Principal’s Report
Thank-you to the parents that have informed us about changed arrangements with their child for 2011. If you haven’t contacted me yet with changes which will impact on our planning please do so as soon as possible.

This is a busy time of year that requires all students to be focused on their learning regardless of where they are at in their stage of learning. If we can continue to work together then the learning opportunities will be maximised for all.

In two weeks time the Omeo Show will be on. If we are able to support our local events, clubs and community groups then we will be able to enjoy all of the great aspects of living in our community. When we work together to provide social opportunities and have some fun together our place is better for it. We are at the stage where if we leave it to others to make it happen then it may not.

So please when you see our local events or clubs looking for support and assistance then help out if you can. By doing so we are much more likely to have events continue for their 126th year.

Flagstaff Social Skill
This week’s social skill at Flagstaff is ‘Tolerance’. 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 ‘Setting Goals’.

Omego Show
13th November 2010
Come along and enjoy a day out and support the local community in entering an exhibit. This year there is some new events for Primary and Secondary age sections.
Primary age: Plate of 3 Scones—6yrs to 12 yrs
Primary age: Colour or B&W—funny Photo
Colour or B&W—‘pet’
Colour or B&W—‘let’s dress up’
Secondary age: Plate of 3 Scones—13yrs to 17yrs
Colour or B&W—Action Photo
Colour or B&W—‘on the farm’
Colour or B&W—‘the weekend’

Please see the official program for more information or contact Peter Whittington, President on 51599209 (bh)
Parent and Carer Tips
Learning and Time
Teaching children to organise their time is a good way to support them at school.

Establish a regular bedtime. Kids who fall asleep on the couch at 11.00 pm rarely rise or shine at 7.00 am. The night before set out some easy to prepare and healthy breakfast foods (kids learn better with a stomach full of good food). 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. Schedule a regular homework time and stick to it.

Reading Tips
Try relaxing your family’s bedtime rules once a week, on the weekend. Let your children know that they can stay up later, as long as they’re reading in bed.

To find books your kids will love, keep these things in mind:
- Child’s age
- Child’s interests
- Child’s recent experiences, like holidays, visiting grandparents, or a zoo trip.
- Child’s reading level (but don’t over-emphasize this). If your child can read the first page aloud to you, chances are they can read the entire book.

Science Materials Needed
Glass Jars
Mrs Canfield is looking for some donations of empty glass jars with lids for science experiments being undertaken by Grades Prep to 4 students over the next fortnight.

Grade P, 1 and 2 will be using their jar for a crystal growing experiment. Grade 3 and 4 will be making a mini environment in their jar to simulate the water cycle.

Thank you for your assistance.
Pauline Canfield,
Assistant Principal

Primary School Gymkhana
Expressions of Interest

When: 24th November
Where: Bairnsdale (more to follow on the location)
Cost: $25 per person ($5 extra if not already a member of a pony club)

Belinda Neville, Michelle and Don Shaw will be organising the children at the venue. Parents are responsible for transporting their child and horse to the venue.

Entries must be in by Thursday 4th of November (tomorrow). Please contact Mr Gallagher to confirm your entry.

Left: Emma displays her artwork done under the guidance of visiting author Adam Wallace.
Right: Danielle and Harrison during their Outdoor and Environmental Studies trip to the Oriental Claims.
Sports Report

The calendar has continued to be quite hectic in the various sporting venues since I last put fingers to keyboard to report to you, so here is a summary of what our students have been up to.

**Monday September 6th** – Richard Crabtree accompanied by his dad Neil set off to compete in the Southern Zone Junior Golf Tournament at the scenic, challenging and extremely boggy Lang Lang Golf Course. All together the weather was not too conducive to an enjoyable day on the golf course. Rainy, stormy and in a word “yucky”, and after a weekend of heavy rain half the course had been closed, forcing competitors to play the back nine twice. Having to play with clubs he was not accustomed to, and battling the inclement weather conditions, Richard concedes he didn’t have one of his best days, but still managed a credible midfield finish. Despite the conditions both father and son reported it was a rewarding experience. Well done Richard and many thanks to Neil for accompanying Richard on the trip.

**Wednesday September 8th** – A crew of thirty-six students and four staff boarded an O’Connell’s bus bound for Orbost to compete in the Far East Gippsland Spring Sports. We entered two Basketball Teams (Year 8 boys and Year 9/10 girls) and six table tennis teams (Year 7 girls, Year 7 boys, Year 8 girls, Year 8 boys, Year 9/10 girls and Year 9/10 boys). This is the largest contingent of table tennis players we have ever entered, just showing how a little success one year can carry into the next year, as last year we had two Year 7 teams make it all the way to state level. While both our basketball teams were defeated by both Orbost and Lakes Entrance it was great to see the enthusiasm, endeavour and sportsmanship displayed by our students. Meanwhile around the corner at the Mechanics Hall where the table tennis was being played it was a different story with the Year 7 girls, Year 8 girls and Year 9/10 boys all qualifying for the next round to be played early term four in Bairnsdale. Congratulations to all our students for their efforts on the day and a big thank you to Jim Crowe for driving the bus for us as it’s always a tight task to get to Orbost and back inside school bus runs. Thanks to Sue Alexander, Louise Armit and John O’Neill for their valued assistance, as without dedicated staff we would not be able to run such a comprehensive sporting program.

**Tuesday September 14th** – You Beauty the 5.30 a.m. start, the annual trip to Newborough is always a big day and might I say well done to both students and parents for all being ready on time. After a couple of last minute withdrawals, nine students—Danielle Ennis, Meg Gallagher, Rhiana Airs, Bonnie Fitzpatrick, Sarah O’Brien, Brandon Betts, Benjamin Commins, Thomas Boucher-Hill and Cody Graske set off with Suzanne DeVries-Fitzpatrick and myself on the long journey to compete in the Gippsland Athletics Carnival. This is round three of athletics, these students having excelled at our school competition and qualified through the Bairnsdale round and were now facing some fairly stiff opposition, and face it they did, with all nine students placing extremely well in all events. We managed seven 1st, two 2nd and two 3rd placings, thus qualifying five students to go through to the Southern Zone Competition at Knox Park on 7th October. Well done to all nine students on their performances both on the track and off, they are all a credit to our school. Once again my thanks to Suzanne for a big effort on what is a big day. Also on Tuesday September 14th four of our students competed in the Bairnsdale Pony Club Interschool Gymkhana with considerable success. I won’t go into all the details here as the event was covered comprehensively in the last monthly newsletter, but I would like to say congratulations to Riana, Shelley, Darcey and Elizabeth for your efforts on the day. Both the girls and myself would also like to thank Amanda Pendergast for her considerable assistance with this event.

**Wednesday October 6th** – Rhiana Airs, Bonnie Fitzpatrick and Elizabeth Richardson set off with me, while Danielle Ennis and Sarah O’Brien travelled with their parents to compete in the Southern Zones Competition at Knox Park. We travelled down on the afternoon prior to the event so as to avoid a 4 am start on the day of competition, and to allow our athletes to have a good night’s sleep and therefore be raring to go on the day; and raring they were with some fantastic results achieved. Danielle 4th Javelin, 3rd Long jump, 4th Triple Jump. Rhiana 3rd 400 metres, 4th 1500 metres. Bonnie 5th Long Jump. Sarah 2nd Discus, 4th Shot Put. Elizabeth 4th 1500 metre walk. With these results both Rhiana and Sarah had qualified for State Championships, we thought Elizabeth had also qualified but were later told she had been disqualified on technique, such are the vagaries
**Wednesday October 13th** – This was the day for the East Gippsland round of the Table Tennis competition to be played in Bairnsdale. John O’Neill and Louise Armit accompanied our three teams, Year 7 girls, Year 8 girls and Year 9/10 boys. This took a fair amount of rescheduling to organize this event as both John and the Year 8s were on camp at this time, so it was therefore very disappointing to find that Sale had forfeited without notice both the girls matches which left us with no competition or even match practice for the day. The boys however, played two matches on the day winning against Bairnsdale and losing to Sale which saw them narrowly missing out on a count-back from going through to the next round. Both girls teams have qualified for the Gippsland (Southern Zone) round to be played on Friday the 29th of October. A big thank you to John and Louise for your efforts, on what turned out to be a very trying day.

**Tuesday October 19th** – State Athletics at Olympic Park. This is definitely the pointy end of the competition and now you know your really playing with the big kids. It was great to see both Rhiana’s and Sarah’s parents accompanying them to this event According to reports received from both students and parents it was a great day with Rhiana finishing 12th in the 1500 metre and Sarah finishing 6th in the Discus. These are very creditable results when we consider the level of competition — as I said before this is State and you’re competing against the big kids now. Congratulations to the girls on a grand effort and my sincere thanks to Lisa Airs and Stephen O’Brien for enabling the girls to experience competition at this level.

My apologies for not getting this report in on time for the monthly newsletter, but it would appear that my computer has an equal dislike of me as I have for it.

Wayne Gaunt
Sports Coordinator
Table Tennis and Gymkhana
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 pm Sausage sizzle dinner

Fully funded by School as Hubs Program

Please complete the form below and return it to Flagstaff Campus

Pre-School and Primary High Country Schools Family Fun afternoon.

When: Friday November 12th.
Time: 4.00pm onwards.
Sausage sizzle dinner: 5.30pm-6.30pm.

Family name: ______________________
Yes/No-Our Family will be attending the Family Fun Afternoon
Yes/No- we will be staying for the sausage sizzle.

Number of family members attending: ______________________
Signed: ______________________
Date: ______________________
Expressions of interest are being sought for a local TAFE course now!

Gourmet Gardening Workshop

Horticulture Team Co-ordinator: Sandra Martin

**Day 1: Start 10.00am to 4.00pm (to be negotiated)**

**Workshop 1: “Design your gourmet backyard”**
Design a one stop food shop in your own gourmet backyard. Design principles of vegetable garden & orchard, and let’s not forget the chook yard!
When: 25th November 2010
Where: Swifts Creek Community Centre

**Workshop 2: “Growing tasty vegetables in sustainable soils”**
Learn the secrets of soil, the backbone to any great gourmet garden. Understand it, improve it and be rewarded with tasty chemical free produce. Discover what vegetables you can grow in spring.
When: 25th November 2010
Where: Swifts Creek Community Centre

**Day 2: 9.00am – 3.30pm (to be negotiated)**

**Workshop 3; “Growing delectable fruit”**
Grow delectable fruit in your gourmet garden organically. Planting, care of and pruning made easy.
When: 26th November 2010
Where: Swifts Creek Community Centre

**Workshop 4: “Grow what vegetables, when”**
Discover the secrets great gardeners have with successful vegetable growing. It’s vital to understand individual vegetable needs, crop rotation, best times to plant and the fascinating world of companion planting.
When: 26th November 2010
Where: Swifts creek Community Centre

Course duration: 4 x 3 hr classes
Cost: $74.00 per workshop – minimum class number is 8
Students are invited to bring photos of their vegetable garden and or orchards.

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 rsmith@egtafe.vic.edu.au or Suzie Shiels, Industrial & Primary Skills, EG TAFE, (03) 5144 7321 sshiels@egtafe.vic.edu.au

Courses are subject to numbers.