Swifts Creek School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:
The first day of winter is upon us. Please make sure that if it’s looking a bit colder when you come to school that you bring a coat, etc, and are prepared to keep warm. We are lucky enough to have very well heated rooms so all of this gear needs to be clearly labelled with a student name. We have plenty of lost property at the moment, so if you are missing any items please have your child check the lost property box.

Next Friday is a Pupil Free Day, so that staff can continue the job of report writing. Please take the opportunity of the four day weekend to spend some family time together and rest up in preparation for a busy end of term. Our senior students commence their end of year exams next week. We wish all of these students the best of luck, but we know that through all of the hard work they have put in, they will not be relying on luck to be successful.

Robert Boucher

READING TIPS
Play word games. Play word games with your child. Write out a word like mat. Then change the initial sound. Have your child sound out the word when it becomes fat and then when it becomes sat. Next change the final sound, so the word changes from sat to sag to sap. Then change the middle sound, so the word changes from sap to sip. Make a game of it!

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

FLAGSTAFF CAMPUS WINTER SPORTS
Last year we entered a mixed netball team in the winter sports. Some children have expressed interest in playing football in a High Country Team this year. Winter sports will be held in Bairnsdale on Friday 17th with a 10am start. A note has been sent home to all grade 4,5, and 6 children to gauge if there is enough interest to send teams.

Whole School Dates to Remember
June 10th Pupil Free Day
June 13th Queen’s Birthday holiday
July 1st Last day of Term 2 2.30pm finish

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember
June 1st Pet ownership program Yrs P—6
June 9th “Bouncing around” performance
June 17th Winter sports, Football

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
June 1st—3rd Outdoor Ed Melbourne camp
June 6th-7th Year 10 and 11 exams
June 14th-16th Year 12 exams
June 20th-22nd Year 12 exams
June 23rd Winter sports Year 7-10
June 29th House Athletics
June 30th Winter sports Year 11-12
Puppets, Cupcakes and National Simultaneous Storytime in the High Country

Large bird puppets with colourful feathers accompanied by brightly iced cupcakes featured in the National Simultaneous Storytime event presented by the Year Eight students from Swifts Creek School on Wednesday 25 May.

The students, assisted by their teachers Andrea Shepherd and Nikki Murphy, presented a lively and entertaining readers’ theatre as they read the picture book *Feathers for Phoebe* by Rod Clements. The Swifts Creek audience included the kindergarten children, pre-school families and prep, one and two students. The event was held in the school library.

On Thursday morning the Year Eight students travelled to the Omeo Primary School bringing their theatre to even more pre-school and school children, who were delighted and inspired by the performance. All parents attending received a copy of *Feathers for Phoebe* to continue to read the fabulous Australian tale to their children. As well as being entertaining, *Feather for Phoebe* reinforces the important theme of self acceptance and illustrates that appearances aren’t everything.

The Year Eights had not only made the colourful puppets and set for the play, but had also produced beautifully iced cupcakes from the school kitchen that a Donna Hay would be proud of, sharing them for morning tea.

This was an extremely valuable activity for the younger members of the community to experience. They certainly enjoy seeing their older peers engaged in a story, and this highlights the importance of reading in a fun and enjoyable environment.

This is the third year that Andrea Shepherd and the Year Eights from Swifts Creek School have presented the chosen story for National Simultaneous Story time, and their involvement is much appreciated.

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