DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH  
23  R-5 Assembly  2.15pm  
30  CMASHA Sports at East Murray

APRIL  
3  Daylight Saving ends  
15  End Term 1

MAY  
2  Start Term 2

SWAN REACH AREA SCHOOL AREA SCHOOL
Principal: Kylie Eggers  
Swan Reach & AREA KINDERGARTEN  
Director: Claire Gregory

Last Thursday Sanja Jovanovic from SmartStart spoke to the Year 10, 11 and 12 students about finances.  
Mr Apiwattanakorn, Ryan, Shailey, Andrew and Maddie share a joke.
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Ambassadors and Vision**

SRAS’s vision is to work with the community to develop all students as successful, resilient, life-long learners with respect for themselves, others and the environment.

Almost every aspect of this vision has been evident in the last fortnight as our students have taken part in the many external learning opportunities made available to them eg Student Leadership Forums, 11/12 CSIRO Biology Excursion, Clean Up Australia Day, and Mannum Show. The SRAS Staff and I are always proud to hear from people who complement our students’ work ethic, manners and presentation. Thank you to all of the students who have represented their school proudly. Unfortunately some students (in all three subschools) have chosen not to display respectful behaviours in ways such as talking negatively to or about other students, not following the uniform policy, answering back to adults on site, grunting or giving one word responses to questions and not using manners. This is not the way that adults in the workplace can operate and it shouldn’t be the way that students interact with staff or each other at school. I have spoken with several classes and individuals who have agreed that their behaviour needs to change. Please speak with students about respectful interactions and maybe relate this to how adults interact in the workplace.

**Japanese Earthquake Disaster**

Whether or not we let children watch television or browse the internet, most children will ask questions about what happened when an earthquake and tsunami struck Japan. We need to answer these questions according to a child’s age and interest, but also take this opportunity to help children practice acts of compassion and learn how natural disasters occur. Our Sister School Hineno High School was not affected by the quake or the resultant Tsunami however our thoughts are with those affected.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Where Are You?** Class and individual school photos from 1974. Please bring them along to the Swan Reach library if you have any.

**CALANDAR OF SPORTING EVENTS FOR TERM 1**

**Wednesday 30th March** – CMASSA Sports Day at East Murray Area School

**Monday 11th April** – SSSSA Athletics Carnival at Mile End - selected secondary students from Swan Reach, East Murray, Cambrai and Mannum.

**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

**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
BLANCHE TOWN KART CLUB

JUNIOR LIGHT, JUNIOR HEAVY & ROOKIES TROPHY DAY

Race Meeting
Sunday March 27th 2011

Scrutineering - 8.30am Sunday morning, racing should be started by 10.00am.

Canteen & bar facilities.

No alcohol is to be brought on to the property.

Spectators: Free Admission

Nominations: Angela Pfeiler
Contact number: 8541 3326 any enquiries.
Nominations after 9.30pm Tuesday night will be put ROF prior to race meeting.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: Congratulations to the students who competed in the SRAS Athletics Carnival yesterday. The students strived for their best in their respective houses and some great results came through. Watch out for the next newsletter for the official run down of the event.

Congratulations to Mia Kluge who won the Junior Aggregate Section at the Mannum Show on the 5th March 2011. Mia entered various sections including flower arrangement, baking and her pet.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION VISIT: On Tuesday 15th March Nicola Norman visited and presented the ins and outs of the disease Muscular Dystrophy (MD) to the Junior and Middle Schools and Staff and helped us come closer to understanding what people with MD can and can’t do. We thank her for her time and understanding.

“People are respectable only as they respect.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

HAVE A GREAT FORNIGHT.
Kylie Eggers
Principal

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The SRC will be holding a Bottle Stall at the Swan Reach Easter Fair on Easter Saturday. Any donations of jams, pickles, sauce, etc would be gratefully accepted. Please leave them at the library if you wish to donate. Thank you.
As we have many new parents in the school this year I thought it was pertinent to repeat this article from last year. As teachers we have contact with students for only 14% of the year (40 weeks @ 6.5 hours/ day). If we assume that students sleep for 8 hours a night this leaves 52% of a student’s year in contact with their parents. As parents we can do so much to support the Literacy and Numeracy learning that students complete at school.

Some suggestions of ways parents can encourage literacy learning are:

* Valuing and encouraging your child’s efforts with literacy
* Encouraging your child to read and view a variety of texts such as newspapers, novels, comics, magazines, websites, email, timetables, instructions and recipes
* Encouraging your child to write and design for a variety of purposes using print and electronic resources — invitations, thank you notes, shopping lists, messages, journals
* Encouraging your child to speak and listen for a variety of purposes — sharing a joke, giving instructions or asking for information

Some suggestions of ways parents can encourage numeracy learning are:

Discussing the use of mathematical language, numbers, patterns and shapes in your day-to-day life — kitchen, sport, calendars, spatial patterns or shapes in playgrounds
Talking about different ways to solve a problem
Using everyday tools like tape measures or kitchen scales and discussing the units of measure
Asking ‘does that make sense?’, ‘is the answer reasonable?’ or ‘what other ways could we do this?’

If you have any questions on how you can support your students’ Literacy and Numeracy learning please contact their teacher for suggestions.
Swan Reach Progress Association

SWAN REACH EASTER FAIR

Len White Reserve
Saturday April 23 2011
Come along and join the fun

Blanchetown/Swan Reach Redbacks

The Blanchetown Swan Reach Football club are seeking players for its junior Under 13’s and Under 17’s squads for the 2011 season. If you are a boy or girl considering playing football in 2011, then we want you.

Training commences on Wednesday 9 March, 2011 at 6pm at the Swan Reach Oval, with trainings alternating between Swan Reach and Blanchetown each week.

For further information, contact the coach, Darren Reid on 0428813438

Impact Leadership Conference

On March 9th the students on SRC in years 9-12 attended an Impact Students Leadership Conference in Adelaide. At the start of the conference we were told we needed to look at the little things, look at the big things and look at our goals creatively to succeed as a leadership group. However, our main aim as leaders of this school is to IMPACT STUDENTS. At the conference we were given a wheel diagram to help us succeed. The wheel has five spokes, confidence, focus, momentum, consistency and unity. All of these spokes need to be present within the leadership group because if one of these spokes breaks, the leadership group is no longer able to move forward effectively.

We were also given a GRIP principal. Each finger represents an aspect of leadership. The little finger represents generosity, the ring finger reasoning, the middle finger influencing, the index finger was preservation and the thumb represented reflection. They explained that applying the grip principle to our leadership body works if all five areas are covered. If you don’t have one finger, the grip isn’t so strong.

We also learnt how to handle conflict, to assess the nature of it, decide if it needs to be handled, evaluate the people involved, know your options and deal with the emotional aspect of the conflict. There are five ways to resolve conflict - yielding (placing others feelings before yours), forcing (placing your feelings before others), compromising, collaborating (having a solution which all agree upon) or avoiding (withdrawing from the conflict).

Finally we attended a public speaking seminar. We were told that preparation (seven steps) and presentation (four steps) will result in a successful speech.

All the advice and information we were given throughout the day was very useful. As an SRC we will be implementing a number of strategies learnt during this conference. It will definitely improve the impact the SRC will have on our student body.

Nikki Linke  President  Student Representative Council
Last Monday the whole school was involved in Clean Up Australia Day. While the younger students cleaned up the school yard the older students picked up rubbish around the town. Everyone then enjoyed a bbq lunch at the reserve. It was amazing to see the height of the river. A big thank you to Phil and Kylie for cooking the bbq.

This week we welcome Jasmine Challenor to the R-2 room. Jasmine will be spending Wednesday morning with us and will also visit each week until she starts Reception next term. We hope Jazzy will enjoy her schooling at our great school.

Everyone has been busy practising hard for Sports Day, which is to be held this Thursday. All children will be involved in most events so I hope they have a good night’s sleep on Wednesday night and a hearty breakfast on Thursday morning so their energy levels are high!!

The first Junior School assembly for the year will be held on Wednesday 23rd March at 2pm. The Yr 2 class will be hosting the assembly. After the assembly we will be holding a short information session for all interested parents on the reading programs that we run in our classrooms. Parents often have questions about how we teach reading, how they can help and what to expect from their child when listening to reading. Come along with your questions and comments! Sarah, Trish and I are looking forward to seeing you.

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

In 6/7 English this term we have been focusing on Recount writing. All students were required to write a recount on the recent Aquatics Camp that we attended in week 5. Students did a wonderful job of recounting their experiences at camp and I look forward to sharing these with you in the coming newsletter issues.

Students have been very busy in their Extension Studies electives this term. Students chose to participate in either Graphic Design with Mr Buchan, Pedal Prix with Mr Martinson, Ag Studies with Mr Griffiths or jewellery making with Miss Bolt. Miss Bolt’s students have been busy making some fancy, detailed necklaces, bracelets and earrings. A big thank you to Mrs Neate who kindly donated some of her jewellery making materials.

Good luck to all students competing in Sports Day this Thursday...GO STURT!

Amelia Bolt
Over the past couple of weeks we have all been busy each morning with Sports Day practice. This has meant that students have needed to be organised and flexible to the changes in our working day. All students have shown great maturity and have adapted well to the lesson time changes, especially last week when we went back to a 7 lesson day on one occasion due to the rain.

Sports Day is this Thursday and I look forward to seeing all students trying their best for their team as well as for their own personal achievement. Please ensure that your child has plenty of water to drink as the temperature is predicted to be in the high twenties. Your child will also need their own packed recess and lunch (if they have not ordered it).

In Society and Environment this term, the students in Miss Bolt’s class have been working on projects to do with the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the school. These celebrations will be held in late October. More information about this event will be distributed as it becomes available. The 6/7 class have been contacting past Principal’s about their time at Swan Reach Area School.

Their research will be on display at the celebrations and is sure to bring back wonderful memories for those people who had these people as their Principal.

The 8/9 class are about to re-start their questioning and research on past students of Swan Reach Area School (unfortunately technical issues put a temporary stop to this task). This too will be on display at the celebrations. On behalf of the Middle School students, I would like to thank all the people that have given their time to answering the student’s questions and returning their questionnaires in a prompt manner (or will return it in a prompt manner if you have not received yours as yet!). This has assisted greatly in undertaking their assessment piece for SOSE this term.

As part of Swan Reach Area School’s 50th Anniversary celebrations we are looking to generate a front entrance, gate, model, or sculpture worthy of such an outstanding site. If you have any ideas, sketches, models of what you think it should look like please forward them to:

Kylie Eggers, Principal
Swan Reach Area School
PO Box 31 Swan Reach, SA 5354
by Friday 18th March 2011 (Week 7 Term 1)

“Massive earthquake hit Japan. Did you know the news? This is the worst. I cried when I saw cruelty pictures on tv. Now 3000 people dead. Tsunami took everybody’s property, house, family, friends and smile..... We knew fear of Tsunami and earthquake. We knew our powerless. Human is powerless with natural disasters. Now in the northeastern area everybody is crying. I live in Osaka. So I am not victim. But my heart is being dark now. This is all I pray for Japan”.

Part of an email from Naho Uehara, one of the first Japanese students to visit Swan Reach from Hineno High School.
WANTED
Canteen Manager for Swan Reach Netball/Football Club
Manager for the Swan Reach Football canteen, first two matches at Blanchetown and rest at Swan Reach. Kelly Goodrich can order all supplies, just need somebody to organise the cooking and storage of goods, roster will be organised for help on the day.
Remuneration may be optional.
Any queries please contact:
Kylie Gierke, President BSR Netball - 0427 701 215

Kindy students had a great time with Mr Yamamoto in their Japanese lesson yesterday. They were singing a song with Japanese numbers and words