Thursday 10th Casual Day Christmas Theme Gold Coin donation. Slushies will be on sale for .50cents Proceeds go to the Pinery Bushfire Appeal.
Friday 11th December Early dismissal 2:30pm
Please remember that the buses will be at your stop earlier than normal.

Congratulations to Kira Glinz winner of the WeMatter Logo Competition.

Presentation Night
What a great turn out to our end of year presentation. Well done to all the performers and award winners.
See you in 2016

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday break.

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SWAN REACH AREA SCHOOL
Principal: John Robertson

SWAN REACH & AREA KINDERGARTEN
Director: Jess Schwarz

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

Our schooling for 2015 is nearly done. When reflecting over the year, it is incredible to see the enormous amount of learning and teaching, supporting and facilitation that occurred. I would like to reiterate my and staff’s appreciation, from the recent presentation night, of all stakeholders efforts, for their role in making the year a successful one for our children. It takes a community to properly educate a child for Life Long Learning and success. I’m chuffed to be a part of a community that collaborates to provide the best opportunities and values for our children.

PRESENTATION EVENING
The presentation night was certainly a celebration of schooling achievement and success. There are many to thank for their commitment and time in ensuring it was highly organised and ran smoothly. Without the skills and services of Leanne Griffiths, Peter Jesser, and all our teaching and support staff, such an engaging evening would not be possible. Thank you.

2016 PLANNING
I received news this week that I will be principal for 2016. I am also able to announce that Peter Jesser is re-appointed as deputy principal.

Class configurations and staffing for next year are:
R-2  Mrs Horstmann
3/4  Mrs Wilksch
5/6  Mrs Bolt
7    contract teacher—unknown at present
8/9  Mr Martinson
10   Mr Cowland
11   Mr Tun
12   Mrs Brandon
We welcome back Mrs Endersby from maternity leave to recommence Japanese lessons

Middle School subject lesson allocations — To further improve success in Literacy and Numeracy, we have allocated 5 lessons per week to English and Maths for 2016. Other subjects such as PE & Health, The Arts and Science have been reduced to 3. The change is in within the suggested times stated in the Australian Curriculum subject guidelines.

Home Groups — We have altered home group times to one 20 minute session each morning. The rationale for this is to use the time to facilitate and explicitly teach Life Long Learning skills (Confidence, Organisation, Persistence, Getting Along and Resilience) and Growth Mind Set thinking habits. This innovation is integral to our WeMatter focus for promoting and raising student wellbeing.
Thank you to everyone who purchased a poppy for the 2015 Remembrance Day Appeal.
Swan Reach Area School raised $143.45 for the Appeal.

GROWTH MIND SET
The next tip for parents and educators from child psychologist, Andrew Fuller’s article, ‘From can’t do to can do’ is—Think of a time when it was hard.

We’ve all done things that at first seemed impossible. We’ve all struggled at times in our lives. Share some of those stories with your kids so they know that you have shared the same doubts as they have. Talk about times when you could have given up but you didn’t.

FAREWELL
We wish the following students and their families the very best at their future schooling communities and beyond. Thank you for your time with us and please visit us when you can.
- Our Year 12 cohort
- Jake Jenkins
- Kayne Jenkins
- Tyson Jenkins
- Courtney Kluge
- Kimmy Briggs
- Tayla Barker
- Heath Eggers
- Patrick Eggers
- Alec Parsons

We also farewell Governing Council members, Mark Grieger, Pastor Malcolm and Kylie Briggs. Thanks for your dedicated service and contributions.

Finally we farewell (with the hope they return one day) staff members, Holly Cowland, Hollie Whitlock and Ally Mort. Their vibrant energy, friendly and professional manner certainly added to teaching and learning successes at SRAS.

A blessed and special Christmas to all.

Kind Regards
John Robertson
Wishing you sparkle,
Wishing you cheer.
For a bright
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
From everyone at the Swan Reach Kindergarten
**Staff Profile**

Name: Terry Brandon  
Role at school: I teach the big kids English  
Footy Team: Go the Power!  
Favourite Food: Pork crackling  
Favourite Drink: Cider or green fizzy drink  
Hobbies: Relaxing or playing ‘Hey Day”  
Summer or Winter: Summer  
Something that annoys you? People who don’t take responsibility or their actions.  
Favourite Movie: Crash  
Favourite Chocolate bar: Peppermint Aero

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**Student Profile**

Name: Tessa  
Age: 9  
Year Level: 3  
Pets: Cats  
Favourite Food: Chocolate  
Favourite Drink: Chocolate milk  
Favourite Colour: Blue  
Favourite Ice cream: Chocolate  
Fruit or Vegetables: Vegetables  
Favourite TV Show: Regular Show  
What do you want for Christmas? A kitty toy

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Name: Ella  
Age: 8  
Year Level: 2  
Pets: Cat, dog, bird  
Favourite Food: Fairy floss  
Favourite Drink: Sunkist  
Favourite Colour: Purple  
Favourite Ice cream: Chocolate  
Fruit or Vegetables: Fruit  
Favourite TV Show: Regular Show  
What do you want for Christmas? DS
Swan Reach Area School
Japanese Exchange 2016

Expressions of interest are now being collected for the 2016 Japanese Exchange.

The exchange will take place in Term 3 over two weeks.

The cost will be approximately $3500 and is available to all students in Year 8 and above. For more information please contact the school.

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Japanese Exchange 2016

My child________________________is interested in visiting Japan in 2016

Parents Name_____________________Signed____________________

Please return slip to the front office

Congratulations to Cameron Horstmann on being selected in the Fleurieu North Region under 16 cricket team. Cameron is playing cricket this week in Adelaide in the SACA Country Cup. Good Luck Cameron!

Congratulations to Taylor Poole on being nominated as Captain of the Murray Bridge Swimming Club. Taylor and Kady have been swimming for Murray Bridge for two years. The girls train twice a week and compete on weekends at various pools across SA. They will be competing in the Country Championships to be held in Loxton in January. Good luck to both girls.

If you would like more information about the swimming club please contact the Poole family on 0400 636 369.

We love to hear about what our students are doing outside of school. Please feel free to share any stories, achievements, news or photos
Contact Mrs Poole at school.
It’s all about Christmas in the Primary Classes

Merry Christmas
Primary SCHOOL

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Year 3/4 Pen pals

Cyber Safety

Year 6 Graduation Dinner
On Monday 7th December Brooke Verran, Christy Verran, Hayley Carter, Monique Eggers, Simone Kluge, Taylor Poole, Jack Wiebrecht, Nicole Carter, Nathaniel Pillar, Marie Wiebrecht, Nakita Pillar and Mr Tun participated in the Austdrive Young Driver Awareness Program conducted by the Australian Driving Institute. Instructors, Cameron Wearing and Tom Brown presented two theory sessions at school and then took the drivers for two practical sessions on Pine Lea’s driveway. Positive feedback has been received from the participants and their parents on the value of the course and thanks go to the Mid Murray Council for providing some sponsorship that reduced the cost to the participants. Thanks also goes to Grant Ireland for giving permission to use the driveway at Pine Lea for the practical sessions – the instructors were most impressed with the venue.
Monarto Zoo Work Experience

Last week, I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to do a week’s work experience with Monarto Zoological Park. It wasn’t an easy feat to get there. I had to send in an application form in February to apply for my placement. I had to state why I wanted to go there, how it would benefit me in the future and why I would be best suited to do work experience with the zoo.

I met with all the keepers at 8 o’clock for their daily meetings. Through the week I was with all the different “rounds” and with different keepers every day. I did multiple tasks such as feeding and cleaning various animal enclosures, such as the native animals like the bettongs (which is similar to a very small wallaby), bilby’s, wallabies, Mallee fowl, Preswalski’s Horse, Zebra, White Rhino and cleaned Chimpanzee inside “dens” and inside enclosure. I got to feed the giraffe, and pat a cheetah.

The part I enjoyed most was feeding the giraffe and the other ungulate species. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

By Simone Kluge
Maths Conundrum

A car needs 1 minute 30 seconds to travel a distance of 1 kilometre. At this rate, how many kilometres will the car travel in 1 hour?

Solution is on the back page.

Any questions: feel free to contact Mr. Tun.

Community Notices

More information regarding these events please contact the groups directly or see the flyers in the Swan Reach Community Library.

SALE SALE SALE SALE

tOP of the Town 24 Anzac Ave Swan Reach
Everything 1/2 Price
From 7th Dec—21st December
For enquiries phone 0419 708 224
Open Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-4pm Sat 10am-1pm

FOR SALE

Six mixed coloured chickens for sale at point of lay.
$20 each. Phone Liz 0409675886

WANTED

Old Christmas and Birthday cards. Please drop them off to the library.
To the Swan Reach Community
Over many past years, the Blanchetown Bulletin has been putting out a fortnightly newsletter to any community members that wished to subscribe to it. The Morgan Matters has been putting out a monthly edition of the same type. We have decided to combine the two newsletters and include the community of Cadell and were hoping that Swan Reach would also like to be involved. Any community stories or events, businesses that would like to advertise etc are all welcome to join us in this new venture. For further information, please contact Lee-Anne Schubert at the Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre on (08) 8540 5453 or via email on lschubert@mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Come and see the Christmas Display at the Swan Reach Women's Rest Rooms
Victoria St Swan Reach
Vote for your favourite placemat.
Coloured in by the Kindy to Primary School Students.
And community table centrepiece
The craft room has many locally made gift ideas.
Open 10am-1pm
Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday

Christmas Gifts at affordable prices.
tOP of the town
Swan Reach
Call in at 24 Anzac Ave
Open Mon, Wed, Fri 10-4pm
Sat 10-1pm
Gifts are selling fast
Enquiries 0419 708 224
Piano Lessons

One of the greatest gifts my parents bestowed on me and my siblings when we were growing up were piano lessons. Our childhoods were so much the richer for being able to play music every day and not just the piano, for our foundations in piano lessons enabled us to quickly develop our abilities with a diversity of other instruments as we got older. The benefits of learning a musical instrument are unlimited:

- the power of music is well-known for enriching our imaginations and inner lives
- playing a musical instrument is a wonderful mode for expressing our emotions and personalities
- the discipline of music practice reap deeply rewarding achievements
- learning a musical instrument, especially the piano, is one of the few activities that involves the whole of the brain in the learning process and this creates an optimal state for children’s learning overall
- a solid foundation in music theory and knowledge equips young students to explore other musical instruments and styles with confidence

Piano lessons are available at Swan Reach Area School for $25 per half-hour lesson, with 10 lessons per term. If there are two or more students from a single family all enrolled in piano lessons, then lessons are $22.50 per child per half-hour lesson.

As each student progresses beyond the beginner stage, there is the opportunity to do piano exams through the AMEB organisation. These exams provide valuable experience in developing a repertoire, striving for goals and milestones, and cultivating self-confidence. There is also the possibility of performance opportunities for students as they become more advanced, as well as an annual end-of-year concert in which all piano students have the opportunity to perform for an audience of families and friends.

If you would like to organise piano lessons for your child or children, or if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email me at harrietbalfour@gmail.com or contact me on 0400 113 119.

Ms Geraldine Love
Piano Teacher
Swan Reach/Nildottie Youth & Kids Club

Carols on the Truck

Friday December 11th
From 6-8pm(approx)

We will be singing as we travel around Swan Reach (lolly or coin donations gratefully accepted)
Can all singers please meet at the church hall at 5:30pm
Please wear something green or red
Bring a water bottle, hat, sunscreen and snacks etc.
Any questions please phone
Taryn on 8570 2377

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Monday 1st February 2016
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**Maths Conundrum Solutions - Explained**

Find the number of 1.5 minute intervals in 1 hour.

The number of 1.5 minute intervals in 60 minutes is $\frac{60}{1.5} = 40$.
Since the car travels 1 kilometre in each of those 40 intervals, then the car travels 40 kilometres in one hour.

**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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**Swan Reach Community Library:**  Phone: 8570 2298