**SWIFTS CREEK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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**Principal’s message**
Welcome Back to Term 4. This term is a busy time for all of us. The Year 12s are currently completing their October tests which are trial exams in preparation for the real things at the end of the month. For some students this will be their last term at school. The time in education goes very quickly. Students need to work consistently at putting effort into all aspects of their education so that they can be the best they can. Doing a lot of work the night before is not effective learning. Regular effort, at school and at home, is needed for students to reach their full potential.

**Performance Tour cancelled**
Due to circumstances with the Performance Tour provider the ‘Journey to the Centre of the Earth’ performance tour for term four has been cancelled.

**Grade 3/4 Harrietville Camp**
Wednesday November 3rd to Friday November 5th.  
Location: Mountain View Retreat, Harrietville.  
Contribution from families will be $110.  
This camp involves Grade 3 and 4 students from Swifts Creek School and Omeo Primary School.

**Flagstaff Social Skill**
This week’s social skill at Flagstaff is ‘Reliability’. Classroom activities will focus on this skill and it will also be a focus for observations of positive student behaviour in the playground. Please discuss this social skill with your child at home.

**NAPLAN Civics and Citizenship**
Grade 6 students will be participating in a NAPLAN assessment of their Civics and Citizenship knowledge on Tuesday the 19th of October from 9.10am.

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| We were pleased to see many parents take up the opportunity to talk with teachers about their child’s progress at the end of last term. Students respond well to knowing that we are all working together to help them achieve their best.  
If you were unable to attend the interviews, and would like to talk with your child’s teachers, please ring the relevant Home Group or classroom teacher to arrange an appointment time. We are always happy to talk with you. |

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<td>Students attending the trip to Sydney in November are reminded that the full payment needs to be made by October 15th. For most students the balance remaining is $350.00. Payment in instalments is fine.</td>
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<td>Students who are currently in Year 9 are invited to put in expressions of interest in undertaking a Year 11 subject as part of their Year 10 program next year. This early start on a VCE or VET subject has many advantages, including providing an extra challenge, and it can improve a student’s final tertiary entry score. Year 9 students have taken home letters explaining this in more detail. Any parent who wishes to discuss this further is welcome to ring me. Barbara Napthine, Assistant Principal</td>
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**Inspiring Young Women Dinner**
Once again we have been given the opportunity for our Year 11 girls to attend the annual *Inspiring Young Women* dinner in Lakes Entrance. This is an evening where the girls can meet and mingle with local women who are successful in a range of fields. In the past, students have found this to be a valuable and genuinely inspiring evening. Girls interested in attending need to talk to Mrs Shepherd to secure a place.
Active After School Program
In Term Four we plan to revert to Tuesday and Thursday nights. We will start on the first Tuesday and go for at least seven weeks. The activities offered in the first few weeks will be:

**Tuesdays**
* Dance - Andrea Baron
* Golf - Richard Crabtree
* Minor Games - Susie Grinter

**Thursdays**
* Tennis at the tennis courts - Danielle, Meg and Mr Gallagher

On tennis nights children will be picked up from the tennis courts.

Parents’ Morning Tea
When: Monday 11th October
Time: 9.30am
Where: Flagstaff Campus Library
Who: All parents from Swifts Creek School and Kindergarten are welcome.

This is an opportunity to meet other parents and have a coffee and a chat. If you have preschool children please bring them along. We will set up some activities for them to do.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR CHILD GETS HEADLICE?
* DON’T PANIC – anyone can get head lice and help is available.
* Begin treatment immediately and check for effectiveness.
* Send your child back to school as soon as effective treatment has commenced. Your child is not a risk to others as long as treatment has commenced.
* If your child has head lice it is likely that other children in the class will have them too. By notifying us when your child has head lice, we can advise the parents of all children in the class to check (and treat if head lice are found). This will decrease the chance of your child getting head lice back again. We do not give out the names of children who return notification forms and/or have head lice.

Minimising head lice outbreaks

Check the heads of everyone in your house using conditioner and combing...
- at least once a week or
- every two days if someone around you has head lice.

If you find head lice, treat and check for effectiveness. Remember to notify the school.

Community News

**SPRING FAMILY DANCE**
BENAMBRA HALL SAT 16TH OCTOBER
BLUGURU Bush to Bollywood dance music
Dancing, games, prizes from 7pm
Gold coin entry - Courtesy bus from Golden Age
Enquiries Benambra Neighbourhood House 51599208

AGM & Community Meeting

Swifts Creek Memorial Swimming Pool Committee
is seeking the following:

1) Self-motivated and enthusiastic volunteer(s) to fill the Secretary position.
2) General opinions and feedback on the current operational policies and procedures as well as suggestions for their future management.

The AGM & Community Meeting will be held on:
Monday 11th October at 6.30pm at
(Special Notice of Venue):

Swifts Creek School Library,
(Formally known as Swifts Creek Secondary)
If you are unable to attend this meeting, we still value your feedback. Please send your support and/or suggestions to:

PO Box 72 Swifts Creek VIC 3896 or email:
Glenn Digby (President) glenn.digby@dse.vic.gov.au
Cindy Mass (Treasurer / Acting Secretary) cindyanmass@hotmail.com

Swifts Creek Memorial Swimming Pool

We need a Secretary – Do you have a couple of hours a week to help?

We are currently looking for 1 or 2 volunteer(s) to fill the Secretary role. Primary responsibilities include agendas and minutes, correspondence, funding applications and policy improvement. Even if you are only able to do parts of the role, we would love to hear from you!

We are about to enter our 2nd season without a Secretary. If you would like to see changes or improvements in the way our pool is currently governed, we need you to volunteer some time to help please.

Without the assistance of our much appreciated community volunteers and committee members our pool would not be open for community use.
Come along to a special school holiday screening of...

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS 2:

Free Admission!!  Free Popcorn!!  Free Cordial!!

Where: Omeo Library
Date: Tuesday 21st September
Time: 1:30pm-3:15pm

Where: Lakes Entrance Library
Date: Wednesday 22nd September
Time: 2:00pm-3:45pm

Where: Orbost Library
Date: Thursday 23rd September
Time: 2:00pm-3:45pm

Where: Bairnsdale Library
Date: Tuesday 28th September
Time: 2:00pm-3:45pm

Bookings Essential - Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the Library
Expressions of interest are being sought for local TAFE courses now!

Cert IV in Training and Assessment
Chainsaw
C.I.C. Industry Induction Card formerly “Red Card”
Certificate 1 in Information Technology modules: Excel and Word

Horticulture:
- Vegetables – gown your own
- Improve the soil in your garden
- Sustainable gardening
- Build a Pizza Oven
- Install a micro irrigation system

2010 - Flexible Learning Centre Courses.
Enroll and study at home, in your own time, at your own pace!
- Certificate I to III in Information Technology
  - Certificate II to IV in Business Administration
  - Certificate IV in Front Line Management
  - Certificate IV in Small Business Management
  - Certificate IV Business Human Resources
  - Certificate IV Occupational Health and Safety
  - Certificate III and IV Financial Services (Accounts Clerical and Bookkeeping)
  - Certificate IV Training and Assessment
  - Certificate IV Quality Management & Assurance
  - Certificate III Government
  - Certificate IV Professional Writing & Editing
  - Certificate IV Real Estate
  - Diploma of Business
  - Diploma of Business Administration
  - Diploma of Management
  - Diploma of Human Resources Management

Phone (03) 5159 4433 or call in to Swifts Creek Outreach Office, Community Centre Swifts Creek, to ask about the variety of courses and training options

EG TAFE has on offer.

Skills Stores - Recognize your skills: Build Your Future
Are you looking to re-train or re-enter the workforce?
Do you have lots of skills and experience but no “piece of paper” to prove it?
Do you need information on courses or training for employment or career improvement but don’t know where to start?

Are you a business looking to increase the skills of your workforce?
If you answered ‘yes’ to any of the above, then Skills Store can help you recognize your skills or the skills of your staff and build your future -1300 735 616

For more information on the above or an East Gippsland TAFE course guide 2010-2011  Contact Roslyn Smith, EG TAFE Outreach Coordinator, Swifts Creek
(03) 5159 4433 or rsmith@egtafe.vic.edu.au  Courses are subject to numbers.