



From the Lions Den **Principal's Message**

Good afternoon everyone,

It has been a very busy week for me and this is the first chance I have had to be in my office all week. On Monday the staff worked very hard to get the bones of an Assessment Schedule together, but we did so and while reviewing it on Wednesday afternoon we have realised that we are just about there with just a few pieces of investigation into new assessment platforms to complete. These will make teachers more able to get a precise knowledge of where your child is and the steps they need to take to continue to improve, very important work.

Thankyou to all the parents who attended to parent school fair meeting last week. I really appreciate the support you showed and the value that you place on this wonderful event. I believe that there is a list that you can sign up to complete a task for the fair. This will take a load of Heather and the school council members. I wish to thank you for this support.

Next week we have several things happening around the school. The Swan Reach kinder will be visited by our Grade 6 class on Monday and then the Kinder will reciprocate the visit on Wednesday and come to visit us and spend some time in the Prep/1 room. On Thursday we are very privileged to be selected by the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Organisation to hold a day in the kitchen, demonstrating to other schools the education values, the life skills and the enjoyment our students get out of being in the program. This is due to the dedicated, high value lessons that Lorraine, Gary and other volunteers put into this life changing program, we are very lucky to have it.

After discussions with some of the teachers today we are going to conduct a footy colours day on the last day of term. It would be great to see all the students supporting their favourite teams, not necessarily footy, by wearing their colours. I know I will be in lots of different tops supporting the Lions, the Wallabies and the Australian Cricket team. So get ready for this fun day.

Just a reminder to the parents of the grades 3/4 campers that the camp goes from the 10th of September to the 12th, this is a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday camp. Students received their gear lists last week and if you haven't viewed it the office has multiple copies. Parents should have returned their permission and medical forms to the office and payment is due on Monday the 8th of September. If you have any queries, please see Julie or myself.

Regards,



Warwick Fraser

TERM 3 2025 **Diary Dates to Remember**

August

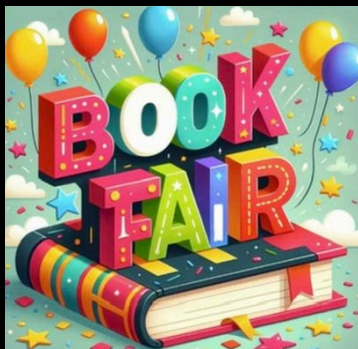
Shire Library Bus - 21st
PicnicPoint Apples Orders Due - 25th
Year 6 Visit Kinder - 25th
School Council Meeting - 25th
5/6 Cricket Clinic - 27th
Picnic Point Apple Orders Arrive - 28th

September

Come & Play - 2nd
Shire Library Bus - 5th
Picnic Point Apple Orders Due - 8th
Year 3/4 School Camp - 10th to 12th
Picnic Point Apple Orders Arrive - 11th
Footy Clinic - 12th
Last Day of Term - 19th

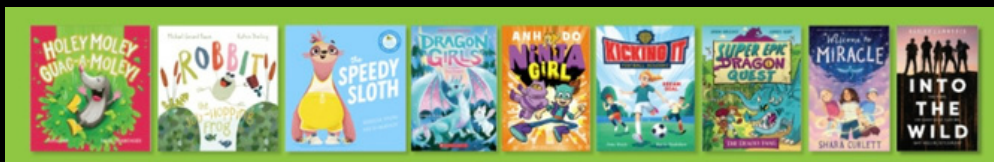
October

Start of Term 4 - 6th



We would like to send out a big thank you to our wonderful school community for supporting our book fair this year it has been a great success, & I would like to share what our friends from scholastic sent us.

I wanted to take a moment to extend a heartfelt congratulations to everyone at school for the incredible success of your recent Book Fair. It's truly inspiring to see how your school community has embraced reading this year. This success is more than just numbers – it reflects a deepening literacy culture that is clearly alive and thriving within your classrooms and beyond. It doesn't happen by chance – it's the result of strong leadership, consistent effort, and a genuine belief in the power of reading to transform lives. Your team's commitment to building confident, curious readers shines through in every Book Fair success. We feel incredibly privileged to be supporting a school community so clearly passionate about literacy.



Picnic Point Apples

Swan Reach Primary School are proud to partner with the Picnic Point Farm to make their delicious and fresh produce available to you on a fortnightly basis. Orders are due Monday afternoon, and produce will be available for collection on Thursday afternoon and Friday Morning.

Additional forms are available in the office. Please leave form and cash enclosed in the red box in the office. All monies raised will go towards supporting the Cooking Program. Please place your orders by Monday 25th of August for pick up on the 28th of August.



Please

REMEMBER

***Check out the
Lakes Post Paper
this week as some
of our students
were interviewed
for a piece
recently.***

**Don't forget Shire Library
Bus this Thursday**



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

***Will be held
each Monday at 9am***



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**SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

Heather Wilkins as President, Jess Kenny as Secretary,
Dale Stephenson as Treasurer, Jessica James, Holli
Wendlant, Steve Robinson, & Hayley Morris.



This Week Around the Playground





This Weeks Student Awards



Monday 11th

- *Alessio received an award for showing amazing focus in all areas of his work.*
- *In the 1/2 room Banjo has been doing fantastic work with his story writing & contributing ideas to class discussion.*
- *In the grade 3 class Blaize is really focused on his maths & going back to check his work, Evie is doing amazing work on her punctuation in her dialogue parts of writing.*
- *Emma has gone above and beyond in her reading, consistently demonstrates exemplary behaviour, and embodies our school values of respect and empathy for all, & Harry approaches every task with determination, completes his work with care, and shows kindness, responsibility, and compassion in all he does.*



The IEARN Program Awards

Featuring Mr Jorgensen & the 5/6 class



IEARN: International Education And Resource Network.

Monday the 11th of August at school assembly Mr Jorgensen & the 5/6 class were issued with Certificates from the Manger (Rob) of the IEARN Program for their ongoing work in the Garden Restoration Program. As part of the participation in this program Mr Jorgensen recently had the privilege to travel all the way to Guatemala where teachers from 10 different countries gave presentations on the work they have accomplished this year. The students have really enjoyed this program & all the work they have been able to accomplish, plus meeting other students from many different countries through an information sharing forum. Students have exchanged gifts from Australia with Taiwan, & are each sending cards to students in Guatemala all about our country & culture.



This Week from the Art Room *Featuring Ms Nicholls*



Art room

Monday 18 August 2025

We can't give too much away about what is happening in our artroom at the moment as students are working hard on two special surprise projects.

The first project sees all our students preparing a special gift for dads or other special people. There are some amazing pieces being created, which I am sure will be appreciated by those who receive them. Each class has something a little different to work on and students are working hard to make sure everything is finished on time.

Our second set of work is preparing for the first Glow Room which will be part of our School Fair and 150th celebrations. The theme for our room is Under the Sea and, again, there are some excellent and creative pieces coming together. We don't want to spoil the surprise and hope that we have many visitors on the night to be wowed by the efforts of all our artists.

Check out a the pieces below for a few of the things you'll see in our Glow Room .

Debbie Nicholls





This Week from the Kitchen Garden

Featuring Mrs Morton, Gary, & Heather



Kitchen Garden News
Monday 11 August



Delicious aromas have been coming from our kitchen over the past weeks. Busy hands and lots of ideas showing growing interest and skills in our junior chefs. We have been lucky enough to have mandarin donated and many classes have made some stunning and delicious butterfly cupcakes using yummy cream cheese frosting and the mandarin segments as butterfly wings.



We've also used our abundant lemon crop to make lemon delicious.

Our grade 3s made a wonderful pumpkin stir fry, a silverbeet and egg pizza. Because carrots are in season we made a carrot soup.

As the grade 4/5/6 students have been part of the kitchen garden program for many years and they are showing greater confidence and skills and are more able to work independently within our session. This fortnight the menu included vegetable curry and beetroot relish, which we aim to sell at our Term 4 fair.



The grade 1/2s made beautiful mandarine cup cakes, lemon delicious and lemons, spinach and pumpkin, all from our garden to create spinach and egg pizza and spinach and pumpkin fritatta.

Our prep/1s are continuing with their cupcake theme making one bowl banana cupcakes topped with choc chips.



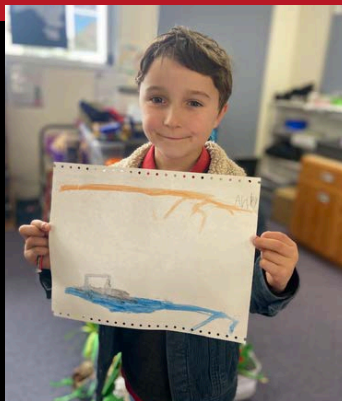
We have gorgeous new member of our kitchen team. Meet our new scarecrow. Unfortunately she doesn't have a name yet. We'd love to hear your suggestions. Let's hope she can do a great job keeping the birds away.





This Week from the Year 3 Classroom

Featuring Mrs Erickson, Mrs Southwell & Hayley



Here are some photos from our first lunch club today if you wanted to add some to the next newsletter. It was fantastic to see 25 students across all year levels come and enjoy some indoor activities that were on offer during lunch play.

Thursday lunch club will run each Thursday in the Grade 3 classroom from 1.45pm-2.15pm with Mrs Southwell.





This Week from the Year 3 Classroom *Featuring Mrs Erickson, Mrs Southwell & Hayley*

ZONES OF REGULATION

In Grade 3, we are beginning to learn about the Zones of Regulation and how we can use this in our day to ensure we are our happiest and healthiest selves.

Each zone is represented by a colour and a variety of emotions fit into those zones.

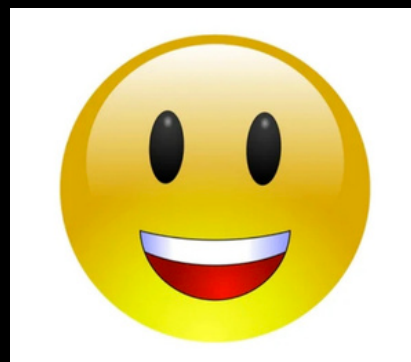
The Green Zone is where our body feels most calm and is the zone we want to be spending most of our time in.

Throughout the day, there will be moments our bodies are in the other coloured zones and that is OK and part of life. However, if our bodies begin to spend most of their time in the yellow, blue or red zone that isn't what is healthiest for our bodies.

We are learning to notice how and when our bodies shift into the different coloured zones and have started to create a class 'Green Zone toolbox' of strategies we can do to help our bodies get back into the Green zone. One thing that works for a friend, may not work for you or one thing that works one day might not work the next day, so the more strategies we add to our toolbox, the better!

Each Friday, our class will be exploring a variety of green zone activities to see if it's something we can add to our individual toolbox and use when needed. We have so far enjoyed water colour painting, lego construction, creating with playdough, completing puzzles, colouring in & creating comic books. Stay tuned for more Green Zone activity updates!

The ZONES of Regulation®			
BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control





This Weeks Community Information



**SWAN REACH PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**COME AND
PLAY**

Swan Reach Primary School

COME AND PLAY

We invite all families with children in three and four-year old kinder to come along to our come and play session on the 2nd September 2025.



- TUESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER 2025
- TIME: 9:00AM
- WHERE: PREP/ONE CLASSROOM

SWAN REACH PRIMARY SCHOOL WARMLY INVITES ALL 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD KINDER STUDENTS- AND THEIR FAMILIES- TO A SPECIAL COME AND PLAY SESSION! JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF FUN-FILLED ACTIVITIES IN THE PREP/ONE CLASSROOM.



THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO:

- MEET THE PREP/ONE TEACHER
- EXPLORE THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
- ENGAGE IN INTERACTIVE PLAY
- MEET SOME CURRENT PREP STUDENTS
- CONNECT WITH OTHER FAMILIES



WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AND YOUR CHILD FOR A FUN AND RELAXED INTRODUCTION TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY! NO RSVP REQUIRED- JUST COME ALONG!

**RESPECT & EMPATHY
FOR ALL**

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This Weeks Community Information



ANYBUDDY CAN PLAY

PLAY.AFL/SUPERKICK

**LUCKNOW & SURROUNDS
SUPERKICK CENTRE**

LUCKNOW REC RESERVE

**THURSDAYS 4:15PM
STARTING AUGUST 21ST**

