DATES TO REMEMBER

**JULY**
- 25 Start Term 3
- 29 Parents & Friends Meeting
- 31 Pedal prix at Victoria Park
- 31 Nildottie Tennis Club Busy Bee

**August**
- 1 Japanese students arrive
- 3 Undokai
- 6 Swan Reach Progress Quiz Night
- 4 Live Band at Nildottie Hall
- 13 Japanese students leaving Australia
- 22 Governing Council Meeting
- 24 SACE Information Night 5.00pm
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**SRAS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OCTOBER 21 & 22 2011**

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

**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

Our new sign at the front gate looks impressive.
The photo was taken by Year 12 student Lisa Stoeckel
and the corrugated iron fence and surrounding wall
was put together by the Doorways2Construction students and
Mr Greg Griffiths.
The finishing touches will be completed soon.
Welcome Back and What a Great Break – I hope that your time away from school was relaxing and rewarding- mine was:

At the Waikerie Enduro Races I entered and won the raffle that meant I got to take part in a “hot lap” and travelled at over 180km/h over jumps through the scrub for about 3 minutes- terrifying and terrific!

Rowan and I went to the MCG (Carlton Vs Collingwood) and also to “Love Never Dies” (the Phantom of the Opera sequel) in the middle weekend.

I drove with my Dad and two sons to Woomera to see the heritage and hear my Dad’s nostalgic stories until Saturday. We had a chance meeting with a serving member at the RSL and got the opportunity to enter the base and look over a current Hornet Jet the next day.

An amazing time!

Year 12s: At the time of printing there are only approximately 14 weeks of instruction left for this year’s Year 12 students. I would like to restate our commitment to these students and ensure that they, and their families, are aware of this but also acknowledge that the students themselves need to make this commitment. Please contact the relevant teachers if you have any queries or concerns.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LADIES GYM
Mondays 4.30 - 5.30pm
Wednesdays 5.10 - 6.10pm

$3.00 donation for the week - proceeds go to gym equipment.
Ring Kylie Eggers at the school or more information.

During our Japanese student visit on Thursday August 4th we will be designing t-shirts on the computer and printing them on iron-on transfers.
We have 16 Japanese students and 16 school buddies and therefore need a large amount of irons for this lesson and would appreciate it if anyone could donate an iron for the day. It needs to be clearly labelled with your name so we can return it. Please send them in on the day with your student or drop them off at the Front Office.
Thank you.

SWAN REACH WOMEN’S RESTROOMS 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
Have you booked a table?
The Swan Reach Progress Association QUIZ NIGHT is on Saturday 6th August 2011 in the Swan Reach Public Hall, 6:30 for a 7pm start, to finish before 10pm.
Something for everyone!

There will be 8 Powerpoint-presented rounds, plus other amusing and challenging activities, cheese and wine tasting (from Burk Salter Wines) and admission is only $5 per person. Tables of 8.

Get your group together and take the challenge!
BYO drinks, glasses, nibbles and a pen or pencil.

Quizmaster: Malcolm Pech

Book now. Numbers are limited. Tel 8570 2015 or email: lynmal@internode.on.net 'Quiz Night' with your numbers.
Pay at the door.

“Opportunity is missed by most because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.” -Thomas Edison

**Senior School Coordinator:** This week would like to congratulate Peter Jesser who will be the Senior School Coordinator from January 2012 for 3 years. Peter is currently at Roma Mitchell Secondary College and teaches Art, Design and Music. He will visit over the next two terms to be part of the 2012 planning process.

**Uniforms:** At the final assembly last term I pointed out that many students had started to wear non-uniform clothing and that this would be clamped down on this term. Each family was sent a copy of the uniform policy earlier this week. We understand that it is hard to dry clothes in the winter but it is not impossible and a note from a parent goes a long way. Students not complying with the uniform policy will be asked to remove the clothing and will be provided with uniform from the Lost Property Bin.

**SACE Information Night, Subject Counselling, SATAC Information:** Wednesday 24th August 5.00pm in the school library has been set aside for a Student / Parent / School information night on all aspects of the SACE. Attendance is not compulsory but interested parents and students in Years 9-11 should attend. Subject counselling for years 9-11 will take place in the weeks directly after this information night. Prior to this students are encouraged to research possible career paths and discuss these with teachers, parents and community members.

Terry Brandon will working through the SATAC (TAFE and University) application process with Year 12 students in the next few weeks.

**2012 Planning:** The time has come to start planning for 2012. Please notify the school if you know that your students will not be attending Swan Reach Area School in 2012 or if you know of families moving into the district.
Q-School: This week we congratulate Amelia Bolt who has been accepted into the QSchool for Aspiring School Leaders. This program runs over 2 years and aims to assist potential school leaders identify and develop a comprehensive range of leadership capabilities.

Coles for Schools (11th Aug-19th Oct) / Woolworths Earn and Learn (18th July-18th September): Coles and Woolworths have launched their 2011 Vouchers program and Swan Reach Area School will be participating and collecting vouchers for much needed sports and teaching equipment. Vouchers are available in all Coles and Woolworths stores and we ask that you get involved to help collect vouchers for our school. We are appealing to community members to collect as many vouchers as they can. A collection box will be located at the front office so please feel free to drop the vouchers in the box or give them to your children to hand into class.

Parent Opinion Surveys: In the next few weeks families will receive an envelope detailing how to complete the 2011 Opinion Survey on-line. If you are unable to do the survey on-line please get your student to collect a paper version from the Front Office. This is an important part of the self-review cycle where we can learn what our clients think of us. Please answer honestly and openly and consider providing comments to clarify your answers. There may be one aspect of the school that irks you but you think others are great - please detail this.

Japanese Visit: Next Monday we welcome the students from Hineno High School and Ms Masuda. Please make them feel welcome. Thanks to Hiro Yamamoto and Sue Neate for their efforts so far.

Have a great fortnight
Kylie Eggers Principal

Please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear and brings a water bottle.

As part of the music program the Yr 3-5’s will be singing to the Swan Reach Senior Citizens at the hall on Monday next week. They have been practising hard with Mrs Tepper and I hope it all goes well.

To tie in with the school’s 50th celebrations the Junior School are focussing on ‘the olden days’ in SOSE. It was a bit of a worry when I realised that I’m part of the olden days, especially when I was asked whether the world was in colour back then or if it was black and white like the photos - true story! To help the children get a grasp of what life was like we are currently organising a trip to the Loxton Historical Village on Tuesday August 16th. We will have a sleep over at Barmera at Camp Kedron and return to school on Wednesday in time for the children to catch the bus home. More details will be sent out shortly.

A trip to the local museum and a tour around to look at where the original small schools were in the district are also being organised. Don’t be surprised if you get a questionnaire sent home or are interviewed about the olden days. You too can feel old!

Mr Yamamoto and the children are busy practising for Undokai which is to be held next week on Wednesday 3rd August. This is a fun day for everyone and the children get a chance to participate in very different activities than usual. Hope to see you there.

I hope you all had a good chance to go through your child’s report and were able to discuss with them the good and the maybe not so good points. Please return the portfolios as soon as possible.

Have a good fortnight.
Anne Wilksch
Welcome back everyone after a well deserved break. Hopefully everyone has just about got rid of all the bugs and germs which were so prevalent at the end of last term.

Welcome to Emily Simpson and Jazzy Challenor who have started in Reception. Starting school is always an exciting, scary and tiring time for young children but they have already settled in remarkably well.

For the first five weeks of this term the Rec – Yr 7s will be participating in the Net Set Go program on Friday afternoons. Thanks to Tricia Horstmann for organising and co-ordinating the program. Once it is finished than the Rec – Yr 5s will be participating in Auskick, run by Leigh Martinson and some senior school helpers. These are both worthwhile programs and this is another way for children to get active and learn to work in team situations.

RIVERLAND YOUTH THEATRE

Term 3 Workshops

Hansel & Gretel Unplugged (Drama) 5-8 years
Renmark Tuesdays 4.15pm - 5.15pm  $75.00
Loxton Tuesday 4.00pm - 5.00pm  $75.00

Fairy Tale Frenzy (Drama) 9-12 years
Renmark Mondays 4.00pm - 6.00pm  $100.00
Loxton Tuesdays 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Circus Acts (Drama and Circus) 5-12 years
Monash Thursdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm  $75.00

Monomyth (Performance Ensemble) 13+ years
Loxton Mondays 5.00pm - 8.00pm (transport available) $100.00

Dance 1   5-8 years
Loxton Mondays 3.45pm - 4.45pm  $75

Dance 2   9-11 years
Loxton Thursdays 4.00pm - 5.00pm  $75.00

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

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

Nunga Dance 5+ years
Gerard Wednesdays 5.00pm - 6.00pm FREE

Unknown Stars Vocal Ensemble 9+ years
Renmark Thursdays 5.00pm - 6.00pm FREE

Film Gen 9+years
Renmark Fridays 4.30pm - 6.30pm $100
During Term 2, the 6/7 English class read the novel ‘A Small Free Kiss In The Dark’ by Glenda Millard. This novel gave students an insight into what it might be like if suddenly the city in which they lived was to be ‘struck’ by war. Students learnt what it means to be a family and the importance of having others to ‘lean on’. Students completed novel questions and one option was to complete a poem based on how it would feel to be alone in a big city with nowhere to stay and very little money. Alix Cundy completed a wonderful poem which she kindly allowed me to share with everyone:

There were tyres screeching as I wake in the street,
I lie at a corner where the street and footpath meet.
My small self feeling tiny and alone,
Desperately thinking of home.
Watching passes by live life seemingly, effortless,
And wondering why life did not accept my best.
It only takes a few wrong moves,
And you could be here in my shoes.

Well done Alix!

As of this term, students are banned from going into the orange orchard behind the school. This privilege was continually being abused by students through using it as an opportunity to ‘hide-away’. Students can still eat as many oranges as they wish but they are now required to get their oranges from the canteen during recess and lunch times – still for free!

Next Tuesday (2nd August) the students will be undertaking the next international competition - ICAS English. All students from years 3 - 10 will be involved in this. This is a great way to compare the knowledge of our students with the rest of South Australia.

Our pit number is 116, which is roughly where we were last year. Helmets and glasses are compulsory which most students have already. If possible can students wear the new black and red jackets which can be borrowed from the library.

It is an exciting time and everybody is looking forward to race day especially now we have our bike freshly repainted by Adam Opie and it looks fantastic. There will be regular bulletins in the school newsletter to keep everybody informed.

Leigh Martinson
Pedal Prix Team Manager

NILDOTIE TENNIS CLUB AND INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Sunday July 31st 10.00am
*to erect and wire on fencing around d the courts
*to fabricate/weld light poles and hinge bases

BBQ lunch, meat supplied,
BYO salad and drinks
The second race of the season is on **Sunday 31st of July** at the **Victoria Park Racecourse**. The Pedal Prix series has 3 races and the last one at Murray Bridge is on the 17th and 18th of September at the Sturt Reserve.

Competitors are expected to be at the Victoria Park Racecourse by 9.00am with the race starting at 10.00am and finishing at 4.00pm. I am assuming that all team members will be present, even if not racing on the day as only 10 riders can race.

We will be going by private transport and would appreciate help with transport for some of the team. All cars should be parked outside the circuit in the S.A.J.C. carpark and enter from Fullarton Road.

A range of hot and cold food, drinks, tea and coffee will be available from 8.00am or alternatively the usual food will be supplied kindly donated by Peter and Dawn from Swan Reach General Store.

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We all look forward to the Japanese exchange students arriving next week. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved to learn about other cultures and Hiro has organised so many exciting activities for students to be involved in over the two weeks. The first is Undokai next Wednesday and then the band at Nildottie Hall on Thursday night (4th August). A big thank you to Sarah Bolt and the Mid Murray Council for organising this as part of the Fun For Youth program. This ties in perfectly for the visiting students.

I hope that you all had a happy and safe holidays, and I look forward to another term of exciting learning and events at SRAS.

Miss Amelia Bolt
Middle School Coordinator
SWAN REACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

CASH AUCTION

SWAN REACH AREA SCHOOL OVAL

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2nd 2011

Starting time 10.00am

Goods from 7.00am

Turn unwanted goods into CASH!!

Enquiries: 0437 755 553

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Congratulations to Ryan and Shae Grieger for being selected in the State Cross Country team. SRAS wishes them luck at the Nationals in Canberra in August. A fantastic achievement!

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PARENTS & FRIENDS

Our next meeting will be on Friday July 29th at 10.00am in the Home Ec room.

Helpers are required for Undokai Sports Day on Wednesday August 3rd.

Please contact Alison (8578 6002) or Jo (8570 2332 or 0427 702 332)

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Live @ Nildottie Hall

Gold coin entry

Thursday 4th August 2011
7-10pm

For more info or register interest Phone: 8570 2053

Drinks/Chips for sale

Supported by:
SRAS YAC & Mid Murray Council

Family, Community & Youth event