

St Mary MacKillop

GRATITUDE: "WE HAVE MUCH FOR WHICH TO BE THANKFUL" (1873)

NEWS

Vision

As partners in Catholic education and open to God's presence, we pursue fullness of life for all.

Mission

At St Mary MacKillop College we are people who affirm the dignity of every person, who act with respect and compassion, who reverence relationships, who have hearts for generosity and forgiveness.

We celebrate our Catholic identity.

We respect the unique dignity, faith and gifts of each person.

We value learning, aspiration and connectedness and we work together to create a positive future.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

As this is the last newsletter for the 2019 school year, I wish all families in our community a restful summer holidays. I hope that Christmas is a time of joy, shared with family and friends, and that the New Year brings health and prosperity to you all.

The school year will begin on the following dates for our students in 2020:

Wednesday 29th – 31st January – Year 12 Retreat

Friday 31st January – Year 7

Monday 3rd February – All students begin classes

The school terms for 2020 are:

Term 1: Monday 3rd February – Friday 27th March (8 weeks)

Term 2: Tuesday 14th April – Friday 26th June (11 Weeks)

Term 3: Monday 13th July – Friday 18th September (10 Weeks)

Term 4: Monday 5th October – Friday 18th December (students finish earlier than this date)

There will be a number of Student Free Days in 2020, which will be communicated early in 2020.

As we finish the Year we say goodbye to a number of students, however we also farewell staff too. Mr Nick Danaher and Mrs Roisin Danaher are moving to Werribee, where they will take up new positions in 2020. Mr Rick Café has chosen not to drive up the highway to Swan Hill in 2020 and will continue to work in his home town of Kerang. Mrs Brenda Meinhold completes her contract with us and will return to her previous workplace at Managatang P-12.

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ABSENCE HOTLINE
PH: 0427 781 910

FUTURE EVENTS

DECEMBER

Thurs 19th Office Closes 12pm

JANUARY

Mon 20th Office Reopens
9:00am – 3:00pm

Thurs 23rd Booklist Collection from
The Orchard
3:30pm – 6:00pm

Fri 24^h Booklist Collection from
The Orchard
8:30am – 1:30pm

Wed 29th MacBook Parent
Information Evening

Wed 29th – Fri 31st
Year 12 Retreat

Fri 31st First day of school for
Year 7 students

FEBRUARY

Monday 3rd Whole school
commences



Mrs Nicole Miceli, Mrs Kursty Bookham, Mrs Shaye Strugnell and Mrs Chelsea Watson will all be on leave from the beginning of 2020 as they welcome new life into the world. At the beginning of 2020 we will introduce the new staff to our community.

The Annual Presentation Night was held on Monday 9th December. It was a wonderful evening, celebration. Please find photos of awardees in this newsletter. Mr Tom Anderson was our Guest Speaker. Tom spoke wonderfully about his experience at MacKillop and the passion he has for working in a rural area. A copy of his speech is also included.

Yesterday our Year 12 and 11 students received the results of their Unit 3 & 4 subjects for 2019. Those Year 12 students who applied for an ATAR ranking also received this information and it is with great pride that we announce the Dux Year 12 for 2019 is Greta Ryan.

Again, wishing you all the best and I look forward to working with all staff, students and families again in 2020.

Until next year,

Regards

Michelle Haeusler
Principal



GUEST SPEAKER – TOM ANDERSON

Thank you and good evening, everyone.

I would like to start by saying that I am extremely humbled to be invited back to St Mary MacKillop College to speak at this year's presentation night. As mentioned, I have been lucky enough to be invited to study medicine at Deakin University in 2020.

Tonight, I wish to discuss my journey to becoming a medical student and to emphasise the role that St Mary MacKillop College and the greater Swan Hill community had during my formative years. An influence which greatly assisted me in reaching my goals. But to do so, I have to go back to the very beginning.

Many of you who already know me, would be aware that I am an identical twin. However, most would be unaware of the adversity I faced early in life. Unfortunately, my mother's pregnancy was a complicated one, which led my brother and I to be born two months ahead of schedule. Back in 1993, twin boys being born two months premature was a big deal, particularly when one child (me) was born weighing just two pounds.

After weeks in intensive care at the Royal Women's Hospital, my brother and I were discharged. And Mum and Dad were sent home with some kind words of encouragement from our treating paediatrician – "don't expect much from these boys."

Until about the age of 16, this doctor was pretty much spot on. I hadn't been a great student. However, I slowly began to see that if I wanted to prove him wrong, I had some serious work to do. Fast-forward to 2011, my final year of High School here at St Mary MacKillop College and fortunately for me, I had turned things around. With some hard work and excellent assistance from my teachers and peers, I graduated St Mary MacKillop College as Dux of the class of 2011.

The next year, I commenced a degree in Physiotherapy at La Trobe University, Bendigo. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at University and to this day, I am still passionate about the profession of physiotherapy. Since graduating, I have been blessed with a fulfilling career right here in my home town.

GUEST SPEAKER – TOM ANDERSON

I was, and still am, content with a career in physiotherapy. However, working as a health professional in the Swan Hill region has exposed me to challenges faced by medical services in rural and remote Australia. Indeed, recruiting and retaining medical staff is one of the greatest challenges facing rural and remote Australia. I was inspired to be part of the solution to this problem. In the words of St Mary MacKillop: “Never see a need without doing something about it.” Pretty solid advice.

Ahead of me is many years of study, there will be great challenges along the way, but I’m confident I’ll be able to conquer these tests of mental fortitude.

Why? because I’ve seen so many of my peers do the same.

You see, attending High School in a rural area is considered by many as a disadvantage. For example, tertiary institutions offer bonuses to rural students to improve their ability to access further education. Even my application scores to study medicine at Deakin University received a bonus of 8 percent, purely for having lived in a rural area. Now, the bonus points are nice, but I fail to see where I have been disadvantaged.

Earlier, I mentioned the success of my peers as part of my inspiration to pursue the challenge that medicine presents. After leaving high school, I noticed a trend: so many of my peers from St Mary MacKillop College were excelling in their chosen careers.

Being out in the ‘real world’ as it’s so often called can see you up against some serious competition. Competition which can stand between you and your goals. But what I’ve found is that more often than not, my high school peers are coming out on top. I didn’t realise in High School, nor did I realise at University; but growing up in a community like Swan Hill and attending a school such as St Mary MacKillop College instils within you an ability to be resourceful and creative when faced with new challenges, a grit and determination to give your best and an uncanny ability to get things done.

These traits can’t be quantified by a test, nor a series of tests. But I have seen plenty of my peers chasing and achieving their goals, and I see these qualities in many of them! We owe a big part of this success to the lessons and values imparted upon us during our time here at St Mary MacKillop College.

I can’t offer exact numbers, but I’ve tried to quantify some of the successes from my class; the class of 2011. I hope that this may inspire the members of tomorrow’s workforce that sit here before me tonight.

2011 saw a smaller class of just over 50 students graduate. Since then:

- 3 (including me) have been accepted to study medicine
- at least 4 students now own and run a local business
- several have worked with professional sporting teams: not just in Australia but around the world
- one student is a PhD candidate

Many others have excelled in their chosen career, be it via further education, job-based training or other means. Unfortunately, there’s not enough time to detail every success story.

In closing, never underestimate the value of your time here at St Mary MacKillop College. Believe in your capabilities and that of your peers. And inspire yourself and others to go out and meet the needs you see in our community and others like ours.

Tom Anderson

2019 Presentation Night Guest Speaker

TEACHING & LEARNING

Congratulations to our all of our students who have strived for success in their learning this year. Our Presentation Evening was a wonderful celebration of many of these students' achievements and the talents they have developed. I would also like to acknowledge the students who may have not received an award or performed at the Presentation Evening, but have regularly come to class ready and willing to learn with an open, inquiring mind and achieved their own personal learning goals.

Reports and VCE Results

All students completing Unit 3/4 VCE subjects and who qualify for ATARs should now have received their online results.

All St Mary MacKillop College reports are now available online and can be accessed directly by students via the SIMON intranet or by parents using the Parent Access Module (PAM) available via the website <http://pam.mackillopsh.vic.edu.au>.

Hardcopies of End of Semester reports will only be printed and posted home over the holidays if specifically requested. Please contact the Front Office prior to Wednesday 18th December if you need any assistance accessing reports or if you need your password reset.

Victorian government and Catholic schools now use the new Victorian Curriculum F-10 for determining achievement levels for students in Year 7 - 10. Schools are required to report on the achievement of all students including those with disabilities 'without exception'. The Victorian Curriculum achievement graphs contain some significant changes from reports prior to 2017, with an explanation of new terms and codes under each graph.

Please note: *Some students who have a Personal Learning Program may have an expected achievement level set which differs from their year level in some subjects.*

End of Semester Reports Grading Information

End of Semester reports will indicate to you the achievements of your son/daughter through the assessment of tasks over the whole semester. Below is an explanation of the grading scale.

Students in Year 7 to 10 will also have Victorian Curriculum ratings. This rating indicates the standard that your son/daughter is achieving against the Victorian Curriculum Levels. If you have any concerns in regard to the grading of Victorian Curriculum levels, please contact your son/daughter's Homeroom Teacher.

Year 7 to 11

End of Semester Reports: Grading for Assessment Tasks

Assessments at **Year 7 – 11**, use the following grading criteria:

VH (Very High):	All criteria addressed to a very high standard.
H (High):	Most criteria addressed to a high standard
M (Medium):	Criteria addressed to a medium standard.
L (Low):	Criteria addressed to a medium to low standard.
VL (Very Low):	Criteria addressed to a low standard.
NE (Not Eligible):	Student is not eligible for a result due to: Non submission of work by the due date; lowest standard not met; copying or; plagiarism.
LS (Late Submission)	Late but Satisfactory
NA (Not Assessed):	Task Not Assessed.
AB (Absence):	Absent for task.

End of Semester Result:

S – Satisfactory. Assessment tasks completed

N – Not Satisfactory. Insufficient work completed, or work below standard.

Grading Scale – for Religious Education

Awakenings

Extensive Knowledge	All criteria addressed to a very high standard.
Thorough Knowledge	Most criteria addressed to a high standard
Sound Knowledge	Criteria addressed to a medium standard
Basic Knowledge	Criteria addressed to a medium to low standard.
Elementary Knowledge	Criteria addressed to a low standard.
Not Eligible	Student is not eligible for a result due to: Non submission of work by the due date; lowest standard not met; copying or; plagiarism.

Sally Looney

Director of Teaching and Learning

IMPORTANT

**All booklists should have been returned by
Friday 6th December.**

**If you have not returned your booklist, please
contact Warrnambool Books directly or order online
through Warrnambool Books.**

**The contact information for Warrnambool Books and
their online website details are on your booklist.**

PARCEL COLLECTION

**COLLECT YOUR BOOKLIST PARCEL FROM:
Thursday 23rd January 2020 3:30pm – 6:00pm
Friday 24th January 2020 8:30am – 1:30pm
from 'The Orchard' via High Street
at St Mary MacKillop College
Warrnambool Books Ph: (03) 5562 9400**

Another busy year in the Pathways Office is 'done and dusted'. This week Year 12 students received their results and we know their results reflect the hard work and study they have done this year. For some students the ATAR may be lower than expected and options need to be re-evaluated. Students have until 4.00pm Saturday, December 14th to make any changes to current preferences. Students are able to add, remove or re-order course preferences through their VTAC account, but please make sure you read any new course requirements carefully. More information is available on the VTAC website.

For the first time this year, offers will be made in December for most courses at most Universities, followed by first round offers in January. We will both be contactable via email if any student needs assistance during this time.

Course Seeker

Course Seeker is a website that contains information about higher education courses in all Australian states and territories. This easy to use website displays all course information, entry requirements and admission processes. Check it out at www.coursesseeker.edu.au

Year 10 Work Experience Program 2020

All Year 10 students will be given an opportunity to participate in the Work Experience Program where they are able to do a five-day placement in an industry of their choice. Following the success of a revamped work experience program this year, each Year 10 core group will have a designated week in Term 1(10A), Term 2 (10B) or Term 3(10C) to do their placement. Consideration will be given to specific placement availability at other times during the year. A Work Experience placement provides students a chance to explore possible career options, and assist them in future course and career decision making.

In previous years many students organise a placement in Swan Hill, but depending on student's interest and 'who you know' students have ventured to other regional centres and Melbourne. Some very popular opportunities away from Swan Hill include placements at The Herald Sun, some of the major city hospitals as well as several AFL Clubs. Interested students are encouraged to look online as some of these applications will be open during January.

We hope parents will support and encourage their child to take part in this program next year, and maybe even start to discuss this now and consider possible work places.

USI (Unique Student Identifier)

Students undertaking a VET subject for the first time in 2020 are required to create a USI before they can enrol and commence their subject next year. Once students have a USI, this number will link them to any training they do through a Registered Training Organisation. It is very important they keep a record of this number for future use. To create a USI students need to go to the following link: <https://www.usi.gov.au> They will need a Medicare card number or other proof of identity.

Finally, and excitingly, Mrs Crow is moving on from her role at Pathways Co-ordinator after a number of years. Over this time, she has successfully introduced Year 9 and Year 10 Pathway classes where she has worked closely with students and started many conversations about future pathway options.

Students from Year 9 to Year 12 over these years will remember her enthusiasm and compassion in so many different ways. Whether it was a shoulder to cry on, discussions about subject selection, assisting with a job application, organising a variety of excursions – both Universities and TAFE, industry visits and guest speakers and so much more. We know this is why students are so well prepared for their VCE where she is still very involved and supportive of their pathway plans. She is very grateful that so many students trusted her and allowed her to be part of this really important journey.

Laura Crow and Brenda Brady
Pathways Team

ITALIAN STORYBOOK EXCURSION TO ST MARY'S

On Wednesday 4th December, 50 Year 8 students who currently study Italian, headed off to St. Mary's Primary School to showcase their Italian storybooks and read them to Year 2 students.

Students had been working on their storybooks for most of the term in Italian classes and chose varied themes and characters in their stories. Characters such as Moana, Peppa Pig and SpongeBob Squarepants were a success with the young students. Year 2 students were very enthusiastic and engaged with our students in the activity and enjoyed the stories immensely.

In our final class for the year, students were treated to Italian gelati and prizes were awarded to the most creative storybooks. Thank you to all the students and teachers who assisted and helped make this day successful yet again!

Maria Salvo

LOTE Curriculum Leader



YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY

Today St Mary MacKillop College held an Orientation Day for all students enrolled in Year 7 in 2020. The students have had an action packed day participating in English, Maths, PE and Wellbeing classes. They have learned which House and Homeroom they are in from 2020 and have begun to forge new friendships with students from different schools.

They are a wonderful group of students and we look forward to them commencing at MacKillop next year.



PRESENTATION NIGHT

We congratulate our top students from Years 7 to 11

Year 7

Tess Meney

William Gilchrist

Year 8

Sarah Girdwood

Paul Scalora

Year 9

Gabby Cameron

Darby Meney

Year 10

Lily Seymour

Greta Sheldrick

Year 11

Caitlyn Edwards

Joshua Sutton



Year 7 Tess Meney & William Gilchrist



Year 8 Sarah Girdwood & Paul Scalora



Year 9 Darby Meney & Gabby Cameron



Year 10 Lily Seymour & Greta Sheldrick



Year 11 Caitlyn Edwards & Joshua Sutton



Student Performance 'I have a voice'

PRESENTATION NIGHT



Joliman Lawyers Scholarship:
Year 12 Bonni McKay, presented by
Ms Sharee McFarlane



Caltex Best All-Rounder Award:
Year 12 Lachlan Hewitt, presented by
Mrs Michelle Haeusler



Libby Dunstone Memorial Scholarship:
Year 10 Lily Seymour, presented by Mr Luke Crow



Vietnam Veterans' Association of Swan Hill Scholarship:
Year 11 Bridgette King, presented by Mr John Pye



Headspace Positive Student Wellbeing Scholarship:
Year 12 Rachael Sedlacek, presented by
Mr Ian Johansen



Hession Medical Services Scholarship:
Year 12 Stephanie Hartshorn, presented by
Mrs Alison Wright



Zoe May Teague and Wendy Bennett-Teague Memorial Scholarship:
Year 10 Jarrah Leathbridge, presented by
Ms Kimberley Bacon



Lions Club of Swan Hill 'Geoff Fisher' Award for Citizenship:
Year 10 Will Garvie, presented by Mr Graeme Coe



The 'Guardian' Scholarship:
Year 10 Jasmine Wright, presented by
Mr Luke Crow



Poolles Accountants and Tax Specialists Accountancy Scholarship:
Year 10 Alana Bookham, presented by
Mrs Alison Wright



Marraboer Pharmacy Scholarship:
Year 12 Sienna Haeusler, presented by
Mr Luke Crow



Swan Hill Business and Professional Women's Scholarship:
Year 10 Nyathor Nhial, presented by
Ms Anne Daniel

PRESENTATION NIGHT



Australian Defence Force Leadership Scholarship:
Year 12 Hana Roberts and Year 10 Toni Mia Scalora,
presented by Mrs Michelle Haeusler



Diocese of Ballarat Scholarship:
Year 10 Kye Belton, presented by Ms Rachel
McGennissen



**Swan Hill Rural City Council
Youth Endeavour Scholarship:**
Year 10 Ryan Archard, presented by
Cr Bill Moar



Outstanding Achievement in the Arts Award:
Year 10 Toni Mia Scalora, presented by Mrs Alison
Wright



**Java Spice Food Industry
Scholarship:**
Year 12 Lily Pumpa



Principal's Award:
Year 12 Arlie Atkinson and Year 7
Justine Larona



Mallee Cruisers Car Club Award:
Year 11 Xavier Murphy, Year 12 Mietta Kelly, Year 7 Jai Robinson,
Year 8 Paul Scalora, Year 10 Campbell Kelly,
Year 9 Georgia Craig-Neal, presented by Ms Karlie Brigante



Saint Mary MacKillop Award:
Mr Luke Crow, Director of Wellbeing

SWAN HILL - YAMAGATA STUDENT EXCHANGE 2020



The 2020 Yamagata Exchange Students and Committee would like to express their gratitude to the following businesses, who have very kindly made a donation in goods, cash, or vouchers, in support of the Swan Hill - Yamagata Student Exchange Program.



山形市
Yamagata City

Doey's Meats	19 Brown Street
Fashion Affair	220-222 Campbell Street
Frankie and Co Clothing	244 Campbell Street
Jilarty Gelato Bar & Café	233 Campbell Street
Swan Hill Off Road	1 Nyah Rd
K2 Hair Studio	36 McCallum Street
Swan Hill Stockfeeds	150 Karinie Street

Supporting these businesses is a great way to thank them!



Little Free Library

We've had an amazing response from the public and our college community in regards to the usage of our Little Free Library. We are extremely excited, proud and grateful for all the donations we've received. We have recently restocked it with some exciting new reads, so get in quick because these goodies won't last. Don't forget to utilise this resource over the holidays and to share it with your friends and family.

TAKE A BOOK * READ A BOOK * LEAVE A BOOK

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday 16th December: Open 9:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday 17th December: Open 11:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday 18th December: Open 9:00am – 3:00pm
Thursday 19th December: Open 9:00am – 12:00pm

The Front Office is closed from 12:00pm on
Thursday 19th December and will reopen on
Monday 20th January at 9:00am.



2020 OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday 20th to Friday 24th January:
Open 9:00am – 3:00pm

Monday 27th January: Office Closed

Tuesday 28th January: Office Closed

Wednesday 30th January:

Back to normal open hours: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Friday 31st January: First day of school for Year 7
students.

Monday 3rd February: Whole school attends

eat. move. smile.

fruit & veg more often together

Think about these three words to help your child (and yourself) be their most healthy and happy

Eat more fruit and veggies

Move more often

Smile with friends, family and neighbours.

Getting good nutrition, good levels of physical activity and interacting with other kids and adults are important factors in the growth, learning and health of children.

Week 9

2nd – 6th December

move.
more often

Get the whole family active!

Children learn health behaviours from the people around them – parents being some of the biggest influences on their attitudes toward healthy behaviours.

What's your favourite way to get moving on a daily basis? Whether its gardening, or going for a jog, get the whole family involved and create healthier habits together!

Week 10

9th – 13th December

smile.
together

Teach gratitude and the joy of giving

With Christmas just around the corner the joy of giving and being grateful for what you have are equally important experiences and feelings. It is easy to get caught up with 'wish-lists' and what presents might be waiting under the tree for you, but being able to recognise that there are people less fortunate and how lucky you are is very grounding and can make the Christmas period even more meaningful – particularly if you decide to act on it. Involve your kids in a local Christmas gift/supply drive and let them pick out what to donate so they can experience the joy of giving to those in need.

Week 11

16th – 20th December

eat.
fruit & veg

Fun Christmas snacks to try

Often Christmas snacks are highly processed sweets, why not try and switch it up and make a nutritious and fun snack with your child/ren.

These watermelon Christmas trees are cute, delicious, and let your child/ren get creative with decorations!

All you need is watermelon, natural greek yogurt, and dried fruits and nuts of your choice to decorate.

<https://www.healthylittlefoodies.com/watermelon-christmas-trees/>



DROUGHT: WE ARE WITH YOU

Up to \$3,000 per household is available to farmers, farm workers and farm suppliers/contractors who are over 18 years of age, are Australian citizens or permanent residents, and who live or work in an eligible Local Government Area.

This is funded by the Australian Government's Drought Community Support Initiative (Round 2).

The online application process is quick and simple.

Vinnies can also help with other financial support and referral services.



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Cities and Regional Development



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

To find out more please call **1300 846 643**
www.vinnies.org.au/drougthelp



Carols by fairy light

Come along to a special Christmas event at the Swan Hill Regional Library.

Join in with our local carolling group as they sing all your favourite Christmas carols like Jingle Bells, Away in a Manger, Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer, Santa Claus is Coming to Town and Silent Night, just to name a few!

Followed by a Christmas craft activity for the kids.

A great way for the whole family to get into the Christmas spirit!

When: Wednesday, 18 December

Time: 7pm

Where: Swan Hill Library

Cost: FREE!

For more information, contact the library on 5036 2480.

Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult.

**Christmas
treats to
share!**

FREE!

**All your
favourite
carols!**



swan hill regional **library**

SUMMER READING CLUB

Stories are everywhere waiting to be discovered

Read for your chance to win...

All children who register at the library and complete a reading log before Wednesday 31 January 2020, will go into the draw to win some seriously fantastic prizes! To enter, simply read 10 books, complete a Summer Reading Club reading log and return it to Swan Hill Regional Library. The more reading logs you return, the more entries you will have! There are lots of incentives to reward your enthusiasm along the way. Entries close, 5pm on Friday, 31 January 2020.

The Major Prize Draw will be held at 4pm on 7 February 2020.

...fantastic prizes!

- An Apple iPad 32 GB
- A Garmin Vivofit Jr. 2 Activity Tracker
- One of four \$50 Toyworld gift vouchers
- One of two \$30 EB Games vouchers
- One of four Showbiz Cinema gift cards
- A family 3-in-1 pass to the Pioneer Settlement



...and lots more!

Thanks to our generous sponsors;



Don't miss out - read this summer and win!



SUMMER READING CLUB

Stories are everywhere
waiting to be discovered



swan hill regional **library**
summerreadingclub.org.au





swan hill regional **library**

School Holiday Program

January - week 1

All holidays!

10am - 5.30pm

For: All ages

Cost: FREE

Creation station

Set up in the children's area for the duration of the school holidays, children can draw, cut and paste, colour in, complete activity booklets and make all sorts of creations from recycled items!

All holidays!

10am - 5.30pm

For: Ages 5+

Cost: FREE



Games galore!

Monopoly, Scrabble, Guess Who?, Line-up-4, UNO, Mr Potato Head Pals, Fish, Chess, Snakes and Ladders and more! Bring a friend or two or more and have fun playing games with others!

Monday, 6 Jan

1pm - 5pm

For: Ages 5+

Cost: \$2 per child



Minecraft Monday

Minecraft is a game about breaking and placing blocks. At first, people build structures for protection against nocturnal monsters, but as the game grows players begin to work together to create wonderful, imaginative things!

Monday, 6 Jan

1pm - 5pm

For: Ages 12+

Cost: \$2



VR Pop-Up Play

Come along and try our Playstation virtual reality headset! Join an outlaw band of immortal pirates, and fight your way to glory across the galaxy or jump into the combat ring to fight giant robots!

Tuesday, 7 Jan

2pm - 3pm

For: 8+

Cost: \$5

No bake - chocolate and coconut balls

Join Samantha and Hannah as they teach us how to make delicious chocolate and coconut balls! Bring along a mixing bowl for mixing and to use to take your yummy balls home...if there are any left! **Bookings essential.**

Wednesday, 8 Jan

5 - 8 years session:

2pm - 3pm

9 + years session:

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Cost: \$2



Lego @ the Library

This fun competition asks children to use their imagination to create a structure of the judge's choice.

Join one of two age categories: 5 - 8 years or 9 years and up.

Great prizes to be won! **Bookings essential.**

Wednesday, 8 Jan

2pm - 4pm

For: Ages 5+

Cost: \$2



Loom Bands

Have you just discovered loom bands? Or are you already a loom band expert? Come along to learn or share knowledge. Loom bands, boards hooks and books on how to create fantastic jewellery are supplied.

Thursday, 9 Jan

2pm - 3pm

For: 4 - 7

Cost: FREE

Little Yogis

Join clinician's Bec and Nat from Swan Hill Kids Therapy for this fun and relaxing activity. Engaging curious minds and wiggly bodies by incorporating storytelling and songs. Child will learn yoga poses to support their physical development as well as a range of breathing and relaxation techniques.

Friday, 10 Jan

2pm - 4pm

For: 10+

Cost: FREE



Super Sphero Fun

Come along to this fun tech session! Children will program a Sphero SPRK using an iPad and their imagination. A great STEM activity.

Limited places. Bookings essential.



- Youth friendly activities and workshops. **NB** Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult.

School Holiday Program

January - week 2

Monday, 13 Jan

1pm - 5pm

For: Ages 5+

Cost: \$2 per child



Minecraft Monday

Minecraft is a game about breaking and placing blocks. At first, people built structures to protect against nocturnal monsters, but as the game grew players began to work together to create wonderful, imaginative things!

Monday, 13 Jan

1pm - 5pm

For: Ages 12+

Cost: \$2



VR Pop-Up Play

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Tuesday, 14 Jan

2pm - 4pm

For: Ages 8+

Cost: FREE

Lego Stop Motion

At this fun workshop, children will find out how stop motion animation works while creating their own mini movie. Stop motion is a simple, hands-on technology that children can easily achieve. All equipment, including iPads are supplied. **Bookings required.**

Wednesday, 15 Jan

5 - 8 years session:

2pm - 3pm

9 + years session:

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Cost: \$2



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Wednesday, 15 Jan

2pm - 4.30pm

For: Ages 5+

Cost: \$2



Loom Bands

Have you just discovered loom bands? Come along to learn or share your knowledge with others! Loom bands, boards, hooks and books on how to create fantastic jewellery are supplied.

Thursday, 16 Jan

2pm - 5.30pm

For: Ages 9+

Cost: \$5



Djembe Drum Making

Join Brian as he guides us through making a simple version of a Djembe drum! A djembe is a rope-tuned skin-covered goblet drum played with bare hands, originally from West Africa. A fun and musical activity!

Bookings required.

Friday, 17 Jan

11am

For: Children of all ages

Cost: \$5

Animals of Oz

This hugely popular mobile wildlife education program is returning to the library this school holidays! The Animals of Oz presentation is fun, safe, interactive and educational for children of all ages. Pythons, frogs, lizards, crocodiles, birds and possums are guaranteed to captivate the attention of the audience

Bookings required.

Friday, 17 Jan

2pm - 3.30pm

For: Ages 3+

Cost: \$5

Farming fun with Pint Size Play

Join Lisa and Rachael from Pint-Size Play for some play based farming fun. Enjoy some messy play, art and sensory activities that will help foster an interest and understanding in agricultural practices in a fun and engaging workshop!

Bookings required.



To book contact the library on 5036 2480. Check out the Library's Facebook page or newsletter for more details. **NB** Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult.



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School Holiday Program

January - week 3

Monday, 20 Jan

10am - 11.30am

For : Ages 3 - 7

Cost: \$5

Busy bees with Pint Size Play

How do bees make honey? Where do they live? How do they keep our planet healthy? Children will find out the answers to these questions and more as Lisa and Rachael from Pint-Size Play guide them through hands-on play activities!

Bookings required.

Monday, 20 Jan

1pm - 5pm

For: Ages 5+

Cost: \$2



Minecraft Monday

Minecraft is a game about breaking and placing blocks. At first, people built structures to protect against nocturnal monsters, but as the game grew players began to work together to create wonderful, imaginative things!

Monday, 20 Jan

1pm - 5pm

For: Ages 12+

Cost: \$2



VR Pop-Up Play

Come along and try our new Playstation virtual reality headset! Join an outlaw band of immortal pirates, and fight your way to glory across the galaxy or jump into the combat ring to fight giant robots!

Tuesday, 21 Jan

2pm - 3pm

For: Ages 8 - 12

Cost: FREE

Yoga for kids 8 - 12

Join clinician's Bec and Nat from Swan Hill Kids Therapy for this fun and relaxing activity. 'Flexible bodies, Resilient Minds'. This session will focus on correct postures and positioning for child development, social skills, building confidence and self-regulation. **Bookings required.**

Wednesday, 22 Jan

5 - 8 years session:

2pm - 3pm

9 + years session:

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Cost: \$2 per child



Lego @ the Library

This fun competition asks children to use their imagination to create a structure of the judge's choice.

Join one of two age categories: 5 - 8 years or 9 years and up.

Great prizes to be won!

Bookings required.

Wednesday, 22 Jan

2pm - 4.30pm

For: Ages 5+

Cost: \$2



Loom Bands

Have you just discovered loom bands? Come along to learn or share your knowledge with others! Loom bands, boards, hooks and books on how to create fantastic jewellery are supplied.

Thursday, 23 Jan

1pm - 4pm

For: Ages 8+

Cost: FREE

Mini Meeples Come-&-try

Come along and try a range of exciting board games! These are not your granddad's board games! They are fast, they are fun and inclusive.

There are games suited to all temperaments and play styles. Some titles you may have heard of, such as, Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, 7 Wonders and Carcassonne.

Friday 24 Jan

2pm - 4pm

For: Ages 3+

Cost: \$5 includes photo

Super Heroes

Create a superhero wrist shield and mask, and other superhero themed craft with Jane. After you've finished crafting, have your face painted and photo taken too! Children can come dressed as their favourite super hero.

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