Swan Reach Area School

Newsletter

TERM 2   WEEK 9   29th JUNE 2016

Thursday 7th July
Double Denim Casual Day
Supporting Jeans for Genes
Gold coin donation

Friday 8th July
Last day Term 2
Whole School Assembly 1:30pm
Early Dismissal 2:15 pm

Year 10 and 11
Mock Interview Students

SWAN REACH AREA SCHOOL
Principal: John Robertson

SWAN REACH & AREA KINDERGARTEN
Director: Jess Schwarz

INTEGRITY - CARE - RESPECT - SUCCESS - PARTICIPATION
Hello Swan Reach,

Recently, I received a number of positive, encouraging and pleasing remarks from community members and visiting staff about our students and our school’s ethos. Several relief teachers commented about how terrific our students are and how the school has a great ‘feel’. They remarked how our students are polite and friendly. One member of the community shared his deep appreciation about how some of our senior students helped him and his family in a time of real need—Congratulations students and keep up the fantastic attitude and care.

THANKYOU
It seems early to be thanking Mrs Oosthuizen for her time and dedication with the 3 / 4 class, however there is no newsletter next week for us to publicly thank her. So thanks Mrs O (as the students call her) for taking care of the 3 / 4s education and wellbeing this term. We also extend our gratitude to Mrs Richardson for her teaching with the year 8/9 class and some year 10 art lessons, much appreciated.

PARENTS IN EDUCATION
Come and join playgroup parents next Wednesday, 6th July at 10am for the inaugural ‘Parents’ Voice’ meeting. The aim of the meeting is to establish protocols and agendas for future meetings. There will be a crèche available to provide professional care for your child while you are able to share ideas and concerns involved with parenting. I will be facilitating the first part of the session and am eager to connect our parents with regional support and experts around parenting issues that affect our community. Jane Barnett, a social worker from the Mid Murray Council will join us and help guide the 2nd hour of the session. See you there!

BAKARA BUS
For your information, all seats on the Bakara bus run are allocated. Therefore, if you wish for your child to use access this run, please check with the school prior to the day for possible vacancies.

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY
Our year 11 cohort will be hosting this term’s assembly. You are warmly invited to join us next Friday at 1:30pm in the gym to listen to our musicians and share in term highlights and presentations before an early dismissal at 2:15pm
ATTENDANCE

It is one of our continuing priorities to address issues of attendance amongst students. We understand that this may be due to unavoidable reasons, including illness or family holidays, that cannot be taken at any other time of the year.

However, irrespective of the cause, research shows that students who are absent for more than 10 days per year are disadvantaged both educationally and socially. We have a growing number of children in this 10 day or more category. Parents and Carers of children in this category need to be aware that such time out of school will have some detrimental effect on his/her education.

Some of the effects experienced by these students may include:
- Gaps in knowledge and understanding resulting in missing basic concepts.
- Lack of continuity and familiarity resulting in them feeling less secure within the school environment.
- The loss of opportunities for play activities which improve social/emotional and cognitive development.
- Missing out on learning important basics such as class rules and behaviour norms.
- Belief that punctuality and attendance are not important.
- Inability to maintain friendships resulting in isolation, bullying or teasing.
- Increased likelihood of leaving school early.

You can keep track of the number of absent days by calling the office or checking out the record your child/ren’s report. If concerned, please contact staff at school who are happy to assist in this matter.
Primary report

We hosted a fundraising dinner at Nildottie Hall on Friday of week 7. It was a fantastic night. Thank you very much to all the families and students who supported the event and to the community members who dedicated their time. Special thanks to Tracey Gierke and Sam Poole for organising and running the event.

Also thanks to all the parents and students who supported the sausage sizzle last Friday. Special thanks to P&F for donating sausages and bread: Hayley and Clinton Griffiths for donating sliced onions.

!!REMINDER!!

The note for the camp been sent home last week. Please bring the slip by the end of this term. Thank you!!

Primary Sub School Coordinator
It was great to see so many parents attend our Primary Assembly on Tuesday. The students really love to see their parents' faces in the crowd and are proud to show all their hard work. Well done to all award winners.
Recently our open girls badminton team travelled to Thomas Moore College in Adelaide where they competed against Thomas Moore and Our Lady of Sacred Heart. They came up against some stiff competition from Our Lady of Sacred Heart, however were dominant against Thomas Moore College. All of our girls improved as the day went on and will be better for the experience. The boys competed separately to the girls this year and were at Oakbank for their competition. They came up against some extremely stiff competition from Oakbank Area School and Heathfield High, with a number of players from both schools having previously competed at state level. It was a good experience for our boys to witness first-hand the level of skill required to reach that level. Both teams represented our school positively and never gave up.

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We love to hear about what our students are doing outside of school. Please feel free to share any stories, achievements, news or photos by contacting Mrs Poole at school or email your news to sam.poole708@schools.sa.edu.au
In my maths lessons I have been focusing on time and money. As part of my course I had to plan an outing. For my outing I decided to go out for lunch and see a movie. When planning the outing I had to do a budget to work out how much money I would need. Things I needed to consider were, what the movie tickets would cost, what I would eat and the cost of the food. I had to find out what time movies were showing and where. Mrs Poole and I ended up going to the Reading Cinema at Elizabeth to see Alice Through the Looking Glass and having lunch at Café Aqua. I used Google maps to work out how far we had to travel and what time we needed to leave. Overall I feel that I now use money and time more confidently, I had a great day out and I was under budget so I could then do some shopping.
Girls in Sport

Kira has been selected for her second year to represent the u13 Girls State Soccer Team. Kira will be a part of the 2016 National Youth Championships which is held in Coffs Harbour from the 3rd July to the 9th July.

Elise has been selected in the SAPSASA State Team to play in Victoria in August.
Well done to both girls on your selection and dedication to your sport. Great effort by the Mums and Dads also, it means a lot of driving to make these opportunities possible.
On May 13th 2016, the “Australian Institute of Building” held its annual awards night at the Adelaide Wine Centre. Ryan Grieger was awarded the Florence M. Taylor Medal & Certificate for top Apprentice from the trades of Carpentry & Joinery, Bricklaying & Solid Plastering, who has completed the Certificate III in any of these trades with TAFE SA.

Earlier in April Ryan was also awarded “Apprentice of the Year for Carpentry” at the 2016 Building & Construction Awards, held at the Tonsley TAFE SA Campus Adelaide.

Ryan who turns 21 this year, has been doing his apprenticeship with BJ & VL Duldig (general builders) and will complete his 4th year of his apprenticeship this year. His work has taken him from as far as Venus Bay down to Encounter Bay, as well as locally in all facets of building from pouring slabs, through to roofing, 2nd fix, cabinetry, etc.

As well as Trade School, Ryan has been studying his Certificate IV in Building and Construction with Masters Builders SA in Adelaide, which will assist him in obtaining his Supervisors License.

Ryan also competed in the World Skills Australia - Adelaide Region Competition which was conducted through TAFE SA back in September 2015. Here Ryan won Gold for Carpentry and will now compete in the National WorldSkills Competition which will be held in October this year at Melbourne.
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME?

There are many benefits your child will gain from arriving on time to school and class.

Did you know?

- The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to strong participation in school programs which is linked to arriving on time.
- It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school.

Some Gains for Your Child

Arriving On Time for School and Class:

- Makes sure that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert.
- Early morning learning activity is often reading or writing your child can lose so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills.
- Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment.
- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.
- Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset other children.
- Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS COOL!
HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME?

Are these some reasons why your child does not get to school on time?

- Your child won’t go to bed at night or get out of bed in the morning
- Your child can’t find their clothes, books, homework, school bag....
- The school lunches are not ready
- Homework’s not done
- Your child is slow to eat breakfast
- Your child is watching TV late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
- It’s your child’s or someone else’s birthday
- There is a test or presentation at school today
- Your child is screaming or not letting go of you.

Things to Try

Here are some suggestions based on setting regular routines:

- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have a set time to be out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Make lunches the night before
- Have set time for starting and ending breakfast.
- Set a time each day for homework. Try straight after school with the TV off so your child can relax for the rest of the night and have a reward when finished.
- Turn the TV on for set times and only if appropriate.
- Be firm that children must go to school.
- Give your child lots of positive encouragement and acknowledge they are organised and get to school on time.
- Be firm; a birthday does not equal a holiday.
- On arrival look for some of your child’s friends and encourage your child to go and play with their friends.
- Once settled leave quickly.

REGULAR ROUTINES ARE IMPORTANT
Doing Maths like a Mathematician

On Thursday 16th June, three of our Year 10 students (Cameron, Kyle and Simone) had the opportunity of attending an interesting Seminar at Adelaide University called “Doing Maths like a Mathematician”. This programme was organised by the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Mathematical and Statistical Frontiers (ACEMS). Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to see how a mathematician thinks about and solves a variety of challenging problems in a number of different contexts – the kinds of complex problems which students wouldn’t ordinarily encounter in a classroom situation. Those students who attended were challenged and stimulated. They learnt a lot in a short space of time and so did their teacher. Many thanks to those parents and students who got up so early (we left Swan Reach at 6.30 am) to make this rewarding experience possible.

Mr. Tun

We went to Adelaide for a maths seminar called “Doing Maths like a mathematician” with Anthony Harradine. For the questions that we were given we had to think “Beyond All Doubts”. It gave us a chance to think a lot differently than we would normally, and learn other ways to look at problems. It was a good learning opportunity for us as it broadened our imagination.

Simone, Kyle & Cameron
Thank you to everyone that attend and donated at the Biggest morning tea recently. $345.20 was raised for this great cause.

Undoukai Japanese Sports Day

Friday 5th August
Part of the Japanese Exchange
Helpers are needed on the day to cook the BBQ and serve

Menu
Sausage & Onion $2.00
Hamburger, onion, tomato & lettuce sandwich $3.00
Lamington $2.00
No ordering required
If you can help please contact Sam on 0439 380 809 or via the SRAS P & F Facebook page

Everyone welcome to attend
Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan
How you can have your say

Mid Murray Council is preparing a plan to guide the future development and management of open space, key recreation facilities and public realm. We invite you to be involved to help us understand community needs, issues and opportunities.

1. Attend a Planning Session:
   - Keyneton: Monday 4th July, 7-9pm
     Keyneton Soldiers Memorial Hall
   - Truro: Tuesday 5th July, 7-9pm
     Truro Oval Club Facility
   - Swan Reach: Monday 11th July, 7-9pm
     Swan Reach Town Hall
   - Morgan: Tuesday 12th July, 7-9pm
     Morgan Institute

   - Cambrai: Monday 18th July, 7-9pm
     Cambrai Sports Club Inc.
   - Mannum: Tuesday 19th July, 7-9pm
     Barn Conference Centre
   - Palmer: Monday 25th July, 7-9pm
     Collier Park Oval Hall

   Please RSVP to postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au or phone (08) 8364 6020

2. Complete an online survey at:
   www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au

3. Write to Council:
   Postal: PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238
   Email: postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Swan Reach Senior Citizens Group

Invite you to attend an information Morning on
Monday 4th of July 2016
Swan Reach Town Hall at 10am

Guest speaker Deborah Bluntish will be presenting information about the services and help that is available to Seniors, and how to get started.

How My Aged Care can help you include some of the following;

Help at home; How services are delivered; Domestic help;
Transport Counselling and support; Personal care; Multi-Purpose Services for small rural and remote communities; After-hospital care (transition care); Home maintenance and modifications; plus more

Meeting will start at 10am, guest speaker at 11am
Everyone is welcome to attend.
Swan Reach Christian

Women’s Group

Invites you to a Luncheon
At 11am, Tuesday 9th August
At the Swan Reach Lutheran Church Hall
To promote the 2016
Bible Society project
“Bibles for South Africa”
Donations towards this project can be made on the day.
Please RSVP by 30th July
Taryn Grieger 8570 2377
Josie Whyte 8570 2225
Nolene Zadow 8540 139
All Welcome

Saturday 1st October, 10am – 1pm
“Come to the Party”
With LeReve, Tupperware, Nutrimetics,
Postie Fashions, Fifth Avenue Jewelry and Handmade Jewelry
At Swan Reach Women’s Rest Rooms
Victoria St Swan Reach
Community Notices

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The Purnong District Hall
Would like to invite you to dinner.

We are hosting a dinner for “the longest table” to raise funds for cancer research. After the success of last year’s event we are going to host the dinner again.

A three course dinner, tea and coffee will be provided.

Cost: We ask that you make a donation for the three course meal (envelopes will be provided at every table). We will also be having a silent auction, door prize and games on the night, so bring plenty of change.

BYO alcohol and soft drink.

Place: Purnong District Hall
Date: Saturday 23rd July
Time: Doors open 6 pm, meals start at 6:30 pm.

Bookings essential for catering purposes, seats are limited
R.S.V.P. Saturday 9th July
Contact Joyce – 0438231215

Please come join us for a great evening and together lets #FORKCANCER.
Playgroup Dates

Term 2 July 6
Term 3 July 27 August 10, 17, 24, September 7, 14, 28
Term 4 October 19 November 2, 9, 16, 30 December 4
For more information contact Kristy Castle 0438 857 721

SA Spring Garden Festival
-MT PLEASANT-

Many quality plant stalls & all things garden related such as garden furniture & decor, ornaments & sculptures! Guest Speakers!

When: Sat. Sept. 17, 2016
Where: MT Pleasant Showgrounds
Time: 9AM - 4PM

gold coin donation entry fee - stallholder enquiries welcome - 0418 301 121
RD 1 of the Riverland Championships.

**When:** 16th -17th July Day 1, Racing from 10am
Day 2, Racing from 9am

**Where:** 3777 Murraylands Rd Blanchetown

**Scrutineering:** Day 1, from 7am till 9am
Day 2, from 7am till 8am
Gates open from 6:30am
All enquiries please contact
Angela on: 0428269760

**PLEASE NOTE:**
AIDKA rules apply – No fires,
No smoking & No alcohol in the pits.

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Blanchetown Dirt Kart
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10.30am - 11.00am

at the **Swan Reach Area School/Community Library**

3rd Tuesday of each month except December.

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