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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a fantastic way to finish Term 1! Over the past two weeks we've had an impressive effort from staff and students with 153 having completed their first aid training, and an additional 252 Year 9 and 10 students taking part in the Road Smart Interactive program, where they gained essential road safety education. These are invaluable skills that will support our students in becoming responsible and engaged members of the Swan Hill community.

Today, our final day of term, we are rallying together to raise funds for Batten Disease — a cause very close to our hearts. We are incredibly proud to support this important initiative.

Looking ahead, Term 2 will begin a little differently. With Easter Monday falling on the first day back, students will return on Tuesday, April 22nd. That week will also include our House Athletics Carnival on Thursday and Anzac Day on Friday. We encourage families to come along and support the House Athletics and to join our student leaders in the Anzac Day march.

Term 1 has been long but incredibly successful, filled with achievements at individual, group, and cohort levels. As we head into the holidays, I encourage everyone to take a well-earned break, recharge, and enjoy the time with family. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another great term ahead.

Enjoy the break, and we'll see you all on April 22nd!

De Rosewarne — Principal

CLONTARF CUP — FOOTY FEVER

Swan Hill Clontarf fellas recently headed off to Ballarat to take part in the Vic Clontarf Cup. Year 7-9 students joined forces with the Robinvale Academy to compete in the AFL9s junior competition, where the boys put in their best efforts, even though some had never played footy before.

Meanwhile, the senior boys in Years 10-12 took to the field in a combined VIC team to face the St Pat's Clontarf Academy. In a hard-fought battle, the St Pat's team emerged victorious.

The group then headed down to Melbourne where they visited Clontarf's partner, Programmed, at their Melbourne office for a worksite tour. All the boys were engaged and interested in the wide range of jobs and projects that Programmed works on.

After some shopping at DFO, they braved the rain and made their way to the footy at the MCG. For some on the camp, this was their first experience at the MCG. The game between Carlton and Hawthorn was exciting, though it's fair to say some of the boys who support Carlton were a bit upset with the loss. Regardless, everyone had a great time.

The bus ride home the next day was quiet, with everyone exhausted and sore from the three-night camp.

Clontarf Team



YAMAGATA STUDENT EXCHANGE

Over the past week I, along with 14 other students from both Swan Hill College and MacKillop College had the opportunity to host high school students from Yamagata, Japan.

After 3 days of touring and a free weekend for the students to spend with their host families. It was time for them to come to school. For my student, Akio, it was one of the most exciting parts of the trip. Our first lesson, History, was a great way to show him the experience of an Australian school, where we made a book on Australian History with small groups researching different topics. This book was given to Akio to take home as a souvenir. Akio has accelerated in maths at his school, so he felt right at home in Methods, following along with the class and even pointing out where Mr Hinton made a mistake.

The differences between schools in Japan and Australia were massive according to Akio, with the less structured, more collaborative approach of classes more similar to Japanese universities, a difference which he preferred. English was one of the most interesting classes for Akio, his English is quite good and he said that seeing an English class from the perspective of a native speaker was great for his own understanding.

For me, and I'm sure the other students as well, hosting an exchange student was an amazing experience. Not only did I learn about Japanese culture and language, but it highlighted the parts of our lives in Australia which we are by now used to, but are amazing in their own right. More than anything, it has made us very excited about our trip to Yamagata in July.

Jonah Casey — Yamagata Exchange Student



SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

What an eventful term it has been! Although I must say it has flown by and exams seem to be creeping just around the corner.

I would like to reflect on the amazing work some of the students of Swan Hill College have achieved over the last couple weeks alone. I hear Year 7 and 9 students were exceptionally committed to delivering their best work on their NAPLAN tests, receiving outstanding feedback from teachers. Year 12 students recently achieved some fantastic SAC results. The dedication students are putting into their work is something to be recognised. As a student of Swan Hill College it makes me exceptionally proud to showcase the achievements the wonderful students of our school continue to attain.

Today, student leaders have organised a donation day to raise funds and awareness for Batten Disease. Having known a student that has been personally affected by this disease, I implore everyone to do some research and consider showing some love to the Batten Disease Foundation for the amazing work they do. I look forward to seeing everyone wearing bright orange, with their gold coin donation, and participating in the organised activities for a chance to grab some prizes on the last day of term!

I hope all students, staff and parents enjoy the first holiday break, have a safe Easter, and spend time relaxing and resetting for the exciting term to come. I also encourage all students, especially Wells students, to get their running shoes on and get some practice in before the House Athletics in the first week back to school next term! I know I certainly need to bring the runners out of their box.

Well done to everyone for a successful Term One. Keep striving for High Expectations, remember to support one another, and seek help when needed from peers and teachers.

Dekoda Barber — Senior School Captain

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome our newest members of staff; Bronwynn Gous (English/Humanities), Christine Mani (Maths), Dwayne Weetra (Clontarf), John Murray (Bus Coordinator), Manju Kumari (English/Food) and Tyler Maloney (LSO/VM Automotive).



SWAN HILL COLLEGE CALENDAR 2025

April 4	Last day of Term 1 — 2:15pm finish
April 21	Easter Monday — No School
April 22	First day of Term 2
April 24	House Athletics Carnival
April 25	Anzac Day — No School
April 29	LMR Tennis
April 30	SH Division Winter Sports
May 1-2	Morrisby Profiling

ROAD SMART INTERACTIVE

During this last week of term, the Year 9 and 10 students attended the Road Smart Interactive incursion. This immersive road safety education program, developed by the TAC in partnership with the Melbourne Museum, provided an engaging and interactive experience focused on road safety.

Designed to help students preparing for their learner's permit, the program includes six interactive digital experiences, each addressing a different aspect of road safety. It incorporates elements from the award-winning Road to Zero Experience Space at the Melbourne Museum, with all sessions facilitated by experienced road safety experts. This program offered an invaluable opportunity for students to develop practical, evidence-based road safety knowledge, and remained highly engaged throughout.

Rebecca Scott — HPE Leader



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