



Dear Families,

It has been another great week of learning and fun at Swan Reach Primary School. It has been fantastic to see the engaging place value activities continue across classrooms, with students building confidence as they explore number concepts in hands-on, meaningful ways. I've also noticed plenty of paper planes soaring around the basketball court after some exciting Science lessons, there has certainly been a buzz of curiosity and creativity in the air!

Our Grade 6 students also enjoyed a great opportunity this week, taking part in the first of many inter-school sporting events for the year. We travelled to Tambo Upper to play a friendly T-ball game, and it was wonderful to see our students demonstrate teamwork, sportsmanship, and a positive attitude throughout the match. These experiences are valuable parts of school life, helping students build confidence, resilience, and strong connections with other schools in our area. Next week, we look forward to welcoming Nungurner as we take them on here at Swan Reach on our home turf.

The week finished on a real high with our first Clean Up Australia Day event. Our F/1/2/3 students did a terrific job tidying up the school grounds, taking great pride in looking after their learning environment. Meanwhile, our Grade 4/5/6 students ventured beyond the school gates to help clean up our lovely town of Swan Reach, showing strong community spirit and responsibility. All students did an amazing job, and their efforts made a genuine difference.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the day, and a special mention to our "professional chef", Blake, who cooked up a well-earned sausage in bread for all involved. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the students' hard work and reinforce the importance of caring for our local environment.

*Travis Jorgense Acting Principal*



## TERM 1 2026

*Diary Dates to Remember*

### March

- Public Holiday - 9th
- Care & Go Round - 10th
- Naplan Begins - 11th
- Peer Connect Group - 16th
- Shire Library Bus - 19th
- Buchan X-Country - 20th
- Peer Connect Group - 23rd
- Naplan Complete - 23rd

### April

- Shire Library Bus - 2nd
- Last day of Term - 2nd
- Good Friday Public Holiday - 3rd
- Student Free Day - 20th
- Students Return to School - 21st

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## Easter Raffle




Don't forget donations for the Easter Raffle. Tubs have been placed in the office.



## Kitchen Garden Volunteer


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.

## Things to Remember



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.

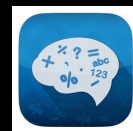
Dates for Term 1 are as follows:  
 Order date:  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March (Labour day public holiday, please order online)  
**No orders week of 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March



Please contact [heather.wilkins@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:heather.wilkins@education.vic.gov.au) if you have any questions



**School Assembly will be held on Tuesday the 10th of March at 9am due to the the long weekend.**



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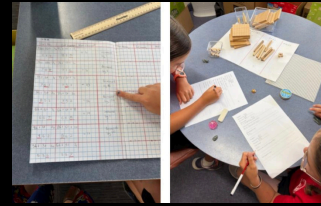
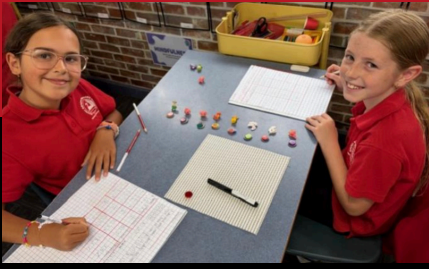


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## This Week from the year 5 Room

Featuring Mrs Mason & Miss Spona



### Year 5 Happenings!

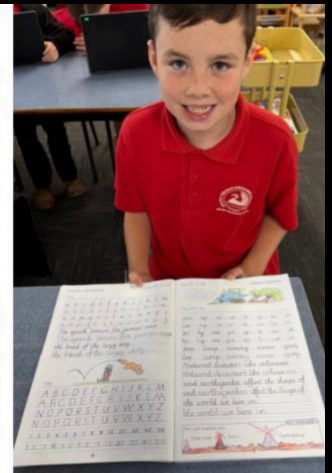
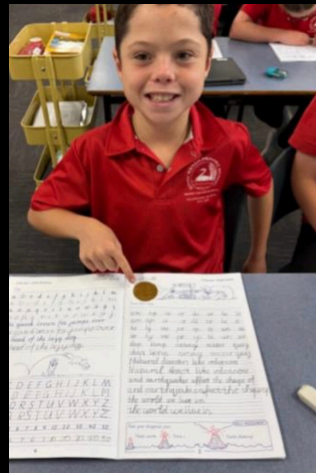
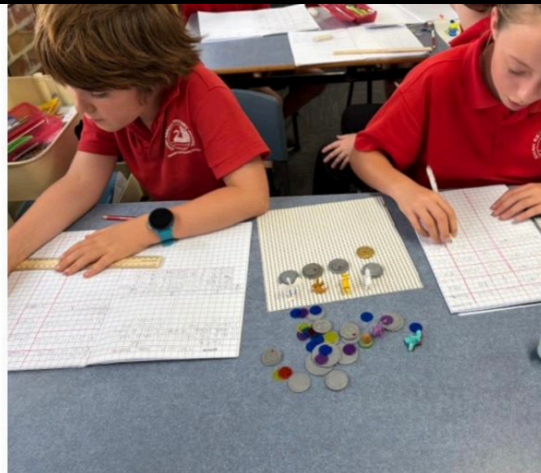
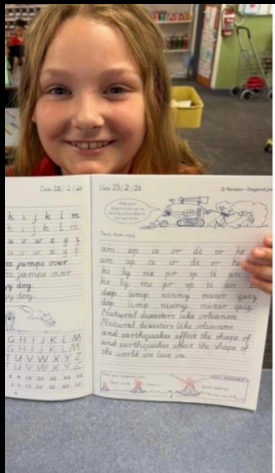
We are very thankful to have our wonderful new ES, Miss Spona, supporting learning in the classroom this year.

In English, students have been exploring point of view through the texts *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan and *Coming Home to Country*, developing their understanding of how authors shape meaning for readers. Many students have also been working hard in handwriting as they work toward earning their pen licence.

In Mathematics, students have been building connections between fractions, decimals and percentages while strengthening confidence with number relationships.

Our history learning has focused on understanding Country, Place and Change in Australia, enriched by a special visit from Uncle Dooka who shared his knowledge of Country.

In Auslan, students have been practising signs for family members and activities they enjoy after school.





## Student of the Week Awards



### Monday 2nd

Jasper for doing a kind deed, & looking after one of our new preps.

Harley for showing determination and persistence to complete handwriting tasks with care and focus.

Rihanna who has been demonstrating an outstanding passion for reading and a genuine love of exploring new ideas through books.

Indi for going the extra mile with her homework task and planning an awesome class stopover in Dargo.

Thea for showing persistence and determination and pushing herself during a maths assessment task.

Amira focusing really hard on all her work, well done Amira.



# Special Feature



Bridie & Ava Bence had an amazing time representing Swan Reach Primary School in the inter-school gymkhana. The event was held at the Bairnsdale Pony Club Grounds. There were students representing their schools from all around Gippsland.

Bridie competed in two events on her horse, Jack. These were *The Rider Class* and *The Obstacle Course*. Ava competed in *The Obstacle Course* and *The Led Class*, on her horse Bailey.

Unfortunately, due to separation Anxiety, Bridie's horse was unable to complete in the remaining events. Jack does not like to be apart from Bailey 🥹

Big thanks to Brigitte Bence for all her help.





# Special Feature the Swim Team

**The Swan Reach Primary School Swimming Team: Otis, Eddie, Josh, Imlay, Chelsea and Rachel.**



In consultation with the swimming instructors from the Lakes Aquadome, some of our Swan Reach students were asked to attend a swimming meet between Nungurner, Metung, Tambo Upper and SRPS at the Aquadome back in week 2. From there, our students made up part of the TUBBS team to attend the Eastern District Swimming Sports being held in Orbost, back in week 4. Other schools included Lakes Entrance, St Brendan's, Toorloo Arm, Marlo, Newmeralla, Mallacoota P-12 and Orbost Community College.

With some of our students racing in all four disciplines (freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly), Rachel, Imlay, Chelsea, Otis, Joshua and Eddie gave it their absolute all in every race! Although ribbons were received for their placing in their heats, our times were not the fastest overall on the day, so unfortunately no one is progressing to division. It is however, a great window opener for our future in the swimming arena.

It was a real pleasure to be there and support not just our SRPS students but those from our cluster schools too. I also want to thank all the parents for their enthusiasm and commitment in the travel required for both the events.

Our students could not have attended with your help!  
Here are some words from our swimmers themselves!...

At Orbost the 6 of us competed for our school in the interschool swimming carnival. We were all quite nervous. We competed in the races backstroke, freestyle, breast stroke and butterfly. Imlay and I came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the relay and Otis and I came first in butterfly. Thats all I can remember. It was very fun and tiring. We were all exhausted at the end.

By Chelsea

On Thursday 19/2/2026.

I went to the district swimming carnival and competed in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and relay. I went to the Orbost pool, I wasn't the only person going from the school Chelsea, Rachel, Eddie, Otis, Josh and I went. We all tried our best and did a good job. I was really nervous but I still went even though I didn't really want to because I knew there were going to be a lot of people.

I did two relays because Chelsea's team didn't have enough people. But I had a great day and I am proud of what I did.

Imlay Kenny, Grade 5.