



From the Lions Den Principal's Message

Good afternoon, everyone,
Last week I spent a very instructive two days at the Victorian Principals Conference in Melbourne at the Convention Centre. It was great to hear from the horse's mouth where the Department is heading with education, with many speakers talking about the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model (VTLM) and the Science of Learning, with the key plank of more explicit teaching in classrooms. My takeaway from the two days was that as a school we are on the right track and progressing well.



You're probably reading this as the 4/5/6 students plus Mr J, Mrs Mason, Julie, and I are travelling back from a very long day, that started at 4:00am when we got on the bus and left Swan Reach to go to a space exhibit at Strathmore Secondary College. I'll make more comment on it in next newsletter when I'm more awake.

The Senior students start swimming this week and we have up levelled it so instead of being spread over five weeks it will be over three weeks. The Junior classes, later in 4th term, when the weather is warmer and much more conducive to swimming will have a similar program.

It is very exciting that, as I mentioned, our TUBBS Girls Soccer team and Tball teams have gotten through to the District Championships. The venue for the Tball is at Lucknow Recreation Reserve and our first game is at 11:00am. The soccer will be held at Howitt Park and the only game we play is at 12:20 against Mitchell River Cluster, winner take all.

Regards,
Warwick Fraser

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Diary Dates to Remember

June

Swan Reach Kinder Visit - 11th
4/5/6 Snr Swimming - 11th-12th-13th
Library Shire Bus - 15th
4/5/6 Snr Swimming - 16th
Transition for Preps - 17th
Shire Library Bus - 19th
4/5/6 Snr Swimming - 23rd

July

Student Led Conference - 1st
School Holidays - 4th
School Returns Term 3 Begins - 21st
Book Fair Week Begins - 28th
School Council Meeting - 31st

August

Book Week Dress up Day - 1st
Coastal Nector Bee Incursion - 12th



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We have plenty of school uniforms in the front of the office which are free to a good home, the cold weather as now arrived & there are plenty of jumpers, pants & long sleeve tops, come take a look and grab one today. We also have a spot in the front office to find any lost items.



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN

We are asking if you are available to help out in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden on Wednesday's starting the 11th of June for a few weeks, Garry our wonderful volunteer will be having knee surgery & will be out for a few weeks recovering. If you think you could help out for one Wednesday or more please let Julie in the office know, it would be very much appreciated. Thank You.



Please

REMEMBER

Thank you to the parents that have placed their order on this Issue #4 of Book Club!



There is still time to order if you haven't already. Due - Friday 13th June

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Will be held each Monday at 9am



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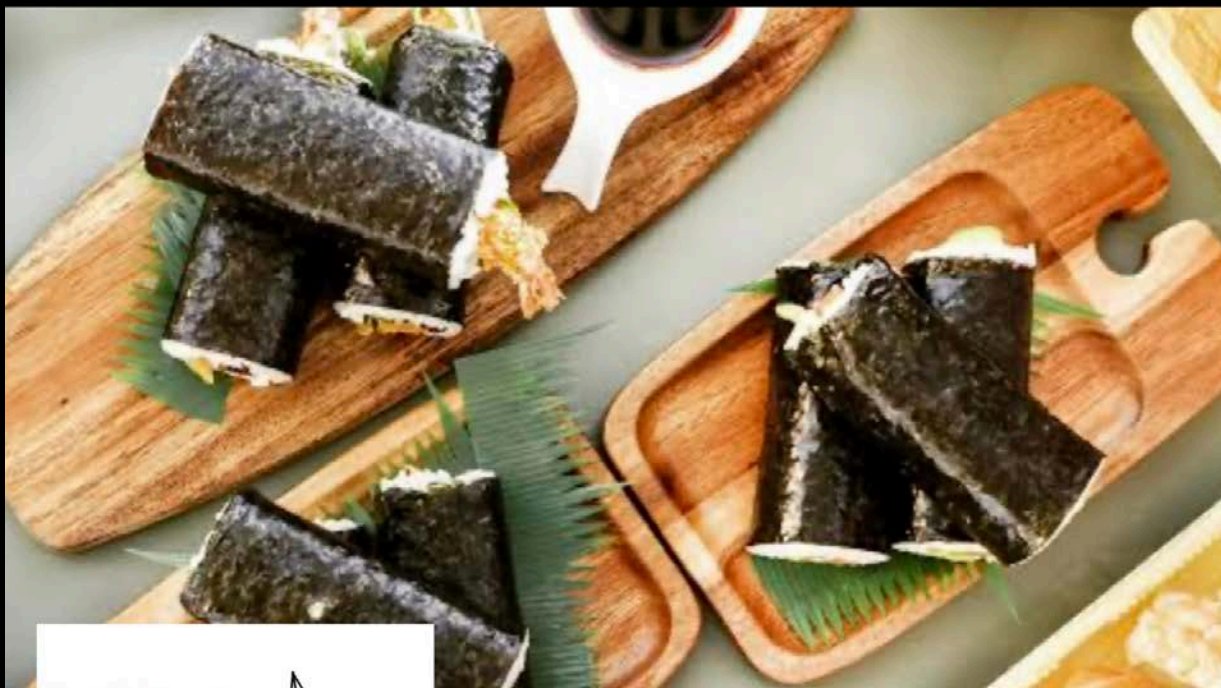


SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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



Paper Cranes Sushi Lunch Order for End of Term



PAPER CRANES

On the Thursday 3rd of July we will be having a special lunch order day from Paper Cranes in Bairnsdale. All orders can be done online, instructions below.



We are excited to announce the introduction of online lunch ordering system called Spriggy Schools for our upcoming Special Sushi lunch order day on Thursday the 3rd of July 2025.

Steps to get started:

- Go to www.spriggyschools.com.au to register and download the app.
- Add a profile for each of your children, making sure you select SCHOOL NAME and your child's class.
- Start placing lunch orders! You can place orders up to 3 weeks in advance.



This Week from the Prep/1 Classroom *Featuring Mrs Chandler, Mrs Southwell & Blake*

Classroom News in Prep/1

Auslan

We have been learning the words I, love, you, my, friends and family in Auslan and are looking forward to performing a song to family and friends at our student-led conference on July 1st in our classroom at 9am.



Literacy Groups

We continue to consolidate our learning of letter sounds and sight words during literacy groups. Our fine motor activities are always a favourite making our hands stronger and stronger each week. We have also been responding to books we have read by participating in activities with a focus on characters and story elements.



Numeracy

Our counting superstars in Prep/1 have been practising counting forwards by 1's & 10's to 100 and beyond from different starting points. We have also been using block towers of 10 to make teen numbers and explore early stages of partitioning. For example, 1 tower of 10 and 1 tower of 3 is 13 (1 ten, 3 ones). Students are becoming confident using tens frames to represent numbers and we will continue to use them as a tool to help add numbers.





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National Reconciliation Week

27th May- 3rd June was National Reconciliation Week. As a class, we looked at Kalkadoon woman Bree Buttenshaw's artwork featured on the 2025 NRW poster. We focused on native plants and the history of how First Nations peoples have been using and continue to use plants for many different purposes. A wonderful example of Aboriginal connection to Country.

The Prep/1 class enjoyed a walk around the school grounds pointing out native trees and plants, listening to the story of Borun the Pelican & Tuk the Musk Duck & sharing their favourite parts of Gunaikurnai country in their mixed media art piece.



We look forward to sharing our learning with family & friends at the student led conference held in our classroom on Tuesday 1st July, 9am. See you then.



This Week from the Prep Transition *Featuring Mrs Chandler, Mrs Southwell & Blake*

How does the Prep/1 Class feel about Transition Tuesdays



Elouise and I played together. I feel good and happy.

-Bodhi

Elouise and I
played together.
I feel good and
happy with
Elouise.

-Lexi



Sailor made me feel comfortable at
school and I think I made her happy.

-Maizey



Poppie and I went to the playground to
play. I like having Poppie at school.

-Isla

Jett and me went to the playground and we
went to the cooking centre. We went to the
cooking centre. We had so much fun. Henry

Jett made friends with me and
I was happy about it.

-Jordy



I am Lottie's buddy and I
love to play.

-Amira

Louis and me are friends. I
like drawing with you.

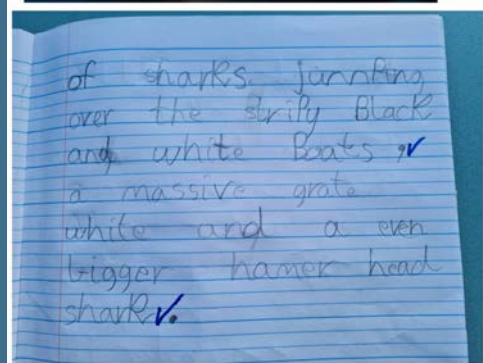
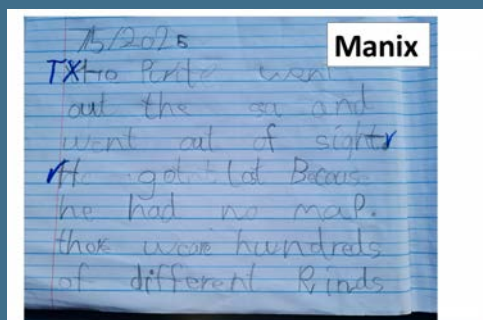
-Alessio





This Week from the 1/2 Classroom

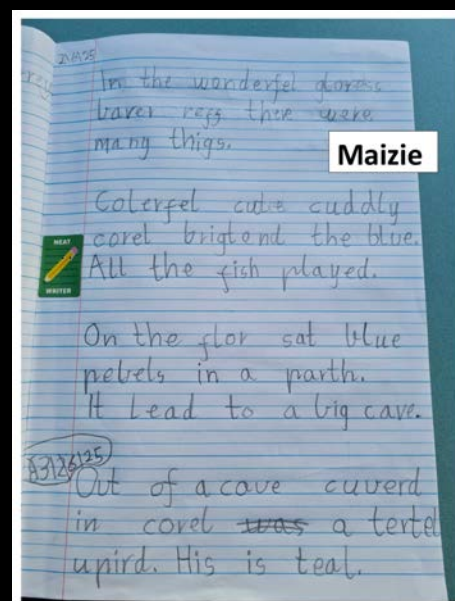
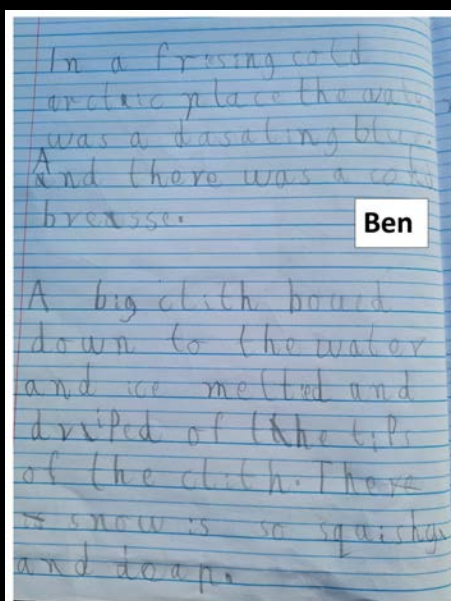
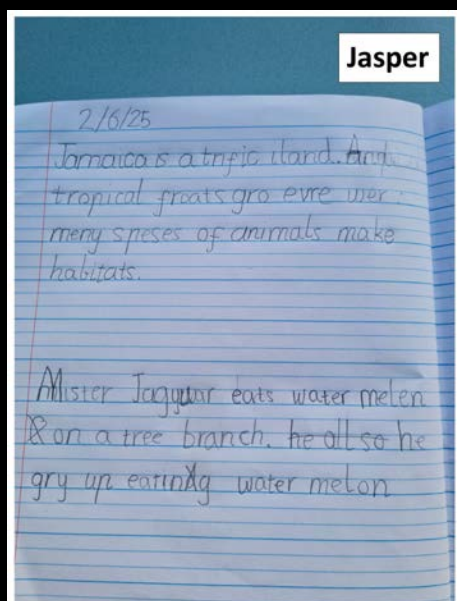
Featuring Miss Zenbergs & Nikki



This term, Grade One/Two has been studying Narratives and looking closely at how an author keeps readers interested. By using alliteration, wonderful descriptions and by introducing a character or setting in the beginning, students have been experimenting with their own texts.

We are especially proud of how we are using the writing process of planning, drafting, editing, and publishing.....Just like a real writer! Our ideas can flow, and we can take the time to develop our characters and settings. We hope you enjoy reading our first drafts.

Miss Zenbergs and Nikki





This Week Around the Playground





Meet Some of the New Teaching Team



Hi everyone! My name is Michelle, and I'm excited to be joining the team at Swan Reach Primary as a Speech Therapy Assistant, while Bronte is on maternity leave. Although this is a new role for me, I bring over 20 years of experience working with children across schools, early learning centres, and holiday programs. I'm passionate about helping children grow and thrive, and I'm really looking forward to supporting their communication and learning in this new capacity. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my partner and two sons. I love staying active—especially through Pilates and yoga—and I'm also a certified children's yoga teacher. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the students, staff, and families. Please feel free to say hello!

Hello from Hayley

I am so excited to have started work in the 4/5 room as an Education Support worker. This is my first time working at a school however, I have worked as a qualified Social Worker with kids for the last 10 years, specialising in Trauma backgrounds. I've worked in this field in both Victoria and in Alice Springs, NT. I am passionate about child development and giving all children the best opportunity to learn and thrive both academically and emotionally. I look forward to continuing this passion at Swan Reach Primary School.

I am also a member of the School Council in which I take great pride in being a part of, I hope to support our school to be one of the best in the area.

I grew up in West Gippsland in Drouin and Garfield. Myself, my husband Wayne, my son, Banjo (who is in Grade 1) and two daughters, Lottie (who starts Prep at Swanny PS in 2026) and Eden moved to East Gippsland almost 3 years ago. We are now local to Swanny, living just around the corner from school and are so grateful to be apart of the wonderful community of Swan Reach.

I look forward to getting to know everyone.

Thanks, Hayley Morris 😊



Hi, I'm Krystal Lewis. I'm a local from East Gippsland and have been teaching since 2016. I took a short break when I moved to Melbourne and another when I had my beautiful son, who's now three. I've taught across multiple grades and also had the opportunity to teach specialist STEM. My true passion, though, lies in the younger grades, and I'm excited to lead their learning journey together.

Thank you, Krystal Lewis



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