



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Summer Sports

Last week a large number of students participated in Summer Sports at venues across the region. Unfortunately, the rain meant that some of the sports didn't run, which was a small price to pay given the benefits of the wet weather across our region. Students took part in sports including volleyball, table tennis and basketball. Swan Hill College students were great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to our teams which made it through to the next level.

Year 7

The Year 7 Information evening was held on February the 26th. This was attended by about 150 students and parents, was organised by Sarah Sutton. The parents enjoyed a BBQ where they were able to catch up with Year 7 teachers, receive valuable information about DayMAP and a range of other items. For those parents who haven't accessed DayMAP as yet, it is a valuable tool which allows communication between parents and school about assessments, attendance, rewards, etc.

Student Scholarships

It has been really pleasing to see several of our 2019 students recently receive substantial scholarships. Readers may have seen Daniel Hughes in several media releases. It really is a great affirmation of the quality of students who are growing up in Swan Hill and their potential to give their skills back to Regional Victoria

Andrew Sartori - Principal

STUDENTS GAIN SCHOLARSHIPS

Daniel Hughes, who was dux of Swan Hill College with an ATAR of 99.75, has started a Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) at La Trobe University's Bendigo campus. An \$80,000 scholarship has moved Daniel closer to realising his childhood dream of becoming a dentist.

Another of our top 2019 students, Gwennie Thompson, has also secured an Ambassador Scholarship in Engineering and Mathematical Sciences worth \$60,000 at La Trobe University's Bendigo campus. Gwennie is completing a Bachelor of Civil Engineering and then hopes to move into Structural Engineering.

We wish Daniel and Gwennie all the best on their journey through university.



Daniel Hughes



Gwennie Thompson

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE PERIODIC TABLE

On Monday 2nd of March presenters from Deakin University visited the school. In conjunction with the student leaders from the Year 9 Advanced Science class, they presented a number of workshops to the Year 8 students.

The students investigated the 'Endangered Elements' on the Periodic Table, playing with gallium which unlike M & M's, melts in your hand. They turned copper coins into gold coloured alloys, constructed batteries from aluminium foil and carbon powder, extracted copper from its solution with a zinc sheet and used electricity to remove Bettadine stains.

The finale included a demonstration of the thermite reaction which is used to join metal together. The buzz in the library was audible as excited students participated in the activities, asked questions and realised that our 'gold' coins are not really made of the element gold. Thank you to all who participated.

Mrs Tompsett



SWAN HILL COLLEGE CALENDAR 2020

March 16	Harmony Day Northwest Zone School Sports
March 17-18	VCE Drama Camp, Melbourne
March 19	LMR Swimming
March 25	House Athletics Carnival
March 25-27	Victorian Clontarf AFLX Carnival
March 26	End of term assemblies Period 1 — Year 7 Period 2 — Year 8 Period 3 — Year 9 Period 4 — Year 10 Period 5 — Year 11 Period 6 — Year 12
March 27	Last day Term 1 — 2.15pm finish
April 14	Term 2 commences
April 22	State Swimming
April 23	Student Free day — Parent Teacher Interviews
April 24	LMR Golf
April 27	Smiling Minds visit
April 29	Girls Footy

YEAR 12 — PARTY SAFE TALK

Last week the Year 12's went to Barrells nightclub where Andrew Downes and Swan Hill police spoke about the importance of safe partying. Topics discussed were alcohol abuse, violence, drugs and the importance of compliance with police and club owners.

After the talk Barrells put on pizza for the students. Thanks to Downes, Swan Hill Police and the Bartalotta family for helping to educate our students.



YEAR 7 SNOW CAMP UPDATE

Camp permission forms were handed out to students during Period 6 on March 2. Signed forms and the deposit of \$200 (additional \$50 if hiring ski gear) must be received at the front office by 3:30pm on Monday 23 March to be accepted. The first 100 students to return forms and the deposit will book a place. Others will be added to a waiting list.

Payment due dates

Second payment of \$240 Monday 4 May
Third payment of \$225 Tuesday 9 June

Once the 100 places are filled, we will be able to confirm which classes are going on which camps.

If your child was absent when the forms were handed out, they can collect a form from the Junior School office. If they lose their form, they can request another to be printed at the front office.

Sarah Sutton – Manager, Junior School