjoyed by the students as are Advance Sports and Bike Ed by those who participate.

With all these great things happening in Room 4 it's no wonder I'm excited. Regards Mr. Mac

### **Parents Club Report**

The next Parents Club meeting will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10am at school.

#### Catering

Many thanks to the parents and staff who have offered help with the food for our catering on the 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> April. We still need 2 more people to assist with food preparation at Di Wright's house on both days from 10am to approximately 1pm. Please let me or the school know if you can help. Our Mothers Day raffle tickets are attached to this newsletter and will be due back on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> ready for the draw on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. The prize for our raffle is a \$50.00 meal voucher from the Peppercorn on Campbell Restaurant and a bottle of wine.

The Senior students will be running our Mother's Day Stall for us on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> and Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May. So please encourage your children to bring in some money on these days so that they can purchase a mothers day gift at the stall.

The welcome morning tea is to be held at school on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30. Please remember that this morning tea is open to both current and new families and is a casual morning giving families a chance to meet and greet.

Pauline Wynne,  
Secretary.



37 people remain in the competition after round four of the AFL season. 46 people went out this round, mainly due to shock losses to Freo (backed by 18 people) and Collingwood (picked by 11). Two people had the foresight that Carlton would choose this huge match to break their drought. The three people with the courage to go for the Dees (were you one of them, Mr Mac?) are now regretting it.

Geelong once again were the favourites for the round, with fifteen backers. The Kangas were big too, with 10 supporters, but maybe that was because they were playing Melbourne. Although Richmond were big winners, not one single person picked them!

And not one single person is going for Richmond in round five either! Almost half those left in the comp are going for Geelong this round, although there are two brave people who have gone for Sydney. Even without Bid Bad Bazza, it could be a close game. St Kilda are the other heavily backed team this round. There is still one lone supporter of the Demons left, and this round only one for the Kangaroos.

Where will the big upsets be this round? The cats surely have to lose some time- or do they?

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

Vegetarian Penne and Fruit Kebabs.  
\$4.00

### **.....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.*

## **You Can Do It Awards**

### **Section One Award**

Congratulations to Blake R on receiving the Section One, You Can Do It award for this week. Blake received his award for 'the respect that he shows to his peers and teachers'. Well done, Blake.

### **Section Two Award**

Zane T is our Section Two, You Can Do It Award winner for this week. Zane received his award for 'showing respect to students and staff in Room 3'. Keep up the good work, Zane.

## **Section Three Award**

Our Section Three, You Can Do It Award winner is Amelia D. Amelia received her award for 'showing respect to students and staff'. Congratulations, Amelia.

### **NAPLAN**

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.

### **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.

### **Healthy Value Award**

Elijah L is our Healthy Value award winner this week.  
Elijah received tickets in the draw for his cutting with scissors in the classroom and for finishing all his work.  
Well done, Elijah.

### **Sports Award**

Aarron L is the Sports Award winner this week.  
Aarron always participates in all activities both in advanced sport and Huff 'n' Puff and is working very hard at cross country training.  
Well done, Aarron.

### **Before School Award**

Aarron L, who received the Sport Award, has also received the Before School Award.  
Aarron always sets a wonderful example to the younger students in the room in the mornings.  
Fantastic, Aarron. Keep it up.

### **Art Award**

Congratulations to Justin G on receiving the Art Award for the week.  
Justin really enjoys art and also works hard in Art classes.  
Well done, Justin.

## **Music Award**

Natasha M is this week's Music award winner. Natasha received her award for 'excellent work in music, singing and dancing and always having a go'. Keep up the great work, Natasha.

## **Chaplain's Spot**

It has been really good to meet many of you over the past few weeks, especially at the big swimming carnival last term. What an amazing day that was, and such perfect weather too. I enjoyed being able to put some faces to names to faces.

The question I'm being asked a lot about is my accent. I was born and raised in England, coming out to Oz in 1987, and I have never been back since! My wife is Australian, and I have 3 children: two sons and a daughter. The oldest is now in year 11- which is impossible to believe- and the youngest is in his last year of Primary school.

I have spent the past few years working in churches, which means I am constantly meeting lots of different people. It's great spending time with older folk, younger children, and families. For the past seven years, I have run a local playgroup, which always helps me to remember that I am glad my own kids have grown up! But I do love their enthusiasm and energy for life.

That's a little bit about me. I hope to meet more of you around the place soon.

Graham Jewell  
Chaplain

## **Mothers Day Stall**

### *Swan Hill Specialist School Mothers Day Stall Price List*

<i>Body Lotion &amp; Body Was \$7.00</i>
<i>Body Lotion &amp; Self Tan \$7.00</i>
<i>Sanctuary Spa &amp; Pot Pourri \$5.00</i>
<i>Pantene Sets \$5.00</i>
<i>Sanctuary Spa Body Lotion &amp; Hydrating Cleanser \$4.00</i>
<i>Pot Pourri \$3.00</i>
<i>Soaps \$2.50</i>

Our Senior students will man the Mothers Day stall and all students will be able to access the stall on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Lake Charm Camp**

On the last week of Term 1, some students went to Lake Charm Camp. We left school at 10.00am. When we got there we put up our tents. On Monday night we went to Kerang to play Ten Pin Bowls and we met Bianca. On Tuesday we went canoeing, bike riding and sailing. For lunch we had salad rolls. They were yummy! After lunch we went swimming it was cold and wet and we won't forget Mrs Waterson who fell in, On Wednesday we went to the Pioneer Settlement to have a ride on the Pyap. After lunch we went back to school.

Report by Rebecca H.

To: Old and New Families

The Swan Hill Specialist  
School Parents Club would  
like to invite you to attend a  
welcome morning tea on  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at  
10.30am.

This is an informal gathering  
giving us a chance to get to  
know some of our new  
families and welcome them to  
the school.

Please RSVP to Anne at  
School on 5032 3683.

Looking forward to meeting  
you.

Dianne Wright  
Pauline Wynne  
President  
Secretary

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March Krysty, Josh, Joanne, Kaylah, Jai, Kaleb, Ellyse, Amelia, Mrs E, Mrs Waterson and Tash all went to Lake Charm. We had to set up our tents. It was really hot. After we set up our tents we went to have lunch. While we were eating lunch, Kaylah and I met my friend Leanne. After lunch Rob talked to us all about what we were going to be doing over the three days. After that we went swimming and Mrs Waterson fell over in the water. After tea we went Ten Pin Bowling.

On Thursday we went canoeing, bike riding sailing and relaxing. Mrs E splash Ellyse and me. Not cool, Mrs E.

Overall the camp was heaps of fun and we made heaps of friends.

Thanks to all the people from Swan Hill College, Lynall Hall, MacKillop College and the Swan Hill Specialist School who were involved with the camp. We had so much fun mixing with others. Thanks to all the teachers from all the schools too.

Report by Kyrsty H.

**Attached to this newsletter**  
**ANZAC DAY Badges 20 cents**  
**Raffle Tickets for the Mothers Day**  
**Raffle**