**SWIFTS CREEK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**Wednesday, Oct 13th 2010**

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**Flagstaff Social Skill**

This week’s social skill at Flagstaff is ‘Sharing Resources’. 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. Next week’s social skill is ‘Self-Discipline’.

**NAPLAN Civics and Citizenship**

Grade 6 students will be participating in a NAPLAN assessment of their Civics and Citizenship knowledge on Tuesday the 19\(^{th}\) of October from 9.10am.

**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 our 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.

**Swifts Creek P-12 School Parent group Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.00pm on Tuesday the 26\(^{th}\) of October at Flagstaff Campus. Parents wishing to attend are most welcome.

**Sydney Trip Yrs 7-11**

Students attending the trip to Sydney in November are reminded that the full payment needs to be made by October 15\(^{th}\). Payment in instalments is fine.

** Principals message**

No doubt people are aware this week is designated to Mental Health Awareness Week. It is necessary for us to be aware of the importance this has on our school, students and community. When we have an understanding about differences we are better able to accept it and work with it. Through the process of Education Week we can make our society a much more tolerant one to live in. Broken arms are easy to see and we can fix them. Mental Health is something we cannot and that is why we need to put effort into understanding what this week means.

**Bakery Excursion**

As part of the Prep Transition program Kindergarten, Prep, One and Two students will be visiting Swifts Creek bakery on Wednesday 20\(^{th}\) October.
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 weekly, treat quickly and tell the school

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.

P-6 Choir at Dinner Plain
Notes have been circulated to gauge interest in forming a choir to sing some carols at Dinner Plain on the 21st December. There will be a free bus. Time will be allocated for children to practise with Mrs Cook. Those interested need to get their expression of interest in ASAP.

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Why Youth Mental Health Matters?
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TOY FUNDRAISING CATALOGUES
The Community Centre Toy Fundraising Catalogues are due back by this Friday the 15th October. If anyone wishes to make an order please return by that date so we can ensure delivery before Christmas. If you have any questions please contact Janne on 5159 4477. Thank you.

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

Swifts Creek Tennis Club
Meeting at 5pm Thursday to see if there is interest in organizing at team for the season. Let Daryn Fitz, Annie Richardson know if you want to play this season and please try to come to the meeting. Decision will be made on Thursday. Thank you.

Swifts Creek Football Netball Club
Postie Fashions at the Albion on Wednesday night at 7pm. Tea available beforehand. 10% sales go to the club. Enquires Annie Richardson 5159 4419

SCHOOLS AS HUBS
Little Groovers Music Program 2010
All Pre-School families are invited to come along and join in with a fun, interactive music session aiding and enhancing development in children.
Please note the change of time for Swifts Creek sessions to 10.30 a.m.
Dates for Term Four are as follows:
Omeo Recreation Reserve – Kinder Gym Room - Prior to Kinder Gym
Friday – 29th October - 10.30 a.m.
Friday – 26th November - 10.30 a.m.
Friday – 17th December - 10.30 a.m.
Swifts Creek Primary School Music Room
Thursday - 21st October - 10.30 a.m.
Thursday - 18th November - 10.30 a.m.
Thursday – 9th December - 10.30 a.m.
For enquiries phone: Rowena Turner
Schools as Hubs Coordinator
5159 4323

SCHOOLS AS HUBS
This Term we will continue with our Reading Circles held each month at Swifts Creek School – Flagstaff Campus, and Omeo Primary School libraries.
We are looking forward to listening to some more fantastic stories read by community members.
If you are a parent, grandparent or friend of a child aged from 0 to 6 years, then come along and join in the fun. Morning tea is provided.
The Reading Circle dates for Term 4 are:

Omeo – Thursday 14th October – 10.00 a.m.
Swifts Creek - Wednesday 3rd November – 10.00 a.m.
Omeo – Thursday 11th November – 10.00 a.m.

Swifts Creek - Wednesday 24th November – 10.00 a.m.
For more information ph: Rowena Turner
SAH Co-ordinator
Ph 51594323.
POSTIE FASHIONS

SWIFTS CREEK
FOOTBALL NETBALL
CLUB FUNDRAISER

Join Amelia Hammond from Postie Fashions to see the latest range of good quality women’s fashions. Due to popular demand she has been asked back for the third time. 10% sales go to the club so come along and support this event.
Enquiries to Anne Richardson ph 5159 4419

WHERE: ALBION HOTEL

WHEN: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13TH

TIME: 7PM OR COME AND JOIN OTHERS FOR TEA AT 6PM