DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER
18 School Anniversary meeting
22 Parents & Friends Meeting
25-29 BOOK FAIR
29 Parents & Friends Lunch Day
31 SR/Nildottie Youth Golf Day

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

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

SWAN REACH KINDERGARTEN
Principal: Kylie Eggers
Director: Claire Gregory
Swan Reach Area School welcomes
two new students,
Kira (Year 1) and Kyle Glinz (Year 4).
We hope their stay here is a happy one.

Swan Reach Area School
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INTEGRITY - CARE - RESPECT - SUCCESS - PARTICIPATION
Welcome Back

After much delay and protracted discussion Swan Reach Area School’s Building Education Revolution project has begun, albeit with small steps. Last Thursday Rooms 1 & 2 in Building 2 were recarpeted. I have been assured that all works will be complete by January 31st 2011 (sic) - this means that Term 4 may be tumultuous in that classes may need to shift for 1-4 weeks but rest assured we will do our best to keep the fuss to a minimum.

Congratulations to Nathaniel Pillar and Shannon Collins who received 3rd prize in the Growsmart Science Fair at Waikerie on Friday 17th September for their project on the conductivity of citrus fruit. The posters are displayed in the Front Office foyer so feel free to spend some time learning about beetroot stains, potato breeds, rocket fuels, fertiliser effectiveness, planting times, reactant levels, fruit conductivity and parachute drops.

50th Anniversary Celebrations: 2011 marks 50 years of Swan Reach Area School. I had a meeting with Graham Barlow from the Swan Reach History Society at the end of last term and it looks like we’ll have a productive committee. If you have ideas of what the celebrations could include please forward them on to either Graham or Kylie Eggers before the first meeting. The first meeting of this group will be on Monday 18th October in the School Library at 4pm - all are welcome.

CFS Stars: On Monday the CFS media unit came to SRAS to film advertisements based on what to do on a Code Red day in instances not usually thought of such as camping, school bus trips etc. These will be shown on television in the coming weeks. Thanks go to Jed, Rohie, Lucy, Nicole, Hayley and Trena Williamson who played starring roles. The CFS Media Unit donated $300 to SRAS for our efforts and in turn we will donate these proceeds to the Swan Reach Cadets who will

Community Notices

Wanted: Empty wine cask bladders. Please send to Tracey at Swan Reach Area School.

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
Learn how your body works & how to work along with it.
Cancer is now expected to Kill 1 in 2 of us, despite more being spent on research than at any other time.
We have increased our toxin exposure!!!
There were only 3 man made chemicals on the planet in the 1930’s, today we have 75,000 registered synthetic chemicals, some data sources believe there are close to a million synthetic chemicals on the planet today, 7% of those have been tested on adults, 3% have been tested on children.
What is the impact of green harvesting on our food chain?
In the 1970’s there were 12 known autoimmune disorders, now there are nearly 100 what is happening?
Autism 20 years ago affected 1 in 10,000 children, today it affects 1 in 150.
Can our bodies repair?
41% of all Australian children by the age of 12 already have a long term health challenge.
Sick & Tired of being Sick & Tired?
Learn how to LIVE FOR REAL!
We are educating on Wednesday the 20th of October,
@ the Blanchetown Health Centre.
Cnr of Godley & Edgerton Street.
@ 7.30pm.
Because You & Your Family are worth it!
Contact Lee-Anne Schubert for immediate information
P: 85 405 251
m: 0419 835 626

ICAS Competitions: At the final assembly of Term 4 every student who participated in the ICAS Spelling, English and Science Competitions were acknowledged and those who received credits or distinctions were given special recognition:

English
Credit:
Year 4: Tayla Barker, Cameron Horstmann,
Year 7- Karl Grieger, Nathaniel Pillar
Year 8- Natasha Haby
Year 10- Rohie Griffiths, Madeleine Haby, Caitlin Stoeckel
Year 11- Joel Grieger

Distinction:
Year 4- Cameron Horstmann, Courtney Kluge
Year 8- Rebekah Dettloff
Year 9- Aaren Barker, Lucy Martinson

Spelling

Credit: Nathaniel Pillar

Science
Credit:
Year 3- Gracy Jones
Year 4- Simone Marks, Kady Poole, Kimberly Briggs
Year 5- Nicholas Mueller
Year 6- Adam Dettloff, Jack Wiebrecht,
Year 7- Karl Grieger, Nathaniel Pillar, Blake Webster
Year 8- Ryan Stoeckel
Year 9- Emma Grieger, Casey Linke, Tammy Stoeckel
Year 10- Shailey Coleman, Caitlin Stoeckel
Year 11- Sam Marks

Distinction:
Year 4- Cameron Horstmann, Courtney Kluge
Year 8- Rebekah Dettloff
Year 9- Aaren Barker, Lucy Martinson

Maths
Credit:
Year 4 - Courtney Kluge, Kimberly Briggs
Year 6 - Daniel Barker
Year 8 - Rebekah Dettloff, Emily Friebel, Bryce Haby
Year 9 - Jayden Coleman, Emma Grieger, Tammy Stoeckel
Year 10 - Rohie Griffiths
Year 11 - Jed Martinson, Daniel Christian, Joel Grieger

Distinction:
Congratulations to Amelia Bolt who has won the position of Middle School and Daily Routines Coordinator at Swan Reach Area School from the beginning of 2011 to the end of 2013. In regards to other staffing for 2011 please be patient - some staff are waiting to hear about other positions and also the staff funding model for 2011 has been changed. These will affect what can be offered by whom in 2011. I am attending information sessions early in the term and will make consequent decisions with advice from Governing Council and the Personnel Advisory Council with the students' interests at heart. I aim to have all teaching positions established before the end of the year.

Have a great fortnight.

Kylie Eggers

Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers
Yes, Swan Reach Area School is collecting!!
Please ask friends or relatives to collect and pass them on to support the school and redeem them for sports equipment.
Vouchers need to be in by November 5th.

Congratulations to Tammy Stoeckel for being awarded an Encouragement Award for her entry into the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre’s (2010) Poster Competition. This competition attracts entries from across Australia with the NCPI indicating that this year the standard was very high, and whilst there can be only one winner, along with seven others, Tammy deserved recognition for her effort, thought and creativity.

As part of the Year 8/9 Drug Education component of Pastoral Care the class researched and designed posters to increase young people’s understanding of how cannabis may impact upon their educational achievements. Research shows that adolescent cannabis use may lead to an increased risk of problems such as dropping out of school, low exam results, or lack of motivation.

2011 MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES

Materials and Services Charges for 2011 will be:
R - Year 5 $165
Year 6 - Year 9 $180
Year 10-12 $170
Year 10, 11 &12 additional fee for students studying Design & Technology, Stage 2 English and Stage 2 Physical Education.

Parents/Caregivers are invited to attend the Governing Council meeting on Monday 15th November 2010 where these fees will be ratified.

WAIKERIE LITTLE ATHLETICS
Season starting Friday October 15th at 5.00pm at the Waikerie Recreation Centre ‘till April 2011.
From Tiny Tots 3 years of age to U-17’s - catering for beginners to those with some experience.
2 Come n Try sessions available for $5.00 (to cover insurance) this is deducted from registration fee if you wish to join.
PARENTS & FRIENDS
Our next meeting will be on October 22nd
at 10.00am in the library.
The next Lunch Day will be on Friday October 29th.
We will be serving Pizza Subs.
Pre order forms will be in the next newsletter.
Joanne Dettloff      Secretary

BUDGET SUBMISSIONS FOR 2011
Planning for the 2011 budget is now underway.

If you have any suggestions for projects you would like to be considered in the budget that relate to the facilities or curriculum, please list below and return to the Front Office by 22nd October 2010.

NAME:_______________________________
Projects I would like considered in the 2011 budget are:
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29th / 30th / 31st
October 2010

TAILEM BEND MAIN STREET
No Eskies on the Saturday/Sunday – byo chair
“Weekend pass - $40 for the 3-day wristband!” .
($30 for seniors/Friends of Country Music members)
For personal information and bookings ph: 85723266(Tailem Bend Primary School)
TALENT QUEST
$1000 Cash & Prizes
Information & Entry forms
Last chance before Champion of Champions
www.murraylandsmusicfestival.com
Friday Cabaret 8.00 pm - byo & bar – bookings essential - $25
Saturday 9.00am ‘til 11.00 pm – talent quest/main show - $25
Family Pass 2 adults and 3 kids (Saturday only) $40
Seniors Card/Friends of SACCM (Saturday only) $15
Sunday 10.00am – 3.00pm – Town Hall $5
Students gold coin entry
SANDRA HUMPHRIES JOHN O’DEA THE RUSTLERS
THE BEGGARS GRAEME HUGO JIM HERMEL BONES&Bristles
TRACY STEWART THE BLACK HATS TIFFNEY STROH
MARK TEMPANY ALISON HAMS ANGELA EASSON PHIL KING
THE JOHNNY CASH/JUNE CARTER SHOW AMBER JOY POULTON

AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM
There may be an opportunity for after school swimming sessions in Term 4 2010 and Term 1 2011. Please forward an expression of interest to the school through your student’s diary or a phone call to the school by Wednesday 20th October if you are interested. There is no certainty that these lessons will go ahead.

Kylie Eggers
Black Swan Racing was fired up ready for the 24 hour race at Murray Bridge as part of the HPV (human powered vehicle) super series. The team had been training all year and was keen to maintain the results from the last race in Adelaide. Over 20,000 people camp out all week-end to either participate or watch the largest run International Pedal Prix race in the world.

Daniel Christian was the first rider and unfortunately rolled the bike on lap 4 but managed to recover after being helped by the marshals. There were no other mishaps until Sam Marks had a blowout in one of his tyres caused by a piece of glass puncturing one of the tubes and forcing him into the wall on the other side of the track from our pit. With no radio to let the crew know what had happened, he was forced into carrying the bike across to the other side of the track which was close to a kilometer. He returned drenched in sweat but the team was relieved to know what had happened and that he was ok.

Phil Carter went into action as chief mechanic and quickly replaced the wheel and adjusted the brakes so that we were back on the track within 20 minutes. That put the team behind many of our rivals but it did not take long to start recovering the lost time. We had dropped back to 17th in our category but fought our way back to finish 12th and 31st overall out of 230 bikes which is a great effort considering the size of our school.

Black Swan Racing completed 170 laps covering close to 750 kilometres which is almost to Melbourne. It was announced that if all of the kilometers for all of the bikes were added together then the group would have travelled around the equator 2.5 times in 24 hours.

Thank you to all of the visitors that came to spur us on. Also to all of the parents who helped especially Jody and Mark Coleman for marshaling as well as Debbie Tanner who came in as a replacement for Phil Christian and helped to patrol the track from 8:00 am untill 12 noon in the rain.

Day 11-13 by Zoe Haby

These were the last few days of our stay and they were also the busiest. In these three days we went to the Mazda Museum, the Itsukushima ‘the Floating Shrine’ and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial. To get to these places we took trains, busses and even a boat. My favourite place to visit would have been the Peace Memorial. This is because it held a lot of Japanese history and it also showed the affects of war. When we came back to Osaka, we met up with the buddies and also got to see Mayo again. The next day and final day was when we had to say goodbye to our buddies. This was a tear filled moment and one that none of us will ever forget. Our stopover in Singapore was interesting as we got to have our feet cleaned by fish. It tickled like crazy when you first put your feet in but we all soon got used to it. My highlight over the whole trip would have been when I got to buy a real Japanese sword, it’s blunt though. Overall, the trip to Japan was amazing! And I can’t wait to go back one day!
Day 10 October 1st.
After every one had breakfast we departed to the Mazda Museum. When we arrived we had a little bit of time before the tour so we could look around at a few of the finished cars; which I enjoyed a lot. As we were on our way to the assembly-production line the tour guide was telling everyone a little bit about the Mazda Company. The bridge that we drove over was the fifth longest bridge in the world owned by a single company. The car park that we drove past could hold eleven thousand cars; all of which were brand new and straight from the assembly line. The company also had houses for its workers, a hospital and a fire department that would attend to fires in the outer community as well as fires in the factory. This one factory could fully produce four thousand cars in one day.

Next we went to the Miyajima shrine. It was amazing to see in real life how big it was. Also we did a lot of shopping each at a sort of alley way shopping mall, mainly for gifts I think.

Next we went back to Hiroshima and bought breakfast and dinner.

Day 11 October 2nd.
After we checked out of Hana Hostel we deposited our bags in coin lockers at the station, we went out to the Hiroshima dome; it was very sad to see and hear all the stories. After we had a look around the museum we went back to the train station and had lunch and we caught the bullet train back to Hineno. When we arrived at the Hotel we waited for our buddies then we went out to the shopping mall. I played lots of arcade games with my family including Air Hockey with my host mum. When we went back to the Hotel it hit me, this was my last night in Japan. by Karl.

Phil Carter performed at his usual antics of not sleeping for the whole of the race but continues to amaze me with his energy and vitality. He completes all sorts of tasks with never once complaining and keeping himself awake with heaps of coffee. His effort to keep the bike well maintained and always on the track has helped us over the years to excel.

Results for the Super Series were announced at the end of the race and we came 4th out of 60 bikes in our category which is a fabulous result and a credit to the entire team, school and district for all of the support we received. Our community truly gets behind all of our students in any activity that is attempted and we appreciate it immensely. Thank you to all of our sponsors as we could not do as well with out your support. The food was the usual excellent standard and kindly donated by the Swan Reach General Store.

After packing up all of the gear, Black Swan Racing returned home well satisfied with the results, which is our best ever finish in the Super Series. Well done to all of the team and our helpers. The team spirit never ceases to amaze me and congratulations to everyone on their behavior and cooperation and who knows, maybe next year a podium finish is possible.

Leigh Martinson               Team Manager
Feedback from all concerned is that everything is going particularly well across the Middle School, at this early stage of term 4. This is by no means a reason for complacency, and so I must comment on the need for students to reliably provide the opportunity for teacher-parent communication via student diaries. This is an essential channel of communication which is extremely useful when parents are difficult to contact for a variety of reasons, and/or that teachers are similarly busy in their activities. Students must ensure that their diaries are available for scrutiny, commentary, and in a good state repair. Moreover, students should diligently take their diaries home for parental review each and every day and particularly when requested to do so if an entry has been made by a teacher for the benefit of a parent.

I would like also to remind both students and their parents that uniform dress codes applied at SRAS to avoid ‘competitive-dressing’ and to establish an identifiable school identity... which has always been well supported and established at SRAS! This dress-code also relates to the use of make-up, personal jewellery and other clothing accessories (such as hats, belts and shoes); variations of which I have occasionally noticed creeping in that are not in compliance with school policy. If unsure, please seek clarification or check the numerous Rules and Policy posters located around the school.

The Middle School Personal Presentations are scheduled to occur on Thursday 25th November (week 7 of this term) and the students themselves will shortly commence planning and organizing their presentations, which involve speaking about and demonstrating an aspect of their learning that has occurred this year. As has usually been the case, the presentation will require students to address an assessment panel comprising a teacher, a parent and a community representative. A notice will be sent home soon to explain

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**Day 8**

Today we were having lessons at Hineno High School. First lesson we had Japanese Culture study with Hitoshi, an English teacher. We went to the library and he showed us a video on some Japanese culture. Luckily it was in English. Next lesson was Saori ori (weaving) with Miss Takano. Saori ori is a traditional type of Japanese weaving. I felt special because we were allowed to use some looms that were about $1000 each. Then I had two lessons with Emi. First lesson was Math. I was really confused but it was a fun lesson because the students were all talking to me. PE was next and we played Badminton. I loved this lesson because I got to meet some more students. It was good to see them practicing their English. The last two lessons were International Studies. We played games and had some Japanese lollies that were yummy. The whole day was great because I got to experience a day of lessons at Hineno High School.

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**Day 9**

We woke up at about 7:30am and had breakfast. Then we went to pick up Emma and Rina from the train station and go to school. Today we were going to Osaka Castle. We caught a train there and walked to the castle. There was a big school group there and when we walked past they said ‘Hello’ and ‘How are you?’ to us. It was really funny. The castle was amazing and so were the stairs. The main tower had 8 levels and was huge. Mr Yamamoto organized some head sets that would give us information in English. There was an elevator in the castle to take people to the top so we used that and worked our way back down. I loved it! When we finished touring the castle some of us bought ice-creams. After that we went shopping, I bought some bracelets. We had lunch with Ms Masuda. It was really good. I loved today because the castle impressed me.

by Natasha
Day 6
My host family's plan for the day was to go to Tsutenkaku Tower and see Osaka from a different perspective. We caught a train into the city and had lunch. We had something which is meat, veggies or cheese covered in batter and stuck on a skewer. I really liked it. When we arrived at the top of the tower there was an amazing view. When we got home I found out that we were having a BBQ and Chisa, Emi and Natasha were joining us. Rina (my buddy), Ryouta (Rina’s younger brother) and I set up the tables and chairs in their front yard. When everyone was there we sat down and enjoyed the meal. We had chicken, shrimp, pork, beef, sweet potato, corn and rice cakes. All of which was delicious! Then ‘us girls’ just talked for the next few hours. Emi gave Rina and I some origami paper as a present so we decided to attempt making a duck. I really enjoyed the day and liked seeing Osaka from a different angle.

Day 7
Today was our first day of school. We woke up around 6:15am and caught the train into school at 7:30am. When Rina and I arrived we met up with everyone in the meeting room. Our first two lessons were English conversation with a teacher named Steve who is originally from Wales. The next 2 were food design with some of the year 12’s. We made 3 different styles of bread. One of them was melon bread which tastes really sweet. I liked that one the best. After lunch we practised for the assembly. Each of us had to introduce ourselves in Japanese in front of about 290 year 10 students. I think all of us were nervous! We stood up the front and introduced ourselves. Even though we were worried I think everyone did a fantastic job. After the assembly we went back to the gym and played volleyball for a few hours. Rina and I went home around 7:30pm and had tea. It had been quite a productive day and I enjoyed every minute of it!

by Emma

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**SWAN REACH AREA SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2010**

I wish to order ___________ copies of the 2010 Swan Reach Area School Magazine at $10 per copy.

Name:___________________________________

Payment with your order form to the Front Office would be appreciated.

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During term 3, a leadership panel decided to implement a reading program to bolster reading confidence, performance and comprehension for an identified group of Middle School students. This program relies heavily on community volunteers who have made themselves available to mentor student reading. Indeed initial feedback would suggest that this program is definitely achieving improvements in reading.

Swan Reach Area School may in the future seek to extend community mentoring into other curriculum areas (such as mathematics and/or horticulture) and thus would welcome hearing from community members willing to be involved.

Applicants are required to seek police clearance through DECS and this process may take some time to resolve. It is imperative that applicants nominate soon so that the mandatory checks can be completed prior to commencement of the new school year. Please arrange to speak to either me or the school Principal, Kylie Eggers for guidance.

Tim Benger (MS coordinator)
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

It’s hard to believe that it’s Term 4 already. Welcome to Kyle and Kira Glinz. Kyle is in Yr 4 and Kira is in Yr 1. They have come from McLaren Vale Primary School where the class sizes are quite different as is the size of the school! We hope they enjoy their schooling here.

Term 3 ended on a high with the Junior School having a bbq lunch at the River Reserve. Thanks must go to Phil Carter for cooking the bbq for us. All the children had a good time digging in the sand, playing on the playground and “fishing” from the jetty. They were very excited to see water under the jetty again.

On the last day of term all the children were involved in a game of netball to finish off the block of Net Set Go. At the end of the match they were presented with a backpack, netball and other goodies. Thanks must go to Parents and Friends for providing funds for this worthwhile activity.

Portfolios were sent out at the end of last term and will need to be returned signed in the next couple of weeks. We know the children enjoy reading the comments that we write but they get an extra buzz when they read the comments made by their parents. If you would like any clarification of the information in the portfolios, especially NAPLAN results for the Yrs 3 and 5, please contact your child’s teacher.

Now that the weather is warming up it is important that we start thinking about being sun smart. Please ensure that your child wears sunscreen everyday and that they bring a water bottle to school.

As part of our Eat Well, Be Active program the Yr 2/3 class will be running a healthy lunchbox competition. All children are invited to participate in this by including as many ‘green’ or ‘green and amber’ foods in their lunchbox as possible. Prizes will be given to those whose lunchboxes pass inspection by our eagle eyed Yr 2/3s! This competition will run in Week 3 and 4.

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

Day 4 Friday the 24th of September
We all arrived at Hineno High School at around 8.25am. Today we planned to go fishing and experience rice harvesting. Once we got out into the ocean we pulled in nets which had all sorts of sea creatures in there; such as octopus, eel and sea caterpillars. We then pulled in a really long net which had loads of crabs on there. We all really enjoyed this experience fishing and seeing all the different sea animals. After lunch we left for Mr. Masuda’s father’s house where we experienced rice harvesting and then making the rice into small rice cakes. Mr. Masuda’s father was an old English teacher so this made it extremely easy for us. While Mr. Masuda’s mother was cooking the rice his father took us for a tour of his village. It was very small but very beautiful set up in the mountains. After he showed us around we went back to the house where the rice was ready. It was placed in a big hard wooden bowl which you then had to belt with a big wooden hammer to crush the rice into like a paste or dough like object. After it was crushed enough we made it into the rice cakes which we then ate some of them. It was a very entertaining and enjoyable day!

Day 5, Saturday the 25th of September
As I knew from last time Universal Studios Japan was going to be lots of fun. We met up with Shin who I stayed with last time in Japan. My favourite ride was a new one called Space Fantasy. I ended up going on it 3 times. My next favourite was certainly Jurassic Park, which is a ride where you fall straight down a big shute and get totally drenched at the end. Some of the other rides we went on were; Back to the Future, Spiderman, Hollywood Dream, Back Draft and Jaws.
Most of us got home at around 12.30am and we completely exhausted, however it was a great day, full of fun and we all want to go back there again!
by Jayden
Japanese Trip

What a fantastic time our students had in Osaka and Hiroshima. Jayden, Shailey, Natasha, Zoe, Karl and Emma were almost celebrities at Hineno High School. Japanese students spending every minute they could with their visitors. The experience of trains, trams, sightseeing, meeting new people, shopping, Osaka Castle, Kaiyuukan Aquarium and Hiroshima were all highlights for our students, who represented Swan Reach Area School admirably.

Day 1 Tuesday 21st September by Shailey
The flight was really good although we did have a little bit of turbulence. The food on the plane was really yummy too. We had sweet and sour pork with rice and a plate of pasta. We arrived in Singapore at 7 pm (South Australian time). The Singapore airport was humungous! We went shopping, caught shuttles between terminals, looked at the beautiful gardens, went to the butterfly house, fought over massage chairs and went to the cinemas. I got about an hour’s sleep before we caught the plane at 1am.

Day 2 Wednesday 22nd September
We went to the Aquarium. It was really awesome. They had beautiful, amazing, ugly and scary animals all in the one place and we had really good views of them. We also went on the biggest Ferris wheel in the world. It is 112.5m high, but it went so slow that we saw heaps. Then we got on a train and headed to Hineno High School. That got us all nervous because we knew we had to do a self introduction and meet our home-stay families. I stayed with Shiho’s family. They were very welcoming and nice. It was easy to communicate with them because my mum and Shiho both spoke a lot of English and her sister Mio, came to Australia 4 years ago, so she knew some. For tea I asked for a challenge, so the mum picked out sushi and fried squid tentacles. The sushi had raw fish, squid and fish eggs, and cooked salmon, tuna and egg. I tried everything, but I couldn’t force myself to eat the fish eggs (although I ate them the next day).

Day 3 Thursday 23rd September
This was a public holiday, so my family took me to Kyoto. Kyoto was a 2 hour drive away. Kyoto is known for having lots of beautiful temples and shrines. Before entering any, you have to purify yourself by washing your hands with a cup supplied in a little fountain. We went and saw the Rokuon-ji temple, which is very famous for having the golden pavilion. We also went to the Kiyomizu temple. It has a massive high balcony with a beautiful view. The Kyoto jishu shrine is the shrine of love. My highlight of this day was definitely seeing a traditional Japanese wedding at one of the temples. I had tears in my eyes watching it. It was very different to our weddings and so beautiful.

Know what to do in an emergency
Image your child, partner or parents need urgent medical attention. Do you know what to do?

As a volunteer ambulance officer, you’ll know exactly how to help.

Many people would like to do something for their community, but with young children to look after they wonder how they can.

But SA Ambulance Service actually reimburses its volunteer ambulance officers for childcare expenses for the hours they volunteer.

We need more people to be trained as volunteer ambulance officers at Swan Reach right now.

Being a volunteer is a great way to do something rewarding for yourself while also offering a valuable service to your community.

You’ll get some time out from the kids and be doing something totally different from everyday life.

You’ll also learn life-saving skills that could be needed at home, while camping or at children’s sports.

Shifts are flexible, so you can volunteer at a time that fits in with your work, family and other commitments.

Make sure your family has skilled people ready in an emergency.

Call 1800 655 306 to find more about becoming a volunteer ambulance officer at Swan Reach.
Welcome back to all students from your holidays, I hope that it was relaxing for both you and your parents and families. Year 12 students have now basically finished all (or most) of their work for the year and are now well into ‘study-mode’ in preparation for their all-important final examinations. This is often a very stressful and time-consuming few weeks for our senior students, but the current group seem very organized and prepared for the task ahead. I would like to personally commend them on their efforts to date, and hope they can continue in this manner for the month ahead.

There is once again quite a bit happening this term at Swan Reach Area School. In week 3 we are once again taking our senior students to observe a “Mock” accident to be staged at Faith Lutheran School in the Barossa. This gives students a very real insight into what happens in the aftermath of a crash, and is specifically designed to give our young drivers a greater awareness, and hopefully help them to make better choices whilst driving.

We are once again joining our Eastern Zone schools to participate in a surf day at Middleton in week 6 this term. As we are limited to taking 18 students this year, interested students need to come and see me ASAP. The Zone is once again covering our Aquatics and equipment expenses, but students will need to pay for the bus transport this year.

Nick Schmidt – Senior School Coordinator

The Swan Reach Community Library will be having its annual BOOK FAIR from October 25th to 29th. Feel free to come along, browse and take advantage of this opportunity to buy affordable Christmas gifts without having to go to town.

Come along to...Swan Reach /Nildottie Youth GOLF DAY
1.30pm to 4.30pm
Sunday 31st October at the Swan Reach Golf Course.
Cost: $2.00 each.
Please bring your own golf clubs if possible.
..also hat, sunblock and water bottle.
Cans of drink @ $1.50 each.
From 4.30pm - “Snack ‘n’ Chat” at the Church Hall, followed by 5.30pm Church Service with The Youth Band
All Welcome
Any questions, please contact Taryn: 87702377
(Youth Group is for students Year 6 and older)

HALLOWEEN@NILDOITIE
Saturday 30th Oct 2010
App 7.30pm
Following tennis at Nildottie (v Swan Reach)
BYO BBQ after the game
Children can bring along their costumes and join in the fun.
ALL WELCOME
If residents in the Nildottie/Greenways area would like to be involved please leave your front light on for a visit from the trick or treaters!
Help from parents to transport ‘monsters’ would be appreciated.
For more information please contact Rohie Griffiths 8570 1114 or 0400 924464