Principal’s Message

Next week we will be hosting a Careers Expo. This event is important for all of our students but particularly the older ones. The intention of this event is to give more information for students about the next phase of their lives. The more information young people have the better they are able to make decisions about their future pathways. Students will have a passport to take to the stall holders. The purpose of the passport is to have students talking with each of the stall holders and leaving the Expo knowing more than when they started. This event would not be possible without the support of EG TAFE and local organisations and businesses.

Parents’ Group

The next meeting of the Parents’ Group will be held on Tuesday August 23rd at 7pm in the Flagstaff campus staffroom. New parents very welcome.

Book Week and Dress Up

August 22nd to 26th is Book Week. We will be holding many activities, including a Book Fair. We will also have Book Dress Up day on Tuesday August 23rd. All students from Prep to Year 12 are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

Flagstaff Music: Next week Mrs Cook will be in on Monday 22nd, instead of Tuesday.

Whole School Dates to Remember

August 22nd-26th Book Week and Book Fair
August 23rd Parents’ Group Meeting
Sept 1st Yr 6-7 Transition Day
Sept 22nd Parent Teacher Interviews
Sept 23rd Last Day of Term

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

August 18th Prep-1 Snow Day
August 23rd Community Reading event and Book Week Dress Up day
August 24th Skiing
August 25th Book Fair

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

August 23rd Skiing
August 23rd Book Dress Up day
August 24th Careers Expo & Party Safe events
August 31st EG Athletics at Bairnsdale
August 31st Schools for Students Leadership info evening at 6pm
August 31st Inspiring Young Women Event
Sept 2nd Skiing

Prep, 1 Fun in the Snow Day

Tomorrow is the Prep and Grade One “Fun in the Snow” day, parents, please send a change of clothes and also lunch and snacks. The bus leaves school at 9am sharp and will return in time for buses home at the end of the day.

Congratulations to Danielle Ennis and Brodie Cameron for both winning the league Best and Fairest in their respective sports. A unique double for students who have attended our school for 2011.
Philosophy by Distance Education.

Monday 1st August 2011 found 25 philosopher students along with three DECV teachers and multiple school teachers/parents, meeting at the front entrance of the Melbourne Museum. At about 10am we all went into a room specially set aside for school students (and booked for DECV) and had a briefing on the day’s activities. We also introduced ourselves to other students about where we came from/ what our names were. I was rather surprised at how close some of the students lived. I for one travelled for 5 hours – one way, ten hours all up - just to attend this seminar. We did some mind building activities like true-false-true and arguing our philosophical point in statements like ‘chocolate tastes like chocolate’ etc. Next on the agenda, was Year 9/10’s to go and explore the mind exhibit, whilst the Year 7/8’s sat and talk about what we were to do when we were allowed into the exhibit.

We had to work in twos’ with someone who you had never met before, and come up with questions for four categories: Quiz, Research, Speculative and Philosophical questions. We then had to swap with another group and try to answer their questions. This we had to do whilst walking around the exhibit with our partner.

Lunch came next. We could buy our lunch or bring our own. Afterwards we all met back in the DECV room and talked about what we were to do next, which was to reason with ‘Vogon’ aliens, whom are intent on destroying the earth for a new hyper-stellar bypass. We had the entire Museum to devise the most convincing argument to save Earth which we had to come up with in one hour in groups of 4-5. It’s amazing just how quickly one hour can go. We almost needed two hours! All groups came up with great reasons, ranging from a letter to the aliens, to arguing our best environments & animals ect.

Overall, 1st August was a great one once everybody had overcome the nerves. I definitely enjoyed it and I’m sure everybody else did too.

Sarah O’Brien  Year 8 Philosophy

Emphasize the universal importance of reading.

Librarians, teachers, students, mechanics, lawyers, doctors, architects, athletes . . . everyone reads. Show your child that reading is part of everyone’s life by reading diverse works that serve different purposes. Consider cookbooks, television manuals, online magazines, and cereal boxes. Make a habit out of living through reading.

CWA International Day

This year the country of study is Morocco. Anybody interested in completing a project on this country is welcome to do so. Projects are due in by 15th of September. Students participating in the Rotary Community Award are expected to do a project, and they will attend the dinner on Thursday 22nd September. This is open to students from Prep to Year 12. For more information please see Mr. Gallagher.

School for Student Leadership

We are delighted that once again we have been successful in our application to send a team of Year 9 students to the School for Student Leadership. This application is for a team in 2012. We have been allocated a place at the Alpine School Campus (Dinner Plain) in term one. So, our current Year 8s and their parents need to start thinking about applying to be part of that team. We will be sending detailed information home soon. In the meantime, the website http://www.alpineschool.vic.edu.au/ is a great place to get your thinking started.

Our team for 2011 at the Snowy River Campus in term four has been finalised and now Elisha, Hannah, Darcey, Tom and Bonnie are thinking about their Community Learning Project, and getting some planning underway.
**Party Safe Skills - Drug and Alcohol Awareness program**

Years 9 – 11 students  
**Wednesday 24th August 1.30 - 3.00pm**  
**Venue: Albion Hotel, Swifts Creek**

Students in years 9 -11 will take part in a workshop that aims to raise awareness of the harmful effects of Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco, and provide information on strategies to reduce harm whilst out at parties and venues that serve alcohol; while empowering the students to make choices that will reduce their risks. The information will be important to them as they reach the legal age to consume alcohol and be driving.

**Parents are invited to attend, afternoon tea will be provided.**

The program involves Police and Ambulance services, representatives from Omeo District Health, Liquor Licensee – Albion Hotel, Swifts Creek Bush Nursing Centre, parents and the students.

It is based on programs that have been successfully delivered in regional areas, over several years. The event will take place in a licensed venue with the aim of helping students develop an understanding of the laws surrounding the responsible serving and consuming of alcohol and different expectations placed on young people at different times and to behave appropriately in different social situations.

By participating in the program it is expected that students will be able to:
- Clearly identify the risks and harms of drugs and alcohol on the body
- Have increased knowledge and awareness of themselves as decision makers
- Have an understanding of ‘harm minimisation’ as an approach to dealing with alcohol and drugs.
- Know how young people can keep themselves and friends safe in a party environment
- Know what to do when they or a friend has their drink spiked.
- Know what to do if a young person has taken a substance that puts them at risk
- Know what to do if a friend lapses into unconsciousness - knowledge of the recovery position and ringing emergency number ‘000’.

It also provides an opportunity to engage parents in a community forum that will increase their awareness of alcohol and drug issues for young people and facilitate communication with the students.

Students will walk to and from the Albion Hotel and School.

Heather Daly  
Adolescent Health Nurse.

For further information please contact the School – Tambo Campus : 51594366

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**INSPIRING YOUNG WOMEN EVENT**

This is an annual event where students from Year 10 and 11 have the opportunity to meet professional women from the local area. They will share their pathways with you, including their education, careers and lifestyles. You will be able to ask them questions, particularly if they work in a career that interests you. You will be treated to a formal dinner with guest speakers, games and career information.

**There is no cost to attend this inspiring event.**

Students will be transported to the event by car or mini-bus.

The people attending will be approximately 55 young women from East Gippsland Secondary schools, and 25 professional women from the East Gippsland area.

The details of the event are as follows:

- **Date:** Wednesday 31st August 2011  
- **Time:** 6pm to 8.30pm  
- **Venue:** Lakes Entrance Bowls Club  

Please see Mrs. Shepherd if you are interested.
Reminder

BOOK FAIR IS HERE AGAIN!

When: Thursday 25th August
11.20-3.30

Where: Swifts Creek School
Flagstaff Campus Library
Open for Parents
Support your school by
purchasing
a book from the Book Fair!

Students will have further opportunities throughout the week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to view and purchase books and pay at the office. If the above date doesn’t suit an alternative time may be arranged during Book Week. Contact Pauline or Sarah on 51594267.

We have limited copies of each title available for sale this week - we can re-order additional copies of titles if people want to purchase them and the current stock has run out.
Families are welcome to join in with our Book Week Celebrations.

Start with a Book Character Parade at 9.15am at Tambo Campus, then hear original books written by the Year Eights, and a reader at the skate park before morning tea and a Book Fair at Flagstaff. Then join Prep to 6 for a walk around town to hear stories read by community members.

Tuesday 23rd August
East Gippsland TAFE’s Careers & Study Expo

Swift’s Creek School (Tambo Campus)
Wednesday August 24, 2011
11am-1.00pm including a free lunch
Discover career opportunities
Parents and wider community members also invited

Come along to East Gippsland TAFE’s Careers and Study Expo at Swift’s Creek School (Tambo Campus) on Wednesday August 24, 2011 and discover an array of opportunities available to you.
11am – 1pm including a free lunch – Sponsored by EG TAFE, Omeo District Health, Uniting Church Australia (Swifts Creek) and Omeo Shire Lions Club
Try hands-on activities and speak to representatives from East Gippsland TAFE and local Businesses to find out what it takes to get into the career of your choice.

Do you want to be a chef, hairdresser, make up artist, work in agriculture or horticulture, go on to university or further study, become a nurse or work in the health field, design furniture or work on Conservation Land Management, join the local emergency services, work in childcare or community services, find a job in the marine field, become an accountant, artist or work with animals? The possibilities are endless!

Gather the information you need to start planning your future and take up the opportunity to speak one-on-one with qualified teachers and business people.

For further information contact:
Sue-Ellen Latham at East Gippsland TAFE on 5150 4255 or
Roslyn Smith at East Gippsland TAFE’s Swift’s Creek Outreach Centre on 5159 4433