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Monday/Thursday	Active After School Program- Starts the first week of May
Wednesday	School Banking
Thursdays	CANTEEN
Friday 25 th April	ANZAC Day
Monday 28 th April	Curriculum Day - No school for students
29 th -30 th April	Parents Club Catering 10am to approx 1pm
Wednesday 7 th May	Cross Country 12noon start Mother's Day Raffle tickets and money due back
Thursday 8 th May	Mother's Day Stall at school
Friday 9 th May	Mother's Day Raffle Draw Mothers Day Stall at school Welcome Morning Tea 10.30am at school
Wednesday 21 st May	Open Day Parents Club- 10am at school

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The School has been supported by a Federal Government initiative to assist families living in drought affected areas. The money is allocated to sustainable practices which mean we will be able to offer Canteen meals at a reduced cost for remainder of 2008. The cost for canteen lunches will now be \$2. Vegetable seedlings will also be purchased and sown for each classroom in our community garden and produce grown provided for each rooms weekly cooking programs.

We welcomed Woorinen PS grade 3-6 students to our school today. Both schools attended a theatre production "The Water Pollution Fairy" at Swan Hill PS before returning for a bbq lunch provided by the senior students. After lunch both schools combined for activities on our school oval.

Graeme

Grow "n" Glow Canteen

Chow Mien and Fruit.
\$4.00

Room 5 News

Room 5 can again report a very busy time with the ongoing community service programmes as well as their normal class programmes. They are also having a fantastic time with Bike Ed. Aarron L especially likes the fact that they can ride on the road.

Destiny is thoroughly enjoying the Math and handwriting sessions, while Tess finds the journal writing and cooking sessions a lot of fun.

Parents Club Report

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

Catering

Just a reminder to those who have offered help with the catering on the 29th and 30th that food can be left at the school.

Mother's Day Raffle

Our Mothers Day raffle tickets went home with last week's newsletter and will be due back on Wednesday 7th ready for the draw on Friday 9th May. The prize for our raffle is a \$50.00 meal voucher from the Peppercorn on Campbell Restaurant and a bottle of wine.

Mother's Day Stall

The Senior students will be running our Mother's Day Stall for us on Thurs 8th and Fri 9th 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.

Welcome Morning Tea

The welcome morning tea is to be held at school on Friday, 9th 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.

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.

When Dan W was asked "What was the best thing that is happening in Room 5 at the moment?", his answer was, "Mrs Simmonds, she is the best teacher".

Bianca is enjoying the Puff 'n' Puff sessions.

All students are also learning how to make movies using their own photos in Movie Making. The students are using the computer programme, Movie Maker and are adding text and music to their movies.

Room 5 found time to celebrate Jesse's 14th birthday.

Yes the cake not only looked yum, it was YUM! Perhaps the biggest or should we say loudest news out of Room 5 is that Room 5 has created its own band. They have called themselves "B Sharps". Sama and Meagan are on the keyboard while the rest of the class are playing guitars. They are currently learning to play 'Smoke on the Water'.

We are all looking forward to hearing 'B Sharps playing their first gig.

Cross Country

Wednesday, May 7th

12noon start

Followed by:- soup

salad roll

icy pole

fruit

\$4.00

Order form attached to this newsletter.

Parents and friends are invited to walk, run or watch and can order their lunch on their child's order form.

Please help make the day a big success by participating

Mrs Allen.

Mothers Day Stall

Mothers Day Stall Price List

<i>Body Lotion & Body Wash \$7.00</i>
<i>Body Lotion & Self Tan \$7.00</i>
<i>Sanctuary Spa & Pot Pourri \$5.00</i>
<i>Pantene Sets \$5.00</i>
<i>Sanctuary Spa Body Lotion & 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 8th and 9th May.

Music

THANKYOU

Muso's Stuff
where your music matters

Muso's Stuff has supplied the music department with guitars, stands, recorders and all other 'musical supplies'. It was especially fantastic to have a guitar donated to the students at the specialist school on Friday.

Enormous thanks goes to Stuart Holt for the guitar, that is pictured with Brian H, Elly S & Bec H.

ANZAC DAY Badges

20 cents

**Please remember to send
in your 20 cent donation.**

**Raffle Tickets for the
Mothers Day Raffle**



Round 5

We only lost eight people this round, out of the 37 left in the comp. Sheree Sullivan went for Melbourne and John Webb had the courage to back Sydney against Geelong. Must have seemed like a good idea at the time! Daryl McLouhhtar, Chelsea King, Fred Bryan and Ashlee Jenkins were all disappointed by Hawthorn's victory up at the Gabba. Whereas Marlene Myers and Tracy Roberts backed Collingwood on Saturday night and came up short.

Aaron Jenkins is still in though, and he's a rare breed, because he's gone for Richmond next round! Jess Blank, Trevor King, Gordon Parsons and Pauline Wynne have taken the safer option of barracking for their opponents, the Hawks. Darren Scott, Matt Ilsley and Erin Webb have picked Collingwood in the big ANZAC Day game. Surprisingly, there is no-one for Essendon! Destiny Kempfen is the only person to pick Port Adelaide and Ruth Mowat the only person for St Kilda. One of them will be disappointed.

Jacqui Jenkins and Nicole Lindsay have pinned their hopes on the Kangas. There are no supporters of Sydney left. Wayne Roberts and Rodney Stevenson have picked Adelaide over Carlton, who are on their hottest run for years. Ali Webb is the lone person to have gone for the Doggies over West Coast. A good pick, I reckon. That leaves five people who have their confidence in a Lions win over Melbourne, and you'd think that they are pretty safe there. And surely even safer are the nine people – that's a quarter of the people left in this comp - who think Geelong will win over Freo. What an upset that would be, maybe the biggest since the 1958 Grand Final. We'll see what happens.

Gannawarra Shire Council

Disability Programs

The Gannawarra Shire Council run several programs for children, youth and young adults with disabilities. These include swimming, school holiday and Ten Pin bowling programmes.

Clients are required to determine eligibility and special needs for each child and referral maybe required.

The council runs a bus service running from two pick up points these being the Aged & Disability Services Office 49 Victoria St Kerang and Senior Citizens Club Rooms Bus Shelter, Market St Cohuna. Town clients will be dropped off at their homes. Parents/Carers are to meet the clients when dropped off.

Swimming Program

Held at the Echuca Aquatic Centre, a fully trained swimming instructor and life guards are on duty for the duration of the program.

Held once a month on Friday evenings.

Bus service available. Bus returns at approx 10 pm. Clients dropped at homes or to the drop off points. Parents/carer must meet clients.

After swimming clients and carers enjoy Maccas or KFC.

Cost

\$3.00 for bus

\$2.40 for pool entry

Money for tea

School Holiday Program

Held each Thursday of the school holidays except January.

Bus Service is available

Activities prices are advised as soon as the program is organised and all prices are at concession rates.

Cost \$3.00 for the bus.

activities prices may vary

Lunch Money

Ten Pin Bowling

Held third Friday of month at Bowling Alley, Kerang

Bus service available

4.30 pm- approx 7.30pm

Cost

\$3.00 contribution towards lanes, shoes and finger food tea costs.

Please contact Carol Wandin, Gannawarra Shire, Ph 5450 9333, for further information.

Welcome Morning Tea

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 9th 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
President

Pauline Wynne
Secretary



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Cross Country

7th May

12noon start

All Welcome

Lunch Order Form

Student's Name: _____ Room No: _____

Parent/friends are welcome to join us for lunch.

Number of lunch orders required _____

Cost \$4.00 per serve

Lunch includes:-

Soup

Salad Roll

Icy Pole

Fruit

Amount Enclosed:- _____