**SWIFTS CREEK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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**FLAGSTAFF SOCIAL SKILL**
This week’s social skill at Flagstaff is ‘Self Discipline’. 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 ‘Cooperation’.

**EAST GIPPSLAND WATER incursion and excursion**
On Wednesday the 27th of October students from Flagstaff campus and Swifts Creek Kindergarten will have the opportunity to participate in water related activities.
9.50-10.20 Kindergarten, Prep, One and Two students will listen to a story about water and complete a response activity.
10.20-10.50 Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students will participate in some water experiments/activities.
11.30-1.00 All Flagstaff students will walk down to the Swifts Creek Water Plant to conduct a filtering experiment.
Follow up activities will take place in the classroom.

**SWIFTS CREEK P-12 Parent group Meeting**
The next meeting is scheduled for 7.00pm on Tuesday the 26th of October at Flagstaff Campus. Parents wishing to attend are most welcome.

**GRADE 6 TRANSITION- 2nd VISIT**
Our Grade 6’s from Flagstaff campus and Omeo PS will be joining the Tambo Campus community to experience their 2nd transition visit to Secondary schooling on Monday, 25th October. We have 11 students attending who have already experienced subjects like Food Technology, Art and Personal Development. On this visit they will attend Maths, Science, ICT and Wood/Metal Technology and also participate in the Big Breakfast.
Year 5 students from the Flagstaff campus will be transported by Mrs Grinter up to Omeo PS where they will join the Grade 5’s for the day. This should be a great day for all.
Andrea Shepherd: Tambo Campus: Transition Coordinator.

**BIG BREAKFAST**
On Monday, 25th October, we will farewell our Year 12 students as they ready themselves for their series of final exams which begin on Thursday, October 28th.
We will also be joined by our 11 Grade 6 students who will be on their second transition visit. The Big Breakfast is all about community. It is an opportunity for students and staff to enjoy a meal together and to work together to provide a nutritious and delicious breakfast for all.
**YEAR 12**

Our Year 12 students are working hard on reviewing their work in their 5 subject areas, preparing for exams which start on Thursday 28th October and finishing on Thursday, 11th November. Students in years 11 and 12 and their parents were offered a great opportunity on Monday 18th October to gain some well delivered advice on preparing for exams from Dr. John Munro.

On Friday, October 22nd, students and their teachers will have lunch at Creekers and they will have an opportunity to ‘make their mark’ on the walls of Creekers, a tradition which has been established by past students.

We will celebrate their efforts and current achievements in a number of ways. The Big Breakfast, on October 25th, is a farewell from the school community to our six young women who will have completed their 13 years of schooling.

On Thursday, November 11th, Year 12 students, their parents, their teachers and members of the school community will attend a dinner, held at the Albion hotel to celebrate the end of exams and formal end of our students secondary education. Invitations will be posted this week, with replies and payment required by October, 29th.

Andrea Shepherd: VCE Coordinator

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**PARENT AND CARER TIPS**

**Learning and Time**

Teaching children to organise their time is another way to support them at school.

**Establish a regular bedtime.** Kids who fall asleep on the couch at 11.00 p.m. rarely rise or shine at 7.00 a.m. The night before set out some easy to prepare and healthy breakfast foods (kids learn better on a full stomach). Cereal, muffins, toast, fruit or yoghurt are all good choices.

**Help your children establish good habits.** Make sure they put away or hang up things as they walk in the door. Give each child a place to keep boots, hats and bags.

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**SCIENCE MATERIALS NEEDED—GLASS JARS**

Mrs Canfield is looking for some donations of empty glass jars with lids for science experiments being undertaken by Grade P, 1, 2, 3 and 4 students over the next fortnight.

Grade 3 and 4 students will be making a mini environment in their jar to simulate the water cycle.

Grade P, 1 and 2s will be using their jar for a crystal growing experiment.

Thank you for your assistance.

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**STAR OF THE WEEK**

Melinda Armstrong who won both Discus and High Jump at regional level. Good luck for the State Championships Melinda.

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**School as Hubs Surveys**

Schools as Hubs surveys will come home with Flagstaff campus students this week. These are an important component of the evaluation process required for funding of special programs such as Little Groovers, Community Reading Event, Reading Circle and the school resiliency program. Please return surveys by the 3rd of November.

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**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 practice with Mrs Cook. Those interested need to get their expression of interest into Flagstaff office ASAP.
SWIFTS CREEK TENNIS CLUB
The season has started again for a hit of tennis with a good start as we have a lot of keen players for the season. If you would like to have a game on a Saturday let Anne O’Brien know. First game is November 6th with a home game.
Memberships are due which allows you to play any time. Family $80, Single $40 and Junior $30. Otherwise you are required to pay $2 into the honesty box for each player each time you play. We hope to get a casual ladies hit happening soon on a Thursday morning so contact Annie Richardson if interested. Thank you to those who came along to the recent meeting and supported the club. Great to also see Active After School having a hit!

SCHOOLS AS HUBS

**Little Groovers**
Music-Play for children

JOIN IN WITH LIZ COOK AND DISCOVER THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF MUSIC IN A FUN AND CREATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD!

Swifts Creek Primary School Music Room
Thursday 21st October 2010 – 10.00 a.m.

Physical, emotional and social benefits are all obtained from early exposure to music.

FREE SESSION
For enquiries please call Rowena Turner
Schools As Hubs Co-ordinator
Ph: 51594323

DRUM LESSONS
Gary Baron a drum teacher from Bairnsdale, is prepared to offer drum lessons for private students either individual or group next year, after school on Mondays.
If your child is interested can you please fill in the interest form below. Thank you.

My Child………………………………. Is interested in taking private/group drum lessons next year.

Name:……………………………………. Phone……………………………………..
Pre-School & Primary High Country Schools Cricket Clinic and Family Fun Afternoon

November 12, 2010

VicCricket representative: Tim East

Swifts Creek School – Flagstaff Campus: Morning Clinic P – 6

Omeo Primary School: Afternoon Clinic P – 6

Family Fun Afternoon:

Venue: Livingstone Park

Time: 4:00 pm onwards

20/20 Match or similar depending on numbers

5:30 – 6:00 Sausage sizzle dinner

Fully funded by School as Hubs Program