



NEWSLETTER

Swan Hill Christian School



ENROLMENTS OPEN

Your recommendation will make a difference! We encourage you to invite your friends to check out our school. We have tours available with the Principal every Monday morning, and interested families can register through our website:

<https://shcs.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/>



IN SHORT

School Photos - Thu 29 Feb
(photo orders close on Monday)

Harmony Day - Year 5/6 students are performing - Sat 2 Mar

Foundation students begin 5 days of school - week beginning Mon 4 Mar

Small School Summer Sports - Thu 7 Mar



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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

As a school, we have been reflecting on 'community' and how to do this well. Recently, we welcomed new staff, students and families to the Swan Hill Christian School community. New students are now settling into the environment and routines, and our new staff are learning the ropes and doing a fantastic job. For parents/carers, the 'Get to Know You' Interviews, PCF Meeting and Dedication Service were all great ways to connect.

Thanks to you all - students, staff and parents/carers - for contributing to our awesome school community. Let's keep doing 'community' well to ensure that everyone feels welcome!



REPORTING DATA

Attached to this newsletter is a notice from the Aus Government Dept of Education regarding information collected for non-government schools' funding. There is a link on the notice for further information, or you are welcome to contact the school office if you have questions.

If you have moved recently, please ensure we have your correct address.



SWIMMING PROGRAM

The students have been learning water safety and swimming at the SH Leisure Centre swimming program every Friday afternoon for the last couple of weeks. They are having a wonderful time!



SWAN HILL HARMONY DAY

Swan Hill Harmony Day is a fabulous chance to celebrate all the wonderful cultures we have represented in the Swan Hill Region. We will be hosting a Children's Activity Stall with face painting.

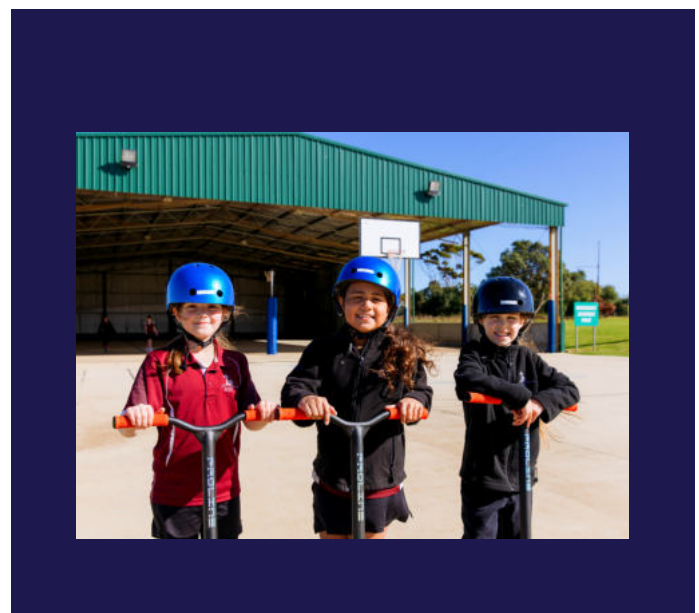
Our Year 5/6 students have been learning a dance to perform (see pg 4) We would love to see you at Riverside Park on Saturday 2 March, 4-8pm.

ALL GIRLS CRICKET BLAST

All-Girls Cricket Blast & Junior Cricket – 4-week program

- Swan Hill Showgrounds Oval
- Starting Wed 28 Feb 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- \$25 – Includes 'Pop-Up Blast Pack' for participants
- <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/8224a1>

Any questions, please contact jdearago@cricketvictoria.com.au



MARRUK PROJECT

The multi-award winning Marruk Project is a First Nations theatre collective led by Swan Hill Elders, artists and young people that shares and celebrates First Nations culture.

The Grade 5/6 class have been learning a cultural story and dance to share at Swan Hill Harmony Day on 2 March. A letter about this has been sent home with your child.



GROUNDS WORK

Things are happening!

We have onsite work taking place to ensure our school is a safe and lovely place to learn and work.

The very old irrigation pump (from the Donnington Golf Course days) has been replaced with a new and reliable pump. Our Assembly Area was damaged during the heavy rains at the end of 2023, but insurance work will be happening soon to have this building fully repaired.



FOOD SAFETY REMINDER

For Child Safety reasons, before any food comes to school for sharing with other students, could you please fill out a [Food Safety Application](#). Especially important is marking all the potential allergens in your items.

The application is attached to the email, or you can find it in the announcements page of **uEducateUs**.

ATTACHMENTS

- SHCS Library News
- Govt Address Collection Notice
- All girls Cricket Blast
- Seminar opportunity in Kerang related to Autism.



PCF NEWS

At the beginning of March the PCF Committee will be launching our first fundraiser for the year - The Cadbury Easter Egg Fundraiser.

This year we will be raising funds to go towards making the school's concrete more vibrant and colourful with playground markings.

Each family will receive a letter explaining the details of the fundraiser and an expression of interest slip. Please return your interest slip by **Wednesday 28th Feb**, so that we can distribute boxes accordingly.

If there are any questions please contact the front office or any committee member.

Many thanks,
Lauren Dodgshun & Helen Tilbrook
(PCF Co-Presidents)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri 23 Feb - Swimming Program at SH Leisure Centre
- Tue 27 Feb - Year 6 Christian Leadership Conference
- Wed 28 Feb - School Assembly at 2:30pm - all are welcome
- Thu 29 Feb - School Photos
- Fri 1 Mar - Swimming Program at SH Leisure Centre (last day)
- Sat 2 Mar - Harmony Day event at Riverside Park. SHCS will host children's activities
- Thu 7 Mar - Small Schools Summer Sports and F/1/2 Fun Day

Parents/Carers can find the full calendar on uEducateUs.

Library News

Term 1 2024

Reading is important for all children to be successful at school. Reading is fun and helps us to learn about ourselves and others, and about the world. Please help your child to be a regular borrower from our school library and to read their library books each week.

A Checklist for Students

- Remember my reading satchel or a library bag every Wednesday (2/3/4) or Thursday (F/1 & 5/6). This is important to keep the library books clean.
- Remember ALL my library books. I can't borrow all my new books to read, if I have left some books at home or I have lost one in my bedroom!
- If I haven't finished reading a book, I need to bring the book to school on my Library day and ask Mrs McCann for extra time.

Book Repairs

If a page is accidentally torn in a library book that has been borrowed by your child, please do not attempt to repair the book yourself. Promptly return the book and any ripped pages to Mrs McCann, an expert book repairer. If a book accidentally becomes wet when a water bottle leaks in a school bag, please return the book to Mrs McCann as soon as possible.

Got a question? Please contact Sharyn McCann, Teacher Librarian at Swan Hill Christian School.

Our partnership with parents is important at Swan Hill Christian School. We have established a Parent Library that is located in a corner of the Assembly area in the main classroom building.



All parents, carers and community members can access the Parent Library before and after school, before and after Assembly, and at other times during school hours as required. Please sign in at the Office first.

The Parent Library currently has books about love languages, building resilience and managing mental health of children, adolescence and puberty, and setting boundaries in families. More books will be added to the collection soon. Suggestions of new books or topics are welcome.

To borrow a book:

Complete a borrowing slip found on the Parent Library shelf.

Place the borrowing slip inside the letterbox on the shelf.

You have 3 weeks to read books from the Parent Library. Email sharyn.mccann@shcs.vic.edu.au, if you need more time.

When you are finished, please return books to the Swan Hill Christian School Office. Thank you.



Picture Book Collection

Collection Notice for parents/guardians

2024 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to notify you that we have requested for your child's school to provide residential address and other information.

Under the Australian Education Regulations 2023, the school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- names and residential addresses of the student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- student residential address (**excluding student names**)
- whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

The school collects the above information by generating a **unique and unidentifiable** student reference number (SRN) for each student record. The school only uses the SRN for this collection. **The SRN cannot be used for any other purpose.** The number only indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected is used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data to calculate a non-government school community's anticipated capacity to contribute to schooling costs.

In 2020, the department introduced a new measure of capacity to contribute: the Direct Measure of Income (DMI). The DMI is based on the median income of non-government school students' parents or guardians using the collection data. For more information see [Direct Measure of Income \(DMI\) Methodology](#).

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (the Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with the Privacy Act, the *Australian Education Act 2013* and Australian Education Regulations 2023.

Your personal information provided to the department through the collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Find more information about MADIP on the ABS website [MADIP page](#)
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may audit a school's collection submission. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the student enrolment information. The contracted auditor will not use the information for any other purpose

- disclosed to our service providers for the purpose of providing the department with information and communications technology support
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

Find the department's privacy policy on the [Department of Education](#) website which includes information on:

- how individuals can access and modify personal information held by the department
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The current version is available on the [2018 Student Residential Address Collection: Additional Required information Privacy Impact Assessment web page](#).

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the department with the requested details; however, you can contact the school to update your family's details.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).



JOIN WITH FRIENDS PLAY TOGETHER

**SWAN HILL DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION—
ALL GIRLS BLAST
28 FEB, 06 MAR, 13 MAR AND 20 MAR
5.00PM–6.00PM (SWAN HILL SHOWGROUNDS)
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!**



Q Play Cricket

**OFFICIAL KIDS
PROGRAM**



JUNIOR PATHWAY



From Woolworths Cricket Blast through the Junior Cricket stage, all kids can advance their skills and discover how awesome it is to be part of a team through fun game-based activities. The stages have been developed based on academic research, testing and community feedback.

This includes consideration for physical, mental and emotional development.

Participation and progression through the stage is based on ability level, therefore the ages are indicative only. Players are encouraged to participate at a stage appropriate for them.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SKILLS BASED FIRST CRICKET EXPERIENCE LEARN THE SKILLS THROUGH FUN, MODIFIED GAMES PREPARE KIDS FOR JUNIOR CRICKET 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DURATION 60-90MINS 	<p>LEARN THE SKILLS THROUGH GAMES UP TO 10 YEARS <small>Age is indicative only</small></p>
<p>JUNIOR CRICKET 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 PLAYERS 10M PITCH 20 OVERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40M BOUNDARY DURATION 2HRS 	<p>LEARN THROUGH PLAY UNDER 11 <small>Age is indicative only</small></p>	
<p>JUNIOR CRICKET 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 PLAYERS 50M PITCH 30/20 OVERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40M BOUNDARY DURATION 2-3HRS 	<p>PLAYING THE GAME UNDER 13 <small>Age is indicative only</small></p>	
<p>JUNIOR CRICKET 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 PLAYERS 20.9M PITCH 20/40 OVERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50M BOUNDARY DURATION 2.5-4HRS 	<p>PLAYING AND COMPETING UNDER 14-19 <small>Age is indicative only</small></p>	



Q Play Cricket

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PRESENTED BY



From Diagnosis to OAM

plus a Sibling's Perspective: A Personal Autism Journey

Kerang

Wednesday 13 March 2024

6:30pm–9:30pm

(3 hour seminar including question time, doors open 6pm)

Daniel and Daniel's Dad (Daryl) will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living life as an Autistic individual.

Daniel's sister (Leash) will also be sharing the sibling perspective and is a qualified educator (may be prerecorded).

Topics include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

There will also be an opportunity for question time.

Early Bird
Tickets
until 6 March!



Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM

Order of Australia

Medal Recipient

& Autistic Self-Advocate

Daryl Giles

Daniel's Dad

Leash Purcell

Daniel's Sister
and Educator



Venue

Kerang Sporties

25 Victoria St, Kerang VIC

Tickets (*includes \$0.50 booking fee for online bookings)

Autistic people, family & carers

\$30.50* early bird | \$35.50* regular

Professionals (Educators/Caseworkers/Therapists - incl. CPD cert.)

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