Swifts Creek School Newsletter

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SCHOOL PHOTOS
The March calendar in last week’s newsletter contained an error. School photos will not be on Sunday March 6th. The date for photos this year is on the 6th April.

SOCIAL SKILL
This week’s social skill is ‘Caring’. 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.

MISSING
A red Nintendo DS was lost last week. If anyone finds it could they please return it to Flagstaff Campus.

READING TIPS
Make it easy for your child to read and to keep up with reading books from school by:

- Sharing this reading time so that other members of your family can read with your child also.
- List words that they don’t know and go through the list until they can recognise the words.
- Praise your child and encourage them to read to others who will also give praise.

ALPINE SCHOOL VISIT
Grade 5 and grade 6 students will be travelling to Dinner Plain on the 9th of March to participate in the Alpine Learning Project workshop day. Please ensure your child returns their permission form by the 8th March.

PERFORMANCE TOUR—Imagine Believe Work Together
On the 4th March students from Flagstaff campus and Omeo Primary School will participate in the Performance Tour—Imagine Believe Work Together. The performance links to the Personal Development, Humanities (History) thinking and Arts areas of the school Curriculum. The performance will look at how individuals have worked together throughout history in much the same way we still do today to create and maintain a society that we enjoy. Florence Nightingale and some Aesop’s fables will be featured. Please ensure your child has their playlunch in a named plastic bag as we will be travelling to Omeo for the first half of the day, and that permission forms have been returned to the office.
**PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE**

Students at Swifts Creek School have the opportunity to participate in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Forms have gone home to all students from Flagstaff Campus. Students from Tambo campus who wish to participate this year can collect forms for registration from the Tambo Campus office.

The following website contains information regarding the program.


**Welcome to the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge**

The 2011 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is officially open and I encourage all Victorian primary and secondary students to take the challenge and share their love of reading with family, friends and classmates.

As patron of the Premiers’ Reading Challenge, I am proud to invite former Premiers to lend their support and prestige to this important literacy initiative.

I am also excited to announce some new elements to the Challenge to motivate more students in Years Prep to 10 to read more and to read more widely.

Very soon, we’ll be introducing new Reading Challenge Ambassadors, as well as our new Challenge Champions, who will be promoting the Challenge in a variety of ways, to encourage students to read more books than ever before.

It is also with great pleasure that I announce our collector’s series of certificates will continue in 2011, with another special guest illustrator designing this year’s masterpiece. We’ll unveil that design later in the year.

These new initiatives will hopefully inspire more students in Years Prep to 10 to discover the rewards of reading. Reading is essential in developing strong literacy skills - it also allows us to learn about other people and places and quite simply it is a great way to relax.

I look forward to working with schools and parents as this next exciting chapter of the Challenge unfolds.

Please visit this website regularly throughout the course of the Challenge for more exciting updates, and to get all the general information about rules, key dates and books.

Let the reading begin!

_The Hon. Ted Baillieu, MP_

Premier of Victoria

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**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.

**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_

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**MESSAGE FROM OMEO KINDERGARTEN**

For all junior footballers & netballers who play for Omeo Benambra, there is going to be a BBQ Tea each Thursday after training until further notice.

Sausages $2

Hamburgers $3

All players and their families are welcome with all proceeds going to Omeo Kindergarten.
**KEYS PLEASE – for “Learner Driver” Students and Parents**

On Tuesday 15th March a ‘Keys Please’ program, developed by Vic Roads, will be run at Swifts Creek P-12 Tambo Campus, at 7.30 pm in A6.

This very successful and informative evening has been run over the past 10 years at the school. The aim of this evening is to get together our learner drivers and their parents so that some practical ideas can be shared on how to use the learner’s 120 hours of practice to help them become a safer driver. It is about how you can feel better about being a ‘supervising driver’ for our young people.

There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and get information.

Year 10, 11 and Year 12 students and parents will be the initial target. They will receive an invitation to the evening which should be returned to the Tambo Campus by Thursday, 10th March 2011. This will assist us with catering for the evening. We would also like to encourage all other interested students and parents who wish to attend.

Please contact Andrea Shepherd at the Tambo Campus on 51594366.

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**VICTORIA**

Swifts Creek School Flagstaff Campus are invited to participate in the following AFL Player Superclinic.

**VENUE:** Bairnsdale Football Ground
Delhahoy St, Bairnsdale

**DATE:** Tuesday 15th March, 2011

**START:** 1.15pm (arrive by 1.00pm)

**FINISH:** 2.45pm

Players from AFL Club Western Bulldogs will be in attendance. In the case if inclement weather please use your own discretion as to your attendance at the clinic.

All interested students from Year 3 and 4 have the opportunity to attend the clinic. There is no restriction on the number of students per school.

Please let Sarah know at the office if your child/children will be participating no later than Friday 11th March 2011 so AFL know how many they will be expecting.

This is not a school based excursion so parents will need to transport their child/children to Bairnsdale on that day. There will be no teachers in attendance.
Featuring our special reader
Sandi Beltrame as Olga the Brolga
For Pre-School Families
Morning tea provided

Come along, enjoy and share the simple pleasure & lifelong educational benefits of reading aloud to our children.

Swifts Creek School Library
Flagstaff Campus

Time: 10:00-10.30 A.M.

When: Wednesday 9th March 2011
Contact person: Rowena Turner - 5159 4323
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