Swifts Creek School
Newsletter
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Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember
Mar 14th  Labour Day Holiday
April 6th  Parent Teacher Interviews
April 6th  School Photos
April 8th  Last day term 1
April 28th  Term 2 begins

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
Mar 14th  Labour Day Holiday
Mar 15th  “Keys Please”
Mar 16th  Glen McGrath visiting
Mar 17th  Gippsland region swimming Sale
Mar 22nd  Yr 7 Barbeque
Mar 23 - 25th  Outdoor Ed camp Mallacoota
April 6th  Parent Teacher Interviews
April 5th  Interschool Volleyball & tennis
April 6th  School Photos
April 8th  Last day term 1
April 27th  Term 2 begins
April 28th  Gippsland Senior & Junior Golf
May 11th  TIS Day Yr 12 Bairnsdale

Principal: Mr Robert Boucher

SOCIAL SKILL
This week’s social skill is ‘Recognising’ and accepting the consequences of actions. Next week’s social skill is confidence.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
A whole school assembly will be held every second Tuesday at the Tambo Campus.
This week at assembly I spoke to the students about the need for them to have established their good learning habits as it is not that far away that staff will be working on the interim reports and that Parent Teacher Interviews will be held. These habits do include such things as having a good night sleep, a good breakfast and a healthy lunch with plenty of nutritious snacks to get through the day.
Organisation is most important so, by this stage students should have shared their timetables maybe even a copy could be on the fridge.
Good work habits developed now will set all students up for the future success that they want regardless of their career path.

Next week on Wednesday between 1.45 pm and 2.45 pm we will have Glenn McGrath in the school as a guest of Elders. Between the Ensay and Omeo Calf Sales he will call into the school and have a brief chat with all of the students about his career as an international cricketer and his work with the Jane McGrath foundation. It would be fantastic to support this day with students coming to school with a splash of pink. A gold coin donation would allow us to do this as a fundraiser.

Robert Boucher
### Reading Tips
A child’s success as a reader begins much earlier than the first day of school. Reading, and a love for reading, begins at home. Inspire your young reader to practice every day!

- **Don’t leave home without it.** Have your child bring along a book or magazine any time you’ll have to spend time waiting, such as at the doctor’s or dentist’s rooms. Fit in reading every chance you get!

- **Once is not enough.** Encourage your child to re-read favorite books and poems. With repeated readings, he or she should be able to read more quickly and accurately.

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

### Swifts Creek Midget Netball
Training will begin next Tuesday the 15th of March. I will meet the kids at the courts after school and training will begin at approximately 3.30pm. Parents can pick up their child/children between 4.15pm and 4.30pm. Any questions please contact Roxy Ennis on 0428 281 319 or 5159 4355.

### Lost from Flagstaff
A navy blue polar fleece windcheater. Size 10. K.Dyer on tag. Half zip in front. Please could you check your child’s school bag as this is a new item.

Lesley Froud.

### Drum Lessons at the Creek
With over 20 years experience Gary Barron drum expert is beginning lessons this term. Cost is $25 per lesson for one or $15 per lesson for group of two. Please call Gary on 0413 195 348

### For Sale
Size 2, girls black school shoes, new with tag $10.00 Phone 5159 4544.

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I will be visiting:

- **Benambra Neighbourhood House,** Thursday 10th March 9.30am – 10.30am
- **Omeo Business Centre,** Thursday 10th March 11.00am - 12.00.

Please take this opportunity to come along as I am interested to hear your ideas about what you would like to be delivered in your local community. Short Course Guides 2011 are available.

More information? Contact Roslyn Smith, EG TAFE Outreach Coordinator, Swifts Creek on (03) 5159 4433 or rsmith@egtafe.vic.edu.au
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.

VICTORIA

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

VENUE: Bairnsdale Football Ground
Dalmahoy 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.
Reading at Swifts Creek School

The High Reliability Literacy Teaching Procedure we are focussing on this fortnight is

Vocabulary

⇒ Obviously it is easier to understand what we read if we understand all of the words.

⇒ Vocabulary is also important for our writing. Using the correct terms and interesting words really improves the quality of writing.

What you can do at home
To help your child/ren with their vocabulary skills, you can remind them to use these questions as they learn new words:

- What could the word mean?
- Are there smaller words within the word?
- Can I think of synonyms?
- Do the synonyms fit/make sense?
- Can I look at the words around it?
- Do I need to re-read or read on?
- What other words look like or sound like this word?
- What pictures does this word bring up in my head?
- What action goes with this word?

Games that help to build vocabulary include:

- Boggle
- Scrabble
- UpWords
- Target Words
- Crosswords
- Wonderwords

If you would like to know more about our school’s Literacy Plan, or about the High Reliability Literacy Teaching Procedures, please just ask the classroom or home group teacher, or Barbara Napthine.