Swifts Creek School Newsletter

Wednesday Feb 9th 2011

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Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember
Feb 14th Active After School starts
Mar 3rd Billy Tea Bush dance workshop
Mar 4th Performance Tour in Omeo
Mar 9th Year 5/6 Visit Alpine School

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
Feb 9th-11th Yr 7 Camp Cape Conran
Feb 11th TAFE begins
Feb 14th Outdoor Ed excursion Yr 12
Feb 16th Swimming Sports
Feb 15th-18th VCE Camp Traralgon
Feb 20th-21st Chemistry Workshop Monash Yr 12

Message from the Principal
Welcome back, and have a great year. Please if you have any concerns come and see me so we can find solutions together.
I am looking forward to another busy and exciting year full of learning opportunities.
Robert Boucher

Parents’ Group Raffle
The Money Tree raffle at the end of last year raised $1326, which is fantastic. Thanks to all who supported our effort.
The winner was Jack Richardson, Snr.

Prep student finishing times February
Just a reminder that Prep students have an early finish time during February of 1.30pm. A sign out book is located in the admin building for you to sign before taking your child home.
Pauline Canfield

Active After School
Active After school will start this Monday 14th February.
Term 1, Active After school will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, finishing at 4:30pm each night.
Monday nights will be Dance and other activities. Children are to bring along their bathers. Non members of the pool are to bring $4 per session.
Students wishing to participate who have not participated in the past can collect a consent form from the office.

Flagstaff Campus Swimming 2011
Swimming is on again for 2011. If your child wishes to participate please send your child’s bathers and towels to school daily. Phone calls to parents who have forgotten will no longer be made, to be fair to all families.
Students wishing to swim during school hours must have a pool membership. If you do not have a family membership students will need to pay a $15 Student Membership prior to any swimming. Student Memberships will not cover students who swim with the Active After program.
Please collect a Pool membership form from the school if you have not paid any memberships.
Simple Strategies For Creating Strong Readers
Without doubt, reading with children spells success for early literacy. Putting a few simple strategies into action will make a significant difference in helping your child develop into a good reader and writer.

- Make a special time together for reading every day
- Have a reading place where it is quiet and away from distractions, like the TV or other people in the family
- When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help your child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word he or she says is the word he or she sees.

Billy Tea Bush Dance workshops and Family Bush Dance evening
As part of our Schools as Hubs program on March the 3rd we will be having bush dancing workshops for students at Swifts Creek P-12 School Flagstaff Campus and Omeo Primary School during the school day and a Family Bush Dance in the evening. The workshops are facilitated by The Billy Tea Bush Band. Stay tuned for further information.
Pauline Canfield

Parent Reading Helpers
We are looking for Reading helpers for the 2011 school year. It was great to have a number of parents assisting with our reading program in 2010 and we would like to build on this. If you have 1 or 2 hours to spare each week and would like to assist us by listening to students read please contact the school. A Working with Children Check is required before you can commence helping at school and usually takes 2-3 weeks to process. Please let Pauline (AP) or Sarah (Admin) know if you are interested.

Language Support Program
The Language Support Program facilitated by Hannah Leitch and Rowena Turner will continue in 2011. Students who participated in the program in 2010 will automatically continue in 2011. We hope to screen prep students and new students early in term 1 to see if they would benefit from inclusion in the program. Permission forms will be sent home for these students before assessments are conducted by the Speech pathologist.
Pauline Canfield

Toy Box
Year 3 & 4 students are in search for a large sturdy Toy box for their dress-ups, preferably with a lid to keep them from spilling out everywhere. If you have anything at home you would like to sell, lend or donate, please call the school and Mrs Grinter will be happy to speak with you.

Lunch Orders
The items available and prices for lunch orders are attached. Flagstaff campus students can only order lunches on Mondays and Fridays.

Flagstaff Campus Social Skill
This week’s social skill is ‘Mutual Respect’. 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 ‘Making and maintaining friendships’.
Schools as Hubs
The Billy Tea Bush Band is coming to Swifts Creek!
So mark this date in your diaries
Thursday March 3rd 2011
At the Swifts Creek Hall
BBQ – 5.30 p.m.
Family Bush Dance 6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.
The band is one of Australia’s most experienced school bush dance bands, taking their highly successful Bush Dance Workshop Program to hundreds of schools Australia wide.
Bush Dance Program...
All Day Workshops and Early Evening Family Bush Dance

Reading Circles 2011
This year 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 and including some interesting themes and celebrating events.
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 1 are:

Omeo – Thursday 24th February – 10.00 a.m.
Swifts Creek – Wednesday 9th March – 10.00 a.m.
Omeo – Thursday 24th March – 10.00 a.m.
Swifts Creek – Wednesday 6th April – 10.00 a.m.

For more information ph: Rowena Turner
SAH Co-ordinator
Ph 51594323.

SCHOOLS AS HUBS
Little Groovers Music Program 2011
We are pleased to welcome Lisa Crisp as our new leader.
Join in with her for a fun, interactive music session aiding and enhancing development in your child.
All Pre-School families are invited to come along. Sessions are no cost.
Dates for Term 1 are as follows:
Omeo Recreation Reserve – Kinder Gym Room - Prior to Kinder Gym
Friday – 18th February – 10.30 a.m.
Friday – 18 March – 10.30 a.m
Swifts Creek Primary School Music Room
Thursday - 17th February - 10.30 a.m.
Thursday - 31st March - 10.30 a.m.
For inquiries phone: Rowena Turner
Schools as Hubs Coordinator
5159 4323
Dancing will recommence at Swifts Creek on Monday 14th Feb 2011 at the Secondary College Gym again.

**MONDAY DANCE CLASS TIMES 2011**

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**Fees and Payments are:**

$5.00 per class. There is a 5% discount if 3 classes attended.

10% if more than 6 classes attended.

If you have any further questions please don’t hesitate to call Andrea Barron on 0448 855 116.

**DRESS FOR 2011**

All students must have their hair tied back for dance.

At this point in time there is no strict uniform for dance. I WOULD PREFER THAT STUDENTS WEAR A LEOTARD AND TIGHTS. (I will look at putting together a uniform box with gear) I will keep you posted about this.

NO JEANS, RUNNERS, SKIRTS OR DRESSES.

I will be getting 2nd hand shoes again if parents wish otherwise new shoes can be purchased at Oopsi Daisy in Bairnsdale. Please purchase BLACK Jazz and Tap shoes. Pink Ballet shoes.

IF YOU HAVE SHOES THAT ARE TOO SMALL!!!! Please tie the shoes together with a string and attach a tag with your name on them. I will discuss with you how much to sell them for (probably the same amount you bought them for if they were 2nd hand already!) We will attach a price and put them in the uniform box. I will do my best to have all students fitted out with the correct shoes in term 1 in 2011.