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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week we had a whole school assembly where we focused on working together (staff, students and parents/guardians/carers) to achieve excellence and have high expectations of behaviour to create an environment which promotes individual academic and social growth. The last 4 weeks of term, we are focusing on the value of Responsibility and the expectation of 'we will attend all classes on time' and stay in class.

Punctuality or being on time is a lifelong skill we need to develop. Particular areas we are focusing on at school are that by being on time to class you are:

- Showing respect for your teachers and peers. When you are late, their teaching and learning is interrupted.
- Showing respect for yourself. Being on time and remaining in class ensures you don't miss out on valuable information and supports your learning

Exams and GAT

This week the Year 10 and 11 students have had their mid-year exams. Well done to all the students and staff who have powered their way through them all in such a professional manner. On the 18th of June our students studying a Unit 3/4 VCE / VET subject will be sitting the GAT. This assessment is vital as it is their reassurance policy if they cannot sit their end of year exams. I encourage any parent who would like more information about the GAT and if their child should attend it to ring the Senior School.

De Rosewarne – Acting Principal

SCHOOL CAPTAIN REPORT

As we near the end of term 2, I would like to congratulate everyone's efforts on a great term so far with only 3 weeks left to go.

This week our Year 10 and 11 students have completed their midterm exams; this is a great way for them to develop exam condition habits for their future years at school. I would also like to wish all Year 11 and 12 students who are completing a Unit 3/4 subject, the best of luck as they sit the GAT next Tuesday at FLO. The GAT plays an important role in the quality assurance of VCE assessments and also provides students with an opportunity to demonstrate they meet the Victorian Literacy and Numeracy Standards expected at a senior secondary level, we wish you all the best.

Furthermore, we would like to commend our Year 12s on their efforts this term with all their SACs and SATs, with some students having up to 3 assessments in a day. Our efforts haven't gone unnoticed this term as we as a cohort are heading to the cinema to watch the new Inside Out movie next Wednesday. We hope to see all the Year 12s there. In other news, the Year 12s had their second dress up day for the term. The day was very successful with the whole cohort dressing up in some very thrifty outfits. All outfits were beyond creative, a great way to finish such a long term.

Overall, we commend everyone on a great term and wish students all the best for any upcoming assessments and assignments.

Emilie Ward - School Captain

SWAN HILL COLLEGE CALENDAR 2024

June 18	GAT Student Free Day
June 21	MND Casual Dress Day End of Term Assembly – Yr 8
June 25-28	Year 8 Camp (alternate program for remaining students)
June 26	End of Term Assemblies – 12, 11, 10, 9, 7
June 28	Last Day Term 2

DOCTORS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Swan Hill College "Doctors in Secondary Schools Program" is now a Nurse Practitioner lead program, ran by NP Hollie Timmins. With 25 years' experience as a Registered Nurse, Hollie has now completed her Masters in Nursing and was endorsed as a Nurse Practitioner. Hollie specialises in reproductive sexual health and primary health care.

A Nurse Practitioner can assist you with:

- health assessment and diagnosis of certain medical conditions
- talking to you about your health and treatment options
- prescribing some medications
- arranging investigations including pathology and radiology
- making referrals to other health care specialists
- providing medical certificates

Hollie is a very familiar face around Swan Hill College, having been involved in the DiSS Program since its inception seven years ago. She has extensive experience working in adolescent health, wellbeing and working in the school setting.

Michaela Costa is stepping into the role of DiSS Practice Nurse and will now be your first point of contact in the DiSS Clinic. Originally from Melbourne, Michaela studied nursing at Monash University and worked in metropolitan hospitals before moving to Swan Hill in 2015. Michaela has over 12 years nursing experience, primarily in emergency and critical-care nursing. More recently Michaela has spent some time in the disability-sector working with paediatric clients, which saw her doing a lot of work within schools and kindergartens.

Jade Hunter continues to be the School Program Lead for the DiSS program and is well supported by Jaylee Morrison and the Wellbeing team. The DiSS Clinic runs each Wednesday morning. To make an appointment please contact Swan Hill Primary Health Medical Centre on 5033 9900.

Doctors in Secondary Schools Program



IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

Recently our Business Manager, Peta Lindsay, entered and won an art competition with local indigenous artist, Tayla Donaczy. The winning painting being a customised piece that told the winner's story.

Tayla presented the school with the completed piece this week; 'It takes a community to raise our children'.



The centre symbol is a meeting place (the school) where children come together.

The hands on the outside represent all the staff that help the children on their individual journeys through their school years. (journey lines from the hands to the meeting place). Hands also represent connection & belonging.

Waterholes to represent the Murray River (as we are a river town and have a strong connection to it) connection to the river is healing for all.



VCE-VM STAFF THANK YOU

On Thursday May 16th, the Year 11 VM students completed one of their student-led projects. Students decided to bake staff thank you treats as a way to acknowledge the support and guidance they receive daily from their teachers and education support staff at Swan Hill College. Students applied a range of life skills as they planned and researched what to bake before completing a budget and purchasing the ingredients. Students utilised their planning and leadership skills to work as a team to bake for the 120 staff and completed the task by writing a thank you note to accompany the baking. Students utilised their interpersonal skills as they delivered them to staff around the school. Students were grateful to have many staff pass on positive feedback, and hope to do more student led projects in the future.

Steph Kiel – VCE-VM



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