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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY
  6  Parents & Friends Meeting 10.00am
  16  Governing Council Meeting 7.30pm

JUNE
  13  Queen’s Birthday
  20  Governing Council Meeting 7.30pm

Occasional Care for children 2 years and over
Friday mornings 8.45am - 11.45am
Held in conjunction with the Kindergarten
For bookings, phone: 8570 2032  Wednesday or Friday

SWAN REACH PLAYGROUP
Tuesdays - 10.00am in the Kindy.
All children from birth to age 5 are most welcome.
Bring a piece of fruit to share.
Ring Trish - 8570 1080 - for more information.

MID MURRAY IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME
10.30am - 11.00am
at the Swan Reach Area School/Community Library
3rd Tuesday of each month except December.
FREE Pneumococcal Vaccination is available for infants up to 2 years
Please book through the Cambrai Council office on 8564 6020

Swan Reach CFSCadets
at the Adelaide National War Memorial in front of the Angel of Sacrifice after their night vigil at the memorial for ANZAC Day - they kept watch from 12 midnight until 6.00am.

SRAS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OCTOBER 21 & 22 2011
INTEGRITY - CARE - RESPECT - SUCCESS - PARTICIPATION
Welcome back- we hope you had a restful holiday and are looking forward to another great term

NAPLAN 10th-12th May 2011 (Week 2)
The NAPLAN is a nationally developed program commissioned by the MCEECDYA that is administered simultaneously in all schools across Australia for years 3, 5, 7 &9 students. The aspects of literacy assessed are reading, writing and language conventions (including spelling, grammar and punctuation). The aspects of numeracy assessed are number, algebra, function and pattern, measurement, chance and data, and space. NAPLAN tests are another way of finding out what students can and cannot do so that support can be provided. Students do not have to learn specific skills for NAPLAN tests. Students have become familiarised with the NAPLAN tests through previous experiences and through teacher-led examples. NAPLAN individual student reports are expected to be ready for distribution in September. If you have any concerns regarding the tests please contact me or your students’ home group teacher.

Graeme Buchan
This week we congratulate Graeme Buchan who has been appointed as Deputy Principal at Coomandook Area School for the remainder of 2011. We wish him well in his tenure. Miss Alex Hoffman will take on the Arts Learning Area in Graeme’s absence.

50th Anniversary
As has been advertised previously SRAS will be holding its 50th Anniversary Celebrations on the 21st & 22nd October 2011. Please tell friends and community members that you run into so that everybody can help us celebrate. See the insert in this newsletter for more information.

Have a good fortnight  Kylie Eggers  Principal
Riverland Youth Theatre After School Workshops

**Tiny Tots** (2-4 years) Loxton
Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.00pm $50.00

**Island Magic** (drama 5-8 years) Renmark
Tuesdays 4.15-5.15pm $75.00

**Soap Stars** (Acting for Screen 9-12 years) Renmark
Mondays 4.00-6.00pm $100.00

**Circus Acts** (drama and circus 8+ years) Loxton
Thursdays 5.00-7.00pm $100.00

**Theatre Ensemble** (Monomyth 13-17 years) Loxton
Tuesdays 5.00-7.00pm $100.00

**Dance 1** (5-8 years) Loxton
Mondays 3.45-4.45pm $75.00

**Dance 2** (9-12 years) Loxton
Thursdays 4.00-5.00pm $75.00

**Hip Hop 1** (5-8 years) Renmark
Wednesdays 4.15-5.15pm $75.00

**Hip Hop 2** (9-12 years) Renmark
Wednesdays 5.30-6.30pm $75.00

**Junior Choir** (8-12 years) Renmark
Thursdays 4.00-5.00pm $75.00

**Senior Choir** (13+ years) Renmark
Thursdays 5.00-6.00pm $75.00

Visit the website: [www.ryt.org.au](http://www.ryt.org.au) for enrolment forms.

SWAN REACH WOMEN’S REST ROOMS CRAFT ROOM
Open Wednesdays, 10am to 2pm. Locally made gifts.
Anyone interested in selling handmade crafts or local produce, please contact
Josie: 8570 2249 or Taryn: 8570 2377

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**stepUp** invites speakers who have overcome a background of poverty or adversity to help inspire teenagers to a positive outlook on life, showing them an alternate view of their world.

As teens look to these speakers and coaches, they begin to get our mantra:
“If it’s possible for you, it’s possible for me, it’s just a matter of how!”

Be a part of the first stepUp launch in SA. Go to:
http://cts.vresp.com/c/?10XAdelaideCity/42e845f205/TEST/406b0922fb to register for this event, to be held at the Murray Bridge Town Hall, Monday May 9th at 6.00pm.

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NILDO TIE TENNIS CLUB

**BUSY BEE**
Sunday May 15th, 2011
10.00am at the old courts

**All Welcome**

The MS Readathon is calling on adults to get involved and raise funds for multiple sclerosis. Register at [www.thenovelchallenge.org.au](http://www.thenovelchallenge.org.au), select a book challenge, read for 30 days and seek sponsorship from family and friends.

For more information call 1300 677 323 or email the novelchallenge@msaustralia.org.au
It is hard to believe that the holiday period is over and we are all back at school – where did those two weeks go? I hope that everyone enjoyed the break and had a happy and safe Easter and ANZAC long weekend.

During the holidays, a few students from Middle School celebrated their birthdays. These include: Taylor Poole, Hayley Carter, Jack Wiebrecht, and Nicole Carter. I hope that they all had a fabulous day. I have learnt that sisters Hayley and Nicole share the same birthday, just a year apart. This must make for a busy day for Phil and Chris!

Next week the annual Australia wide NAPLAN testing begins. Sarah Bolt will be supervising her Year 3 & 5 students, and I will be supervising the Year 7 & 9 students. It is very important that students attend school on these days to ensure that we do not have to have students ‘making up’ the tests. If students are away on one of these days, they will be required to make-up the test on the following day. The following tests will occur on the following days:

- Tuesday: Language Conventions & Writing (two tests)
- Wednesday: Reading
- Thursday: Numeracy

During the Parent/Teacher interviews held late last term, I was constantly hearing from parents that their children are saying that they do not have any homework. As students move into the higher years of their education, it is important for them to learn how to take responsibility for their own learning. In many subjects, the 8/9 students have assignments with set due dates. It is important for students to use their initiative and to undertake some work on these assignments for homework, particularly if they know that they are not going to complete them solely during class time. I know that this is certainly the case for the 8/9’s in my Society and Environment class as well as Ms Brandon’s English class. Also, all Middle School students have spelling words to

Many thanks to those generous people who donated items for the SRC Bottle Stall. Combined with the sale of Mother’s Day Raffle tickets, SRC raised over $260.
practice each week, and my 6/7’s are required to read at least two times per week to an adult as well as practice their times tables for maths.

Early in Term 1, the 6/7 and 8/9 classes visited the Swan Reach Museum. This was to learn more about the history of our school as part of their studies for the 50th Anniversary of SRAS. We all had an enjoyable time and thank Mr Barlow for allowing us to tour through the museum.

Amelia Bolt
Secondary Coordinator
SA Public Teaching Awards
Celebrating inspiring teaching

Nominations are now open for the inaugural SA Public Teaching Awards.

Don’t miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional of the South Australian public education system.

The SA Public Teaching Awards aim to recognise and reward dedicated teachers, education leaders and support staff who have made an inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

To nominate a member of your school go to: www.decs.sa.gov.au/teacherawards

Nominations close 5.00pm Friday 3 June 2011.

For further information contact Virginia Barter on 08 8226 3079 or

Parents & Friends Meeting this Friday (May 6th) at 10.00am in the Home Ec Room.
All Welcome

Swan Reach Area School
50th Anniversary Celebrations
1961-2011
Program includes

Friday 21st October
• Open Day at the School 12-3pm
• Afternoon tea provided by SRAS Parents & Friends

Saturday 22nd October
• 10,000 steps around Swan Reach
• Museum opened
• Cricket (BSR v Claypans)
• Tennis (Swan Reach v Nildottie)
• BBQ tea with salads/sweets
• Entertainment / Guest speakers

Please register your interest in attending our celebrations (for catering purposes)
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Please pass this information onto friends, family and classmates that you may have kept in touch with.
ALL WELCOME