DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY
11  SRAS Swimming Carnival
16  R-5 Acquaintance Night
21  Governing Council AGM 8.00pm
23  CMASA Swimming at Loxton

MARCH
14  Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
17  SRAS Sports Day
23  R-5 Assembly

Occasional Care for children 2 years and over
Friday mornings 8.45am - 11.45am
Held in conjunction with the Kindergarten
For bookings, phone: 8570 2032  Wednesday or Friday

SWAN REACH PLAYGROUP
Tuesdays - 10.00am in the Kindy.
All children from birth to age 5 are most welcome.
Bring a piece of fruit to share.
Ring Trish - 8570 1080 - for more information.

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

Swan Reach Area School welcomes our new students
(back row) Christy Verran, Brooke Verran,
Amelinda Prior, Kayne Jenkins, Jake Jenkins,
Libby Rogers, Brooke Rogers
(front row) Alix Cundy, Kane Glinz, Tyson Jenkins.
**Welcome:** It’s always a hectic start to the year but especially so considering all of our new staff and students. If you see a new face introduce yourself it can be quite daunting to always be introducing yourself as the newbie!

**2010 Year 12 Students:** Congratulations to our year 12 students Kyle Coleman, Kahlia Grieger and Danielle Brown who were rewarded for their efforts by each receiving entry into their first preferred courses: Human Movement Studies, Physiotherapy and Nutrition & Dietetics.

**Site Improvement Plan:** This year the SRAS priorities for targeted improvement in 2011 are Literacy, Numeracy, Student Voice and Staff Growth. A copy of the Site Improvement Plan will be posted on the website in the coming weeks and will be given to each family with the 2010 Annual Report and Book of Reports ready for the Governing Council AGM in the next few weeks.

**Building Education Revolution:** During the holidays SRAS was a hive of activity with most rooms receiving some sort of renewal. Staff have worked very hard to ensure that classes were up and running, ready for day 1. However, the renovations are not complete and more patience will be required over the coming weeks as the final touches are put on the master piece! If you have any queries or concerns please let the school know.

**Hot Weather:** All buildings in the school are air conditioned and, during break times on very hot days, the class rooms will be open for students to sit in to avoid the heat. Also, sunscreen is available in each Subschool for staff and student use.

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**For Sale:** Toshiba L300 Laptop 15.4, 2 GHz Intel Dual Core Pentium Processor, 250 GB HDD, 4GB RAM, long battery life. Windows 7 Home Premium. As new, reset to Factory, excellent condition (still has 18 months warranty). $400.
Phone Carolyn Barker: 0418 861 990.

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**CALENDAR OF SPORTING EVENTS FOR TERM 1**

- **Friday 11th February** – Swan Reach Area School Swimming Carnival – 10.00am (Mini Sub Junior events commence at 12.30pm).
- **Wednesday 23rd February** – CMASSA swimming carnival at Loxton 10.00 am.
  (normal lessons at school for those students not competing at Loxton. Sub J Junior – Senior students selected to compete.)
- **Monday 28th February** – SSSSA Swimming Carnival – Adelaide Aquatics Centre 6.30 pm – selected secondary students from Swan Reach, East Murray and Mannum.
- **Thursday 17th March** – Swan Reach Area School Sports Day – 9.30 am.
- **Wednesday 30th March** – CMASSA Sports Day DATE AND VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED.
- **Monday 11th April** – SSSSA Athletics Carnival at Mile End – selected secondary students from Swan Reach, East Murray, Cambrai and Mannum.

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**SWAN REACH WOMEN’S REST ROOMS CRAFT ROOM**

Open Wednesdays, 10am to 2pm. Locally made gifts.
Anyone interested in selling handmade crafts or local produce, please contact
Josie: 8570 2249 or Taryn: 8570 2377
SWAN REACH COMMUNITY CENTRE
ROBERT TAYLOR HOUSE
Remedial Massage Practitioner, Ann Wilde,
will hold Wednesday Clinics.
For appointment - Phone 8568 1789 mobile 0438 894 431
Loss & Lifestyle Change Counsellor, Laura Wardleworth
Free consultations the 1st Wednesday of each month.
For appointments phone: (08) 8563 8544

Catastrophic Weather Days Reminder: In 2010 SRAS was “downgraded” to a low risk level. This means that on days where a Catastrophic Warning has been issued the school will still be open but buses will not run. Staff from outside the town are not allowed to travel to school and sports events will be cancelled. Staff living inside the town will provide Duty of Care at the school and hopefully learning will continue as normal.
Usually the school will receive notification at 4pm on the previous afternoon and inform families by telephone. Parents will need to make alternative arrangements for their children for that day.

Canteen Offerings: In 2010 the SRAS Canteen was brought into line with the Eat Well Be Active Guidelines. In 2011 we are going to extend this by increasing the healthy options available. This week students have been able to try some of the fruit that will be on offer as of next week for the remainder of Term 1. If you have fruit in quantities that you would like to donate to the school then please contact Jane in the library. We are aiming to provide the healthier snacks at the same or lower price than the alternatives. Wraps and dried fruits will also be on offer all year.

Governing Council and Parents & Friends: The Governing Council is a great opportunity for parents and community members to work with the school and have their say. It is not a cumbersome commitment and most report that it is enjoyable to see and hear what is going on in the school. If you would like to nominate for a position please complete the form that is attached to this newsletter. If you are unsure why not come to the Governing Council AGM on February 21st at 8.00pm and have a listen? Alternatively the Parents and Friends AGM is this Friday in the Library at 10am, this group primarily raise funds for special projects and help with other programs around the school.
**Front Entrance:** This year SRAS celebrates its 50th anniversary. As part of the celebrations, the Doorways to Construction team will be renovating the front entrance of the school in Term 2 in readiness for the celebrations on October 21/22nd. We would like ideas from the public as to what you think the entrance should look like. A flyer will be given to each family and posted around Swan Reach in the coming weeks, take note and let the ideas fly!

**Swimming Carnival:** The SRAS Swimming Carnival will be held next Friday 11th February at the school pool. Parents and Community members are welcome to attend and cheer on the students. After the carnival at approx 4.30pm there will be a BBQ held at the school. Attendees are asked to bring meat, chairs and a salad to share.

**School Captain, Student Representative Council and House Captain Induction:** The Student Leader induction ceremony will be held before the Swimming Carnival next Friday 11th February at 9.30am in the gym. Leadership and advocacy are important parts of student development as citizens in their community. Parents and Community members are welcome to attend this event also.

Have a great fortnight

Kylie Eggers
Principal

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**Please note:**
Calculators can be purchased from the school at a cost of $20 each. Whilst the school does have calculators for students to borrow, it is advisable that students from Year 9 upwards purchase their own.

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Japanese – Hiro Yamamoto
Science – Phumsit Apiwattanakom
Pastoral Care – Hiro Yamamoto & Amelia Bolt
Extension Studies (Term 1) – Leigh Martinson, Greg Griffiths, Graeme Buchan & Amelia Bolt

I ask that parents regularly check their child/ren’s diary and correspondence folder for important notes. There will be many sent home throughout the year and it makes life easier when these are read and/or returned in a prompt manner. Students are expected to record subject specific homework into their diary on a daily basis and it is their responsibility to ensure that this is completed in the set timeframe. Home group teachers will also be checking each Monday morning that diaries have been signed by parents/guardians.

Term 1 is a very busy period at Swan Reach with many sporting activities taking place. More information, including dates, will be sent home soon. The Swan Reach Swimming Carnival is on Friday in week 2 so please put this date into your diaries as it is always encouraging for students to see their parents cheering them on. The Middle School are also lucky enough to go to the Murraylands Aquatics Centre on the Monday and Tuesday of week 5 of this term. The letter and forms regarding this excursion will be sent home in the very near future.

Amelia Bolt
Middle School Coordinator

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Congratulations to CPS Cadets Chloe Marks and Mitchell Williamson on successfully completing their BFI nationally recognized certificates and also their Government Radio Network Certificates.
Welcome back to the 2011 school year! It's amazing to think that Christmas, New Year's and the school holidays are over and we are back at school! I hope that you all had a wonderful break and are excited and enthusiastic about the new school year.

My name is Amelia Bolt and I am the new Middle School Coordinator. As a previous student of Swan Reach Area School I look forward to learning this new angle of school life at SRAS (as a teacher as opposed to a student). Should you have any comments or queries about your child/ren’s education, please feel free to contact me at the school and I will assist in any way possible.

It is with pleasure that we welcome five new students into Middle School as Year 6 students. We welcome Nicholas Mueller, Niecy Ray Stewart, Brooke Verran, Christy Verran and Joel Webster. We also welcome 3 new students to the Middle School – Jake Jenkins (Yr 7), Libby Rogers (Yr 9) and Alix Cundy (Yr 7). This makes a total of 34 Middle School students (from day 1!).

This year there are a few new teachers at SRAS. Your child/ren will have the following teachers for their subjects. Please contact them in the first instance with issues regarding their school work:

6/7 home group - Amelia Bolt
8/9 home group - Albert Nicholls
Maths - Amelia Bolt, Leigh Martinson & Phumsit Apiwattanakom (aka Tun)
English - Temy Brandon & Amelia Bolt
SOSE - Graeme Buchan & Amelia Bolt
PE - Albert Nicholls

GOVERNING COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Governing Council Annual General Meeting will be held in the library on Monday 21st February 2011 at 8.00pm. Your attendance is encouraged to support this important school body.

There are four vacancies on Council due to the retirement of Mark Grieger, Phil Carter, Judy Stengert, Alison Eggers. If these people are willing, they can be re-elected for a further two year term. Nominations are also required for the following sub-committees for a one year term:

- Grounds, Finance, Swimming Pool, School buses, Sports and Canteen

Nominations on the slip below are called for prior to the AGM for these vacancies. Nominations need to be sent to the Front Office by Friday 18th February 2011.

GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION 2011-2013

Governig Council Nominees

Grounds Committee:

Finance Committee:

Swimming Pool Committee:

School Bus Committee:

Sports Committee:

Canteen:
A warm welcome to all the Kindy children and their families for 2011. Our numbers have reduced to 8 children after some families moved house during the holidays.

We have changed the look of the inside learning areas and the children have made choices as to how they want their shop and home corner to be set up.

The outside yard has changed considerably with many parents and supporters working hard during the holidays to provide new active areas and quiet reflective corners. They built a slide mound, installed raised garden beds, positioned a boat, 2 swinging frames, provided seating under the trees, added fresh sand to the sand pit and trimmed the garden foliage etc, etc.

Kane began his first year of schooling in the Reception class this week and we know he will have some great experiences. Noah is now a big Kindy boy and joins us for the 3 sessions a week. Occasional care will have a number of new starters on Friday mornings.

Great fun was had by the children late last year when the “Lab on Legs” CSIRO education unit visited the Kindy and School on the 24th of November. Bugs, insects, spiders and butterflies encased in clear bubbles were a hit. Looking at them through a magnifying glass to see how many legs they had or whether they were hairy or smooth was still not as interesting as working out how they could breathe or eat and how they were going to ever crawl out.
What a hot welcome back to school on Monday! Even though everyone was able to keep cool in air-conditioned classrooms during lessons and lunch I think they were very pleased when it was home time as it had been a long and tiring first day. I felt terribly sorry for those children who had to travel home in unairconditioned school buses.

During the holidays new carpet was laid in both the classrooms and this has really freshened the rooms up. Due to having one less classroom we have been busily sorting out all the spare equipment and games which had been in the Reception/Yr 1 room. Trena has been doing a fabulous job of reorganising and finding homes for everything.

Once again Wednesday is our fruit morning. Please encourage your child to bring along a piece of fresh or dried fruit/ vegetables eg carrots, celery or some cheese. Everyone really enjoys eating the range of foods on offer.

Because of the hot weather we are swimming every day. This is a great opportunity for everyone to start practising for the swimming carnival next week.

We will be holding an evening Acquaintance Night in Week 3. This will be an informal get together for teachers, parents and children and tea will be provided. More detailed information will be sent out next week.

Welcome to Kane Glinz who has just started Reception and Tyson and Kane Jenkins. Tyson is in Yr 4 and Kane is in Yr 5. We all hope you enjoy your schooling here.

Have a good fortnight.
Anne Wilksch
Jnr School Co-ordinator

The “Be Bot” programmable cars were lots of fun and we measured the distance a toy car could travel down a hill on a smooth or bumpy surface. We are collecting ring pulls from cans, bread tags and cartridges for our recycling project. Send them into Kindy please.

Claire, Dorothee and Terry.

BAROSSA BOWLAND + MINI GOLF
SCHOOL STUDENTS SPECIALS
FROM 3.30 – 5.30 MONDAY – THURSDAY
2 GAMES BOWLING $11.00 1 ROUND MINI GOLF $8.00
1 GAME BOWLING + 1 ROUND MINI GOLF $15.00
CONDITIONS APPLY
THIS OFFER NOT AVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL HOILDAYS
FOR MORE INFOMATION CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE www.barossabowland.com
Or CALL US ON (08) 8563 3177

The next meeting of Parents and Friends will be an AGM, to be held in the school library at 10.00am on February 4th 2011. All Welcome.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY at 10.00am

SRC House Captain & School Captain induction at 9.30am.
* Buses will run as normal.
* Everyone is to bring their own lunch
  - Parents and Friends will be selling iceblocks and drinks from 11.00am.
Help is required in the canteen from 11.00am - 2.00pm (in ½ hour blocks). Please call Joanne Dettloff, 8570 2332 if you can help.

* Students are asked to wear a T-shirt in their house colour:
  Henderson - Yellow
  Randell - Red
  Sturt - Blue

* Mini Sub Junior events will be held in a block starting at approximately 12.30pm.

* A programme of events will be sent home on Thursday. Primary students will be given a list of their events. Secondary students can check their events with their House Captains and staff supervisors.

A BYO barbecue will be held after the carnival, commencing at approximately 4.30pm.

SAFE STARS SWIM SCHOOL
at the Swan Reach Pool

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