



Swan Reach Area School Newsletter



TERM 1

WEEK 7

14th MARCH 2018

On Tuesday 20th March school will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Please note buses will be at stops earlier for drop off in the afternoon.

Sports Day **Friday 16th March**

Students have been practising for the big event this Friday.

Come along dressed in your team colours and show your support.

Red for Kangaroos and blue for Eagles. Parents and Friends will be catering on the day so you are guaranteed a great feed.

Menu and price list is included in this newsletter. If you are able to volunteer sometime to help in the canteen, please make contact with one of the committee members. It's going to be a great day.

We hope to see you all there!



SWAN REACH AREA SCHOOL

Principal: John Robertson

SWAN REACH & AREA KINDERGARTEN

Director: Caitlin Waechter



INTEGRITY - CARE - RESPECT - SUCCESS - PARTICIPATION

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - John Robertson

Hello Swan Reach,

Thank you to our committed staff for your dedication in planning and supporting learning activities to ensure the best outcomes for our students. World renowned educational researcher, Professor John Hattie, has proved that the collective self efficacy of teachers and increasing their expertise, is the number one key in providing a world-class education. This year, staff will be participating in on-going professional learning involving our site's priorities of Literacy, Numeracy and Wellbeing. Without it, staff cannot up skill and achieve maximum growth for ALL learners. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we engage with this learning. It means some extra relief teacher days for our students. Swan Reach staff aren't just teachers but facilitators of learning and, importantly, co-learners.

3 WAY CONFERENCES

Staff are increasing their time this year, to provide you with the important opportunity to discuss your child's learning in a new and exciting format. The three-way conferences involve parents, carers and teachers supporting our students. Together, we'll work as a team to deeply discuss your child's learning achievements with them, and how they are tracking against state and national standards. We will be using an application called 'Education Dashboard' to look closely at your child's data in NAPLAN, PAT-M & PAT-R, running records and attendance. These will be used alongside classroom data to set up specific goals for your child. The data will be used to form an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) for every child. We are looking forward to sharing this new and exciting opportunity with you, as learning should not be a secret. Book in and share with us this exciting process to raise your child's learning outcomes. If you are unavailable to meet in the scheduled times, call us and arrange a more suitable time.

Reminder that there will be an early finish on Tuesday 20th March at 2:30 p.m.

AMALGAMATION UPDATE

The fence is now ready to allow us to open up the kindy gates near the year 12 room once we officially amalgamate next term. It provides crucial safety for our youngest learners (and all) from possible car park dangers. Our original idea to set up a permanent Kindy / Reception / Grade 1, Early Learning Centre (ELC) is not possible this year due to national laws dictating Kindy learning environments compared to state ones for R-12. However, we will build an ELC community where the Kindy children, Receptions and Year 1s will engage in some learning activities together. Planning for this will occur in week 9 and we'll keep you informed of updates. Meanwhile we are arranging for the interior of the ELC building to be repainted to an antique white. Also the door to the playgroup room will be widened and fitted with a new glass door.

SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE—TUESDAY 20th MARCH

The upcoming power outage for the Swan Reach area on the 20th March will only affect the site for about 15 minutes. **School will operate as normal.**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED

INFORMATION SHARING UPDATES

As we do our best to keep you informed about changes, we also appreciate your input keeping us informed on things such as new addresses, telephone numbers, and issues affecting your children's learning and care. Thank you for keeping us in touch, as ultimately your child's wellbeing depends on it.



STUDENT FREE DAY INFORMATION

Last Friday, during the student free day, the secondary teaching team delved deeply into the reading demands required by, and placed on, our secondary students. It was professional development run by the Learning Improvement Division staff from Adelaide. They guided us in deep conversations that highlighted our need to ensure that all subject teachers, teach and share the reading demands needed specifically by their subjects, topics and content.

Meanwhile, the primary team attended a partnership professional learning at Waikerie Primary School. It continued their development on learning design and moderation, a process that connects explicit planning for students success. They began this work last year that involves developing units of work or specific lessons to give students clarity about how to achieve an A, B or C grade, particularly in Maths and Science. They are now connected with a Network Learning team and will continue with more professional learning on this throughout the year.

MID MURRAY FAMILY CONNECTIONS (MMFC) SURVEY

The name is quite literal. The MMFC teams are about promoting connections with families and their communities, to raise wellbeing outcomes specifically for our 0-8 year olds. Thank you to Kristie Castle for her active engagement and enthusiasm in co-facilitating our 'Central' team. Please take time to respond to the survey included with this newsletter and return it to our school office for her to collect. The survey seeks your knowledge and input into what types of FREE community activities for families would interest you and what blocks families attendance from such functions. Alternatively, you can complete the survey online using the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T5JNFLK>



Communication

Parents and care givers are reminded to notify the front office if your child/children are not attending school or if alternative travel arrangements are being made.

Please do not text message the teacher only, as teachers occasionally attend conferences and seminars to maintain their professional standards and may not be able to forward information to relevant people in a timely manner. Also please update your contact details with the front office if they have changed since the start of this year. Thank you.

8570 2053 or 0439 833 424



STUDY SMARTER
Techniques for Studying **SMARTER**, Not **HARDER**

Week 7 of Term 1 is already upon us!! Success in tests and exams begins now!!

–you have to start study before tea time otherwise you’re motivated by guilt and it doesn’t work

–memory thrives on **organisation** – so you have to spend 10 minutes each night organising your notes – and you have to use symbols and colour to do this because it reinforces the power of your memory

–Schedule two or three 15 minute study sessions **per week** for each subject with tests and exams.

Keeping our kids safe online.

The year 6 –12 students were fortunate to be part of a presentation on cyber bullying and safety from Berri Police personnel.

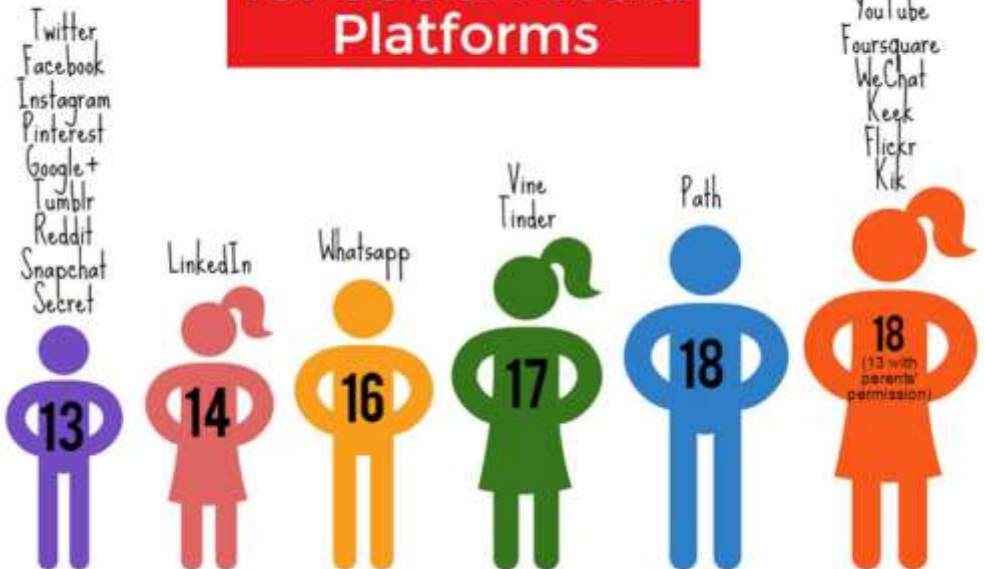
Please take the time to read the next few pages in this newsletter, It contains useful information about age restrictions and safety tips regarding social media and the internet.

Do you REALLY know what your kids are doing online?
Should they be using these Apps?



Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

action for children





Get in the know
– research the 'terms of use' and age requirements on social media services and explain them to your child.



Keep it private
– show your child how to use privacy settings to control what others can see.



Play nice
– encourage your child to respect others online and to always think before posting.

Should my child be on social media?

Parents can sometimes feel the pressure of pester power to allow their children on social media, even if they don't feel comfortable doing so.

While these services are a fun way to stay connected with others, there can be downsides like cyberbullying, risks to privacy and contact from strangers.

If you allow your child to sign up to a social media service, consider these handy tips.



Report
– show your child how to report inappropriate content, especially cyberbullying.



Beware of bad eggs
– teach your child that not everyone they meet online can be trusted, even if they seem nice or friendly.



Join in
– create an account yourself and find out what your child is likely to encounter.



Talk
– maintain open communication with your child so they feel safe talking to you about any concerns.



Learn more
– keep up to date with popular social media sites at esafety.gov.au/quickguide

7 WAYS

parents can manage web connected devices in the home



ALMOST
1 in 3

teens are accessing the internet between 10pm and midnight

[Aussie teens & kids online >](#)

1



39%

of teens use a tablet to go online

[Parental controls for tablets >](#)

Parental control tools are available for Apple's iOS & Android.

Playstation, Xbox, Wii and Steam have parental controls.

2



47%

of teens play games online

[Games & parental controls >](#)

3



64%

of teens stream video on YouTube & TV

[Streaming services settings >](#)

YouTube and YouTube Kids have a **safety mode**. YouTube Red offers ad-free videos. Netflix and Stan offer **age-based settings**.

Microsoft Windows and Apple's MAC OSX offer family restrictions and monitoring.

4



74%

of teens use a computer to go online

[Use safety settings >](#)

5



78%

of teens research and browse on the internet

[Tips on searching safely >](#)

Safe search settings are available for Google Safe Search, Google Chrome and Yahoo7.

Telstra Mobile Protect, Vodafone Guardian, Apple iOS and Android have **safety options**.

6



80%

use a smart phone

[Smart phone parental controls >](#)

Parental controls can keep kids safe on many screens

Telstra provides **parental control tools** and homework time blackouts. Optus and Vodafone provide guidance on tools.

7



86%

have home broadband access

[See parental controls >](#)

THEY CAN

- ✓ Block sexually explicit sites
- ✓ Set screen time limits
- ✓ Block in-app purchases
- ✓ Block numbers and SMS
- ✓ Allow or block websites
- ✓ Restrict chat features
- ✓ Allow parental monitoring



REMEMBER

No parental control is 100% fail safe. Keep children's trust by using these tools openly at home

[More safeguards for parents >](#)

Parents & Friends Corner

Sport's Day Roster 2018

Set Up	Deb Webster	Liz Haby	Lindy Glinz		
10am -11am	Skye Nelson	Liz Woodgate			
11am -12pm	Shona Haby	Claire Durant	Kristy Castle		
LUNCH PREPARATION FROM 11:30am SERVICE FROM 12pm					
12pm – 1pm LUNCH	Liz Woodgate	Skye Nelson	Liz Haby	Deb Webster	Needs to be filled
1 – 2 Canteen	Nicole Werner	Leonie McNeil			
Pack Up	Deb Webster	Liz Haby	Alison Eggers		
BBQ COOKING FROM 11am					
BBQ from 11:00am	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled			

Parents and Friends Committee

parents & friends



President
Alison Eggers 0429 786 002
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Vice President
Debbie Webster

Secretary
Liz Haby 0409 675 886
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Treasurer Liz Woodgate

Next Meeting

Thursday 3rd May
9am
in the school library

Canteen Price List

Lunch - available from 12 noon

Ham and Coleslaw Roll	\$4.00
Sausage in Hot Dog Roll with your choice of	
onion/sauce	\$2.50
Coleslaw	\$4.00

Ice Blocks \Ice Creams

Moosies Chocolate/Strawberry	\$1.00
Icy Poles Lemonade	\$1.00
Zooper Doopers	\$0.50
Juiceys 100% Juice Slicks Tropical / Wild Berry	\$1.50

Drinks

600ml Water	\$1.00
Fruit Boxes	\$1.00
Soft Drinks	\$2.00
Coke Zero/Pepsi Max / Solo / Lemonade/ Sunkist / Pasito	
Tea and Coffee	\$1.00



SWAN REACH AREA SCHOOL

We are collecting the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers.

Please send in your vouchers or drop them in the collection box located in the front office
Thanks for your support!



Call into the library to see the great range of school and local produce available for sale.

Swan Reach

L U T H E R A N
community care



“TOP OF THE TOWN OP SHOP”

NEW TRADING HOURS

STARTING APRIL 2018

OPEN: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

OPEN: SAT 10am-1pm

CLOSED: SUNDAY

TOP OF THE TOWN OP SHOP

“EASTER TRADING”

CLOSED: GOOD FRIDAY

OPEN: SAT 10AM-4PM

CLOSED: SUNDAY

OPEN: MON 10AM-4PM

24 Anzac Avenue. Swan Reach. Ph 08 85702211 during trading hours.

Sale

END OF SUMMER SALE

EVERY THING ½ PRICE

FROM MARCH 14-28

“TOP OF THE TOWN
OP SHOP”

on now

Swan Reach
Lutheran Church



Swan Reach Lutheran Church would like to invite all children from reception to year 5 to their after school Kids Club program.

The program includes an afternoon snack, a Bible story, songs and an activity.

Our next session will be held on
Friday 6th April

3:15pm to 4:30pm
Cost is \$1 per child.

For more information contact
Taryn Grieger 8570 2377
Kristy Castle 0438 857 721



Junior Youth
invite you to come and see

Joe's Boy

Easter Story on the big screen.

Friday 23 March 2018

From 7:15pm

For pre movie nibbles and Easter Display
at the

Swan Reach Lutheran Church.

7.45pm Movie

(Running time 100 minutes)

"Follow the story of Jesus, over 30 years,
through the eyes of those who knew him".

A play created and performed by members of
The "Little Town" team, Loxton.



Entry: a gold shekel
(gold coin donation)
Supper to follow

PURNONG DISTRICT HALL

TRASH & TREASURE

EASTER SATURDAY

MARCH 31st 2018

8.30am start

Egg & Bacon Sandwich

Sausage Sizzle

Steak Sandwich

Licensed Bar

Sellers: \$10 site

Sellers from 7.00am

Contact Sue: 0457 357 333 to book a site.

Bookings essential for inside the hall.

All proceeds go to repair
and renovation of the hall.

Murray Mallee
Auto Club Car Display

DOG WASH

COFFEE VAN

RAFFLES

This will be
the first
event for
our Town
Crier

Junior Youth

For students in years 6 -9

When: Friday 13th April
2:30pm - 4:00pm

Where: Swan Reach
Lutheran Church Hall

Cost: \$1

Come along for an afternoon
of board game fun.

For further details
Phone

Caitlin Waechter
0438 860 349

or

Taryn Grieger
0427 702 377

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk 7	12th Adelaide Cup Day	13th	14th Newsletter	15th	16th SRAS SPORTS DAY
Wk 8	19th 3 way conference	20th 3 way conference Early dismissal 2:30pm	21st 3 way conference	22nd	23rd SAPSASA Swimming Junior Youth
Wk 9	26th	27th	28th Newsletter CMASSA Athletics	29th Year 12 Art Trip	30th Good Friday
Wk 10	2nd April Easter Monday	3rd Year 8/9 Cave Excursion	4th	5th	6th SSSSA Athletics Kids Club

Up coming events

Monday 9th April 7pm Governing Council meeting
 Friday 13th April End of term 1
 Thursday 3rd May Parents and Friends Meeting 9am in the Library
 Monday 14th May School Photos

MID MURRAY IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

10.30am - 11.00am

at the Swan Reach Area School/Community Library

3rd Tuesday of each month except December.

FREE Pneumococcal Vaccination is available for infants up to 2 years

Please book through the Cambrai Council office on 8564 6020

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