



# Swallowcliffe P-6

Be Safe, Be Kind, Work Hard



## Welcome to our Newsletter

Term 3, Week 5 2025

*Pictured: Wakakirri – Swallowcliffe P-6 School Performance*



## Diary Dates

### TERM 3:

#### Week 6

Monday 25/8 - Book Week  
Friday 29/8

Monday 25/8 School Photos

Wednesday 27/8 Dress up parade

Thursday 28/8 Book Week performance  
"Treasure Hunt"

#### Week 7

Wednesday 3/9 Mop up day for photos

Friday 5/9 School Closure Day - Show Day

#### Week 9-10

Monday 15/9 - Dentist Visit  
Wednesday 24/9

#### Week 10

Thursday 25/9 Colour Run

Friday 26/9 Last day of Term 3  
2:00pm early dismissal

## Principal's Message

It was exciting to be part of and to watch our students participate in Wakakirri this year. Well done to each and every one of them, they did us proud. A huge thank you to Miss Chloe and Miss Quinn for all their organisation and to Miss Enza and Miss Walford for all their support.

Thank you to Miss Emily and SRC students who organised Science Week activities. Students enjoyed these both in the classroom and especially out in the yard.

Another special event we have had this term, is our Year 5/6 students enjoyed participating in the Parliament in Schools Program, alongside the speaker Hon Milton Dick MP and Matt Burnell MP. They learnt about the Australian flag, unpacked the actual flag from Canberra and signed the travelling visitors book that gets returned to Canberra.

We look forward to more fun events coming this term, especially the Colour Run!!

**Penny Sweeney**

**Principal**



**Swallowcliffe P-6 is committed to providing Quality Education.**

**Our Mission: To empower students to recognise and optimise their full learning potential through explicit teaching of;**

✓ High Expectations ✓ Positive & Growth Mindset ✓ Relationships with Others

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## 2025 School Term Dates

# 2025

Term 1 28 January to 11 April

Term 2 28 April to 4 July

Term 3 21 July to 26 September

Term 4 13 October to 12 December



## Parliament In Schools Visit

Parliament In Schools Visit – Monday 11th August  
Matt Burnell MP and Hon Milton Dick MP





## Science Week Activities

In Week 5, SRC and Ms Emily organised a fun-filled week of activities to celebrate Science Week. The theme was *Decoding the Universe*, and students explored science through hands-on experiences.

On Tuesday at recess, the JP students created caterpillars to observe how different materials change when water is added. They also launched rockets, discovering how force (air) can make them blast off into the sky.

On Wednesday, students transformed the school yard with colourful chalk paint, experimenting with reactions on the pavers while also creating beautiful, artistic designs.

All classes also participated in buddy class activities, learning about stargazing and constellations. Students worked with their buddies to design their own constellations using marshmallows and toothpicks, sparking creativity while learning about the wonders of the night sky.



## Design and Technology

Greetings all!

Design and Technology has firmly entered the programming stage of the term, with multiple different programming methods being explored. With everything from the 8 bit arcade stylings of MakeCode Arcade to the more familiar Scratch experience, we have explored a variety of methods and gaming styles. In the next few weeks with the upper and middle primary we will be focusing more on design, investigating what makes a good game and beginning to plan our own.

The middle years have been learning their own log in codes and discovering the trials and tribulations sometimes caused by saving things over networks. Our newest Receptions have just started being introduced to Scratch Jr after learning to use the Blue-Bots.

I look forward to seeing what they can envision and create!

## PE

Junior Primary have been focusing on net games such as Tennis. They have also recently had a focus on balancing and concentration games. Primary have been focusing on net games such as Tennis and Volleyball. All students have been exploring their tasks through individual, partner and group work.

### IN OTHER NEWS...

Students will be participating in a 7-a-side soccer game over the next few weeks. We will be starting with year 5-6 year levels. We will then do year levels 3-4. The house captains have gone around developing teams for this.

These will be played within students' lunch times. There will also be an updated scoreboard on the display board next to the gym.

Hannah & Paul



## B1R6 Class News

### B1R6 – Measuring in Maths



### B1R6 - Using Mars Bars to replicate an earthquake in Science





## Preschool News

In the preschool we have been very busy exploring. The children have been particularly enjoying creating cities in our new block corner. We have also had the opportunity to begin exploring using our new smart boards, drawing pictures and practicing writing our names. We have also enjoyed lots of trips to the school playground, reading books at the library and making our own obstacle course.

For Science Week, the children were very interested to explore lots of different experiments, with some highlights being our sinking and floating station, making exploding bags, exploring gloop, making lava lamps, and the Skittles experiment. We had great fun making and testing our hypotheses.

The children have shown an interest in making pizza in the sandpit, playdough corner and home corner so during our cooking program the children got busy in the kitchen making pizza. The children enjoyed mixing the dough, flattening it out, chopping the toppings, grating the cheese, assembling the pizzas, and of course tasting the pizza.

With the sun finally starting to shine again, please remember to pack a hat and a change of clothes for messy play.

Don't forget, next week is Book Week!

We can't wait to see all your costumes on Wednesday the 27th of August and Thursday the 29th of August with a parade at 9:30am on both days.

### Preschool Team





## Community Notices




**JOIN OUR FREE FAMILY FUN  
OPEN DAY**


**Saturday 13 September  
10am to 1pm**

**RSVP Here!**





- ☆ PETTING ZOO
- ☆ FACE PAINTING
- ☆ BALLOON TWISTING
- ☆ KIDS ACTIVITIES
- ☆ GAMES + PRIZES
- ☆ MARKET STALLS
- ☆ FREE FOOD + COFFEE

**BOOK AN  
Adventure**




**Children's Book Week®**



**Swallowcliffe P-6  
will be celebrating  
Book Week next week!**

**Monday 25/8  
- Friday 29/8**

**2025 Theme:  
Book an Adventure**



## THRIVE WITH 5

### 1. PLAY

Make time to play with your child, including outside and inside play. Play develops key motor skills like running, balancing, throwing and catching. Play helps develop game skills as children follow instructions, take turns, share with others and build resilience. As well as having fun, children increase fitness, muscle strength and flexibility, and enhance their creativity and imagination.



### Let's Play! New Ways to Connect, Learn, and Laugh Together

Play is one of the best ways to help children grow—and it's not just about having fun (even though fun is important!). When babies and young children play, they learn about the world, grow their thinking and moving skills, and build strong bonds with others.

For parents and carers, play is a great way to slow down and enjoy time together.

Here are some fun play ideas. All you need is a curious child and a caring grown-up:

#### Laundry Basket Adventures

Turn a laundry basket into a car or boat. Put in some soft toys, then add your baby or toddler. Gently pull them around the room. Make engine sounds or sing a travel song as you go. It's fun and builds imagination!

#### Mirror Play

Sit with your child in front of a mirror. Make funny faces, smile, wave, or brush your hair together. Babies love looking at themselves—and at you! This helps them learn about who they are and how they feel.

#### Sound Safari

Grab a saucepan and a wooden spoon. Go on a sound hunt around your home or outside. Tap things gently to hear the sounds they make. Say what you hear: "That's a low thud!" or "That's a high ding!" This helps your child learn about sound and cause-and-effect.

#### Baby Yoga Stretch

Try gentle stretches or movements with your baby—arms up, legs out, or a little rock from side to side. Add soft music or a rhyme to make it more fun. It helps your child learn how their body moves and can be calming too.

#### Sock Puppets with Personality

Old socks can turn into silly characters! Add eyes, a nose, or use a funny voice. Make the puppet sing, talk, or tell a story. Toddlers love this kind of play, and it helps them learn to talk and connect with others.

Play doesn't need to be perfect or planned. Often, it's the little things—laughs, silly songs, or surprising questions—that help your child feel safe and loved as they learn about the world.

Try something new today. You might both discover something wonderful!

### Time to Play! Fun Ways to Connect, Learn, and Laugh

Play is an important part of growing up. It's fun—but it also helps children learn how the world works. When young children play, they move, think, explore, and build relationships.

For parents and carers, it's also a chance to slow down and enjoy time together.

Try these easy play ideas. All you need is a curious child and a caring adult:

#### Treasure Tubs

Fill a plastic tub or box with safe items from around the house—like a wooden spoon, a clean sponge, a ribbon, a whisk, or a soft brush. Let your baby touch, hold, and even mouth the items. This kind of play helps build curiosity, focus, and small hand movements.

#### Texture Crawl

Make a crawling path using things like towels, bubble wrap, soft rugs, or foil. Let your baby crawl or step over the different textures. It's fun and helps build body awareness and confidence.

#### Weather Window

Sit near a window and look outside. Talk about what you see—clouds moving, trees blowing, birds flying, or rain falling. You can add hand movements or make up a simple weather song. This builds language and helps your child learn to notice the world around them.

#### Rainbow Match

Find colourful items around the house, like socks, toys, or lids. Sort them into groups by colour. Talk about each colour and where you see it in the room or outside. This is a fun way to build sorting and language skills.

#### Shadow Dance

Go outside on a sunny day and look at your shadows. Wave, jump, and move around. If you're inside, use a lamp to make shadows on the wall. It's a fun way to explore light, movement, and creativity.

#### Play Every Day

Play doesn't have to be planned or perfect. It's the small things—laughing together, asking questions, or singing silly songs—that help your child feel safe, loved, and ready to learn.

Try something new today—you might both learn something fun!