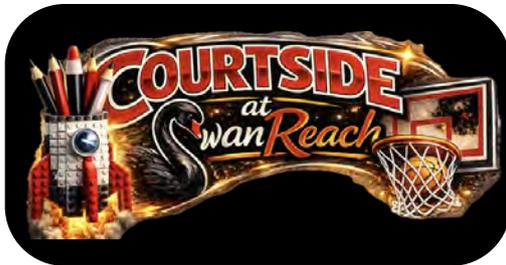




Dear Families,
I recently attended the Outer East Gippsland Principal Forum, which was a valuable experience and has given me plenty to reflect on. One key takeaway was the importance of student attendance. Dr David Howes (Deputy Secretary, Schools and Regional Services) reinforced that attendance is one of the strongest drivers of student progress, quite simply, "if the students aren't present, they can't learn." With that in mind, it has been encouraging to review our current attendance data. Three of our five classes are sitting above 90%, and our youngest cohort (the F/1 class) are leading the charge with an outstanding 97% attendance. What an incredible effort from our little ones! Our Grade 2/3 students aren't far behind either. As we move through the term, I'd like to encourage all families, particularly in the older year levels where absences tend to be higher, to continue prioritising consistent attendance wherever possible. Please also remember to log any student absences in uEducateUs, so our records remain up to date.



I'd like to sincerely thank our current School Council members for the work they do to support our school, and also thank those who have nominated for the open positions. Our School Council AGM will be held on Monday 16 March, where members and roles for 2026 will be confirmed.

Our Easter Raffle is now underway, with tickets sent home to families. It's a great opportunity to win some fantastic prizes (including plenty of chocolate!). Prize donations can be brought to the front office, our baskets are slowly filling up, which is wonderful to see.

Finally, thank you for your patience and cooperation as we make a few small adjustments to our pick-up and drop-off routines. These changes are focused on improving safety and helping the process run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Travis Jorgense Acting Principal

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Diary Dates to Remember

March

- Peer Connect Group - 2nd
- Care & Go Round - 3rd
- Mobile Library Bus - 5th
- Come & Play - 6th
- Public Holiday - 9th
- Care & Go Round - 10th
- Peer Connect Group - 16th
- Peer Connect Group - 23rd

April

- Last day of Term - 2nd
- Good Friday Public Holiday - 3rd



Free to a Good Home

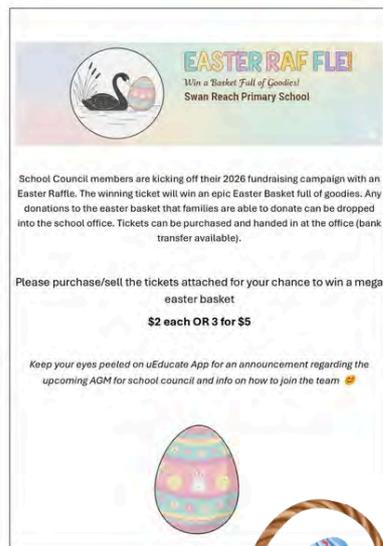
We have a number of school uniforms in the front office that are all free to a good home. Come take a look.



Easter Raffle



Students will be bringing home a note with some raffle tickets for our first school fundraiser this year, we have placed some bins in the office that are looking forward to receiving plenty of treats.



Things to Remember



Kitchen Garden Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers for Wednesdays cooking program, parents, carers, grandparents, community members are welcome. We do require a WWC (Working With Childrens Check click here for the link) its a quick & easy process takes no more than 15mins & is free for Volunteers.

School Assembly will be held at the start of every week Monday at 9am



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This Week from the 3/4 Room

Featuring Mrs Opperman, Hayley & Holli

It has been a great start to the year in the 3-4 classroom. I have been made to feel very welcome at Swan Reach PS and It was lo be able to meet some of you at the Welcome BBQ.

This term in Math, we are focussing on Place Value. We have been using MAB to manipulate numbers. We have been renaming numbers, partitioning numbers, writing numbers in words and learning to read and write large numbers.

In English we have been working on Narratives and learning how to make stories more exciting by using Sizzling Starts, building tension through varying sentence length and our senses. This week we are focussing on adding dialogue, using punctuation accurately to make this easier for the reader to follow. I look forward to reading stories soon that contain the elements we have been focussing on.

Our reading has been focussing on increasing fluency, accuracy and expression. It is important that students have the opportunity to read out loud. If you can, please listen to your children read 3-4 times a week to further encourage their reading development. Asking a few questions afterwards will also help further develop their understanding of the text.

We have been looking at and learning about the Winter Olympics. Students have been working with a partner to research a sport and make a presentation. This Winter Olympics have been super special for me, with my niece competing in the Women's Snowboard Cross events and the Mixed teams event. I am very proud of her.





Student of the Week Awards



Monday 23rd

Daniel was presented his award for having a good attitude and staying focussed in class. Patrick's award was given for his math reasoning and sharing ideas. Emerson received an her award for showing great leadership skills during group work. Hudson was recognised for helping his peers in math renaming numbers & Lexi received her award for her fantastic writing.



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School Pick-up and Drop-off

Keeping students safe and traffic moving smoothly each day.

Morning Drop-Off

- Keep the **bus zone out the front of the office** clear at all times.
- Leave the space **directly behind the bus park** clear so the bus can safely pull in and be fully off the road.
- The **kiss-and-drop** zone may be used for **brief stopping and exiting** of vehicles in the morning (traffic is lighter and arrivals are more gradual).

Afternoon Pick-Up

- The **kiss-and-drop** section along the basketball court is for **quick pick-ups only** - please do not park and leave your vehicle.
- The **only reason** to exit your vehicle during pick-up is to ensure your child is **safely buckled in**. Please **do not** get out and approach the gate.
- Please follow the queue and avoid jumping the line to park behind the bus zone. When everyone follows the process, the line moves quickly and students are collected efficiently.

Parking to Collect Your Child

- If you need to get out of your car to collect your child or speak with a teacher, please park on the **opposite side of the road** or down the bottom near the **rebound wall**.
- It is permissible to park in the **designated bus zone after 3:30 pm**.

NEW: Parent collection area inside the school grounds (access via the smaller personal access gate near the bus zone). This keeps adults off the roadside and helps staff ensure students are collected by the correct adult.

Please drive slowly and watch for pedestrians at all times. If you have any questions, contact the school office.



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Parents who have parked to collect their children will need to congregate in this area. Staff will then direct students down to parents.



The bus zone can be used for parking only AFTER 3:30pm. This will help to reduce congestion further down the road.



Lost & Found

There are a number of items in the lost & found that have been in the office for a while, if any of these items belong to you please come & see us in the office.



Apple Orders are Back, Yum!





**Swan Reach
Primary School**



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 weekly basis. Orders are due Monday evening, and produce will be available for collection on Thursday afternoon and Friday Morning.

Use the website <https://shop.picnicpointfarm.com.au/category/fundraising> or the below barcode, or return the slip with cash to the office red box by Monday afternoon.

All monies raised will go towards supporting the Cooking Program.

Dates for Term 1 are as follows:

Order date:
 Monday 2nd March
 Monday 9th March (Labour day public holiday, please order online)
No orders week of 16th March
 Monday 23rd March
 Monday 30th March



Please contact heather.wilkins@education.vic.gov.au if you have any questions



This Week from the Art Room

Each year students start their artwork collection by creating a self-portrait and this year we are witnessing some fantastic creativity. This week we are sharing the work of some of our grade 3/4s who created a self-portrait in the style of an artist called Todd Parr. This pop art style contains very simple details and bold colours. Students were challenged to think about how to include a personal feature using this style. I'm sure you will agree they have done a fabulous job.

Debbie Nicholls





This Week from the Art Room

Featuring Miss Nicholls





This Week in Around the Playground





**SWAN REACH
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NEWSLETTER

This Weeks Community News



**SWAN REACH PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**TRANSITION
TO PREP**

COME AND PLAY

We invite all families with three and four year old kinder children to come along to our come and play session on Friday 6th March 2:30-3:30PM.



- FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2026
- TIME: 2:30-3:30
- WHERE: PREP/ONE CLASSROOM

SWAN REACH PRIMARY SCHOOL WARMLY INVITES ALL 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD KINDER STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO A COME AND PLAY SESSION. JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF FUN FILLED ACTIVIES 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!

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This Weeks Community News

**FREE EVENT
8 MARCH
2026**
LAKES ENTRANCE
FORESHORE RESERVE
11AM - 8PM

**HOOKED ON
LAKES**

SEAFOOD & FISHING FESTIVAL

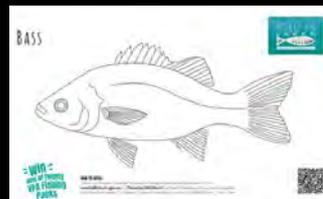
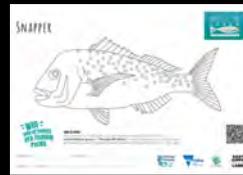
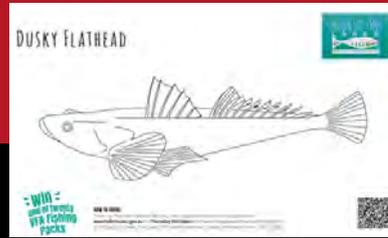
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FISHING GEAR SWAP MEET
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KIDS ACTIVITIES ZONE
SPIN TO WIN - FREE
GIVEAWAYS

FREE CONCERT 2.30PM-8PM
HEADLINE ACT -
PIERCE BROTHERS 6.30PM

MARKET STALLS
LOCAL MUSIC
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Go Fishing Victoria
More people fishing, more often

Victorian Fishing Authority
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We are again assisting the Victorian Fishing Authority with their free community event - Hooked On Lakes Entrance 2026. The event is taking place on the March long weekend and we are hoping you are able to support by including the flyer in your school newsletters in the lead up. The event

Colouring Competition:

Victorian Fishing Authority are running a kids colouring competition for this year's event, with **20 x Kids Fishing Packs** to give away to the winners. Packs Include:

- Fishing Rod
- Tackle Box
- Tote Bag
- Hat and more!

To Enter:

Choose from the five designs of native East Gippsland fish species (we have some printed copies in the office), and get creative with your colouring in! All of the species are at sustainable levels and great for fishing and eating.

Email a picture of your completed entry to events@vfa.vic.gov.au by **Thursday 5th March**.

All entries will be displayed in the pop-up gallery in the FREE Kids Zone on Sunday 8th March, at Hooked on Lakes, The Lakes Entrance Foreshore from 11am - 8pm.

Free kids fishing clinics will also be running throughout the event day. Parents of interested students can register to secure a spot here: <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/featured/hooked-on-lake-entrance>