Principal's Message
Thank you to the parents and students who took advantage of the information sessions put on for them last night. Students in Year 9 gained a better understanding of what the work with Evolve will look like, and the Keys Please program was run by the RTA for our next round of learner drivers and their parents.

The next aspect of our Literacy Plan that we are focusing on is Reading Aloud. So if, as a parent, you walk into your child’s room and they are reading aloud, don’t be alarmed; they are just putting in place one of Munro’s High Reliability Literacy Strategies. This will add to the work that we have done so far on Getting Knowledge Ready and Vocabulary.

To assist with our efficient office operations we need students returning permission slips on time. If students are encouraged and supported to deal with the responsibility of this paperwork promptly it will help them later on in life.

I have been talking with some students recently around the values of Respect and Tolerance. If we have students who are able treat others as they would like to be treated, and who include one and other in what they are doing, then we will have a school culture that will allow all school members to have a rewarding and successful day.

Robert Boucher

SOCIAL SKILL
This week’s social skill is ‘Confidence’. 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 ‘Resolving conflict through displaying appropriate behaviours’.

Whole School Dates to Remember
March 29th   School Council
April 5th   School Review Part 1
April 6th   School Photos
April 8th   Last day of term 2:30 finish
April 27th   Term 2 Begins

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember
March 17th   Prep, 1 & 2 trip to Ensay Winery
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 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
Hi, my name is Heather Daly
I have recently commenced as school nurse at Swifts Creek School.
I will work in the school one day per week, mainly on Tuesdays, I also work at Orbost Secondary College and BRHS Community Health, Bairnsdale.

What does a school nurse do?
My role involves:

- Health Promotion i.e. to provide students with information to enable them to make informed choices about what they can do to optimise their own health and reduce the risk of harm to themselves. (including Healthy eating, Sun Smart, Physical activity, Puberty and Sexual health, Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs, Mental Health and Wellbeing.)
- Attending classroom sessions and providing support to the Personal Development teachers as a guest speaker, or I may deliver programs or one off sessions as required.
- Working mainly with the secondary students; however, I will be available to assist Flagstaff campus with the delivery of the Personal Development program and other issues if required.
- Providing healthy living tips and links to information via the School newsletter and noticeboards.
- Seeing students individually to discuss any health or personal issues and provide confidential support, information and referral to other health professionals or agencies if required.
- Maintaining the important links that have been created in the past between the school and the local health services.
- Supporting the school in the development of health related policies and providing information to staff around issues such as asthma management.

I look forward to meeting many of you, becoming part of the local community and supporting the young people to optimize their learning potential, by helping create a safe, healthy and happy environment.

Heather Daly
Adolescent Health Nurse
Swifts Creek School
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SPOTLIGHT ON VCAL STUDENTS

Tiahanna Warner is a second year student in the P-12 school’s VCAL program. The VCAL program was introduced in 2010 to provide an alternative pathway for some of our students.

Tiahanna completes a work placement once a week. Colleen from ‘Creekers’ has taken Tiahanna under her wing and is providing her with a range of experiences. Tiahanna spends 3 days a week at school, completing a range of literacy, numeracy and personal development units as well as work skills.

The school would like to recognise and thank Tiahanna for her high quality work in providing excellent catering for a number of programs. Tiahanna worked back late in February to prepare a range of foods for the Year 7 camp. She provides a weekly morning tea for the VCAL group and her teachers and just recently, catered for the ‘Keys Please’ program held at the school.

Well done Tiahanna!
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.

FOR SALE
Size 2, girls black school shoes, new with tag $10.00 Phone 5159 4544.

SWIFTS CREEK FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
Netball umpires courses.
The club needs more umpires. Maybe you are due for an update or have half qualified!
Not bad on your CV!
At Bairnsdale
  Intro to umpiring. March 21st. (usually $20), 5-7pm. Great course for coaches, players, and umpires. Need to register by March 17th for this one so please contact Annie Richardson tonight so she can do this for you.
  Level 1 umpire course. May 13th. ($40) time to be confirmed. Section 1 theory to accompany this but we have someone who can come up and assist everyone with this.
Contact Annie Richardson tonight Ph 51594419 M 0408523498

OR
VCFL Pre season Football/Netball Workshops.
At Sale on Sunday March 27th
  Coach accreditation
  Training Basic Unit Course
  IT training
  Club umpiring
  Netball Foundation to coach
  Netball IT training
  Netball Level 1 umpiring
Further details see Annie who can email info. or it is on notice board at shop. Ph 51594419, 0408523498 or email tve@net-tech.com.au

Interested in developing skills? East Gippsland TAFE offers more than 350 courses, short courses through to certificates, diplomas and pathways to universities. Our vocational training will help you gain skills that are critical when seeking employment. Our flexible approach means that you can study full-time, part-time, day or night, on weekends or flexibly online.
Courses on offer include: C.I.C. Industry Induction Card formerly “Red Card”, Cert 1 in Horticulture, Gourmet Gardening Course, Business & IT – interested in studying Business and/or Computing, Business Solutions – short courses 2011, Safe Food Handling, Responsible Service of Alcohol, etc.
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
**Reading at Swifts Creek School**

Reading is one of the most important ways that students learn.

The most effective way to read for learning is:

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**Reading Aloud**

This is true for readers of all ages. *Reading Aloud* allows readers to read more slowly and thoughtfully. It allows them to pause at the end of sentences or paragraphs to check their understanding, and to re-read if necessary.

*Reading Aloud* sets up an **articulatory loop** where the reader takes in the words and their meanings with their eyes, processes them into sounds, then hears and understands the sounds again. This gives the brain more exposure to each word, sentence and paragraph, and so it increases understanding, as well as memory of what is being read.

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**What you can do at home:**

**For all ages, you can ask to hear your child/ren read aloud.**

Often as parents we do this for younger children, but it is valuable for all ages.

Senior students studying for a test, or preparing for exams, will find it especially helpful to read aloud to you. This also gives you a chance to ask questions about the topic, or for definitions of key terms, and so on, which will all help with the students understanding.

Of course it’s nice for students to hear you reading aloud, too, so you could take it in turns.

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**When listening to reading aloud, remember to:**

- Offer praise and encouragement
- Allow time for the reader to “have a go” at difficult words
- Encourage risk-taking by the reader
- Encourage self correction and re-reading
- Check for understanding: ask “What would that look like?” “What question has this answered?” “What do you think will happen next?” “What is your opinion?”

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**Encourage reading aloud at home.** If you can’t always listen to it, at least praise the student who is reading aloud to him or herself.

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*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 Ms Napthine.*