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Term 4, Week 9— Wednesday 4 December 2019

What's Coming up at Swan Hill Primary?

DECEMBER

Wed 4- Fri 13	Year Prep, 1 & 2 Swimming Program (Timetable pg 3)
Thu 5	Yr 6 Forest of Xmas Trees Excursion 2pm
Fri 6	Third Whole School Transition Session
Mon 9	'Power Play' Performance Excursion
Tue 10	Peer Mediator Break Up
Wed 11	Swan Hill College Parent Information Night
Tue 12	Year 1 Letter Posting Excursion 9:15am
Fri 13	Final Whole School Transition 2020 Year 7 Swan Hill College Orientation Day
Mon 16	Prep & Year 4 EOY Celebration Days
Tue 17	Year 1 & 5 EOY Celebration Days Year 6 Graduation Evening
Wed 18	Year 6 EOY Celebration Day
Thu 19	Year 2 & 3 Celebration Days
Fri 20	No Canteen Lunch Orders—Counter Sales only Last Day of Term 4 - 1:25pm dismissal

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE

It's that time of the year again! Library Stocktake started last week, and this means no more borrowing and all borrowed out library books must be returned to the Library.



Well done to 2J, for being the first class with ALL books returned. Mrs K baked them a chocolate cake, as promised!!

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

We are busily organising our staff roles and classes for 2020 and plan to have our teachers and classes confirmed for our last transition day, next Friday 13 December. We will have the same number of classes, next year, as 2019 – 23 classes.

Grade Level	Number of classes
Grade Prep	4
Grade 1	4
Grade 2	4
Grade 3	3
Grade 4	3
Grade 5	3
Grade 6	3

We have scheduled our Curriculum Days (Student-free days) for 2020. Please note that we have changed the timing of our Student-Led Conferences to, to provide the opportunity for parents and teachers to connect earlier in the year. Our first day of school for 2020, for all students from Prep to Grade 6, will be Thursday 30 January.

2020 Student-Free Days

- Tuesday 28 January – Staff Learning and Preparation**
- Wednesday 29 January - Staff Learning and Preparation**
- Friday 13 March - Student Led Conferences**
- Tuesday 14 April (First day of Term 2) - Professional Learning**
- Monday 2 November - Professional Learning**

Hayley Doyle
PRINCIPAL

NEW SIGN IN PROCESS

Our commitment to being CHILD SAFE and OHS compliant, means that all Visitors, Helpers and Contractors must:

- **sign in using the 'Passtab' iPad** at the Office. (signing in for the first time takes a few minutes to complete)
- wear a SHPS lanyard
- sign out when finished.



Thank you for helping us stay CHILD SAFE.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

This term we are focussing on the school value:

COMMITMENT

Well done to the following students, who were awarded 'Student of the Week' for displaying this value during last week.

Prep B	Hannah Toohey
Prep C	Grady Ingram-Cutts
Prep N	Lucas Pay
1B	Eisa Fox
1G	Cooper Styles
1M	Tilly Schulz
1W	Lily Kirsten
2B	Archie Hickox
2J	Tyrone O'Bree
2R	Marli Doyle
2S	Lacey Callaway
3B	Amelia McIntyre
3K	James McDonald
3O	Isabeau Fitzpatrick
4C	Cody Sheridan
4L	Tillie Bennett
4S	Tristan Mancini
5B	Milly Derbas
5M	Noah Noble
5S	Harper Holland
6B	Reeve Benfield
6H	Emily Monk
6K	Ella Uhlhorn
Music	Jake McDowall
Computers	Imogen Everitt
PE	Alannah Gracia
Science	Jenna Stewart
Indonesian	Arlie Thompson, Tess Laughlin Charlie Gracia, Sonic Hoang



Our Year 5 & 6 SOW recipients:
L-R: Milly, Emily, Ella, Noah, Harper, Reeve.

2020 TRANSITION PROGRAM

Our Transition Program gives the whole School and our 2020 Preps the opportunity to get comfortable with the notion of starting school next year and a chance to mingle with peers in their year level.

Feedback from previous whole-school transitions have been positive from both students and staff. Staff are using these sessions to observe how students get along with others in their year level. Students were also given the chance to make a sociogram of their friends – each student's 2020 class will have at least one person from their sociogram.

This Friday, parents will bring their Pre-Schoolers to the Office and are welcome to stay with them or take advantage of the varied informative sessions on offer in our Library.

The last Transition Session, next Friday 13th December, will have students spending from 9am-12.30pm in their 2020 classroom with their 2020 teacher. On this day, a Parent Information Session will be held from 11:30am-12:15pm, for 2020 Prep Parents. If you have any queries regarding the Transition

Program please contact Hayley Doyle or Janene Thompson.

	2019 Preps	Current Students	Parent Sessions
Fri 6/12	9-10:30am	9-11am	9.30-10am Wellbeing & Specialist Subjects
Fri 13/12	9am— 12:30pm	9am— 1pm	11:30am-12:15pm Getting Ready for School

2020 STUDENT AND CLASS MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

The **2020 Student and Class Materials & Supplies charge of \$200** can be made anytime from now, either in full or in instalments, provided the amount is **PAID IN FULL** by the start of the 2020 school year before collecting the Student Stationery Packs. These will be ready for **pick up at the General Office between 10am and 3pm on Thursday 23, Friday 24 and Tuesday 28 January.**

Parents who have a current Healthcare Card/Pension Card on the first day of school, 28/01/2020 listing the student's name, are eligible to apply for a \$100 subsidy per child on their Materials and Supplies Fee. The remaining \$100 must be paid in full before collecting the stationery packs.

Full information was included in the **Yellow Parent Payment Information** accompanying the Newsletter last week. If you have any queries, please contact the General Office.

PE REPORT

Swimming

Year Prep, 1 and 2 Swimming began today. Unfortunately the weather hasn't been too kind to us. We will try to go to the Outdoor Pool as much as possible. Although the Leisure Centre water is warmer, it isn't ideal having 40 children down the shallow end, and the pool is very hard to book. In our Year Prep-Year 2 Swimming Program, we always work in water where the children can confidently stand up.

Dates	11am	11:55am	1:30pm
Thu 5/12	2J & 2B	PN	1M & 1W
Fri 6/12	1B & 1G	PB & PC	2S & 2R
Mon 9/12	2J & 2B	PN	1M & 1W
Tue 10/12	2S & 2R		
Wed 11/12	2J & 2B	PB & PC	1B & 1G
Thu 12/12	1B & 1G	PN	1M & 1W
Fri 13/12			1M & 1W

State Softball

Well done to our Boys and Girls State Softball teams. Our Boys were unlucky to finish second in their pool. They played the state winning team first, had a draw in the second game and won their last game. The Girl's team won their first game and were extremely competitive in their other two games. A big thank you to Mrs Butler and the parents who transport the students.

State Golf

Well done to Charlie Kingwill who played in the State Golf last Wednesday. He finished 70th out of 200 competitors, a wonderful achievement.



Get the whole family active!

Children learn health behaviours from the people around them – parents being some of the biggest influences on their attitudes toward healthy behaviours. What's your favourite way to get moving on a daily basis? Whether its gardening, or going for a jog, get the whole family involved and create healthier habits together!

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 9—December		Week 10—December	
Mon 1	HELP NEEDED	Mon 8	HELP NEEDED
Tue 2	HELP NEEDED	Tue 9	HELP NEEDED
Wed 3	HELP NEEDED	Wed 10	HELP NEEDED
Thu 4	Dianne Steer	Thu 11	Tamika Skelsey
Fri 5	Yolande Logan	Fri 12	Carol Fitzpatrick
Week 11—December			
Mon 15	HELP NEEDED		
Tue 16	HELP NEEDED		
Wed 17	HELP NEEDED		
Thu 18	Kerri Curran		
Fri 19	No Lunches		

Child Safe Standards @ SHPS #9



CHILD SAFE STANDARD 7: Strategies to Promote Child Empowerment and Participation

Talking personal safety

It is the responsibility of adults to keep children safe, this includes helping them develop personal safety skills. It is not about scaring or frightening children but increasing communication and learning new skills. Our job as safe adults is to listen, believe and support.

Keep communication open

- Remind your child that it is always ok to talk to you, no matter what the issue, you care about them and want to help them to stay safe.
- Discuss safe grownups to talk with if they felt unsafe.
- Reinforce basic safety messages and ensure children know the phone numbers of people they can call on for help or to talk to.
- Practice using stories and scenarios to problem solve. Do not always make these about strangers.
- Explain that it is ok to say no to an adult or child if they are doing something that is not ok or makes the child feel unsafe.
- Let the child know they will not get into trouble if they tell you about an unsafe secret someone has asked them to keep.

Listen and learn

- Have an awareness of the day to day life of your child. Who are their friends? Where are they spending most time? What are they doing online and who are they communicating with? How can they contact you if there is a problem?
- Listen when a child tells you they don't want to see a particular person or go to a particular place. Most perpetrators are already known to a child and may include a family member or known adult or adolescent. Try and discuss this in an open way.
- Don't force children to kiss or hug people.

Talk often, talk early and keep talking

- Regularly practice describing feelings and identifying body clues that might mean a person is scared, worried or unsafe. Develop a simple, clear and easy to follow action plan for these times.
- Explain body boundaries and that it is not ok for anyone to look at or touch the private parts of another child or adult. It is also not ok to ask other children or adults to touch their private parts (you can talk about exceptions like if someone was hurt and the Doctor needed to help or if a child needs support with personal care)
- Early in a child's life teach them the anatomical names for their private parts – nipples, penis, vagina, vulva, anus.
- Explain the difference between safe and unsafe secrets (ie a surprise birthday party for a family member is a safe secret. An unsafe secret might be if someone showed you rude pictures at school and told you not to tell because you would get into trouble)
- Teach children to Recognise, React and Report when they don't feel safe and use developmentally appropriate resources and games to reinforce safety messages.

WALK OR RIDE ON WEDNESDAY

This week's 'Walk on Wednesday' winners are Mackenna from PB and Jolei from 3O. They said it was fun walking to school in the summer breeze this morning.



Sustainability



In Science, Grade 5S has been studying a unit of work on Sustainability. As a follow up activity, Janae Woods then sketched this very creative drawing.

Janae has allowed us to use this sketch as a symbol for sustainability in science.

Bruce Stevens Science teacher

2019 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Strictly 125 copies - pre order to avoid disappointment

\$25

PRE ORDER AT THE OFFICE TODAY

*Bakers
Delight*

We would like to acknowledge Bakers' Delight for their generosity in regularly donating Bread and Rolls for our Breakfast Club and Spare Lunches.

It would be great if our School Community showed them our support.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tennis Clinic



Where – Swan Hill Tennis Club
When – Wednesday January 15th and January 22nd.
Length- 2 hours
Time – 9 am - Beginners,
11 am - Intermediate
1pm - Advanced

Cost - \$15
(snacks and drinks included)

Coach – Mick Mullen
(new to town, coached Victorian and Australian teams)



Supplied- Racquets if needed, drinks, snacks, sunscreen.

Register:
Phone – 0409 651 556
Email- m.mullen@bigpond.net.au

Major Sponsor – The Rotary Club of Swan Hill CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



AT RIVERSIDE PARK
SWAN HILL

Activities from 6.00pm
Carols singing from 7.20pm

Free BBQ, free face-painting, free jumping castle, community choir and school performances. Coffee Van and Doughnut Van will also be there on the night.

Presented by Ministers' Fellowship Swan Hill.

Sunday
December 15
2019