Swifts Creek School Newsletter
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Apprenticeships
Apprenticeships Group
Australia (AGA) is recruiting at the moment for apprentices to start in January/February 2012. This will be a large intake of apprentices involving approximately 140 positions. Apprentices could be employed in all areas of Melbourne and extending through the entire Gippsland region. Applications close on the 9th of September. Applications and information is online at their website: www.agaustralia.com.au. The trades they are recruiting for are as follows:
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Automotive Light
- Automotive Heavy
- Metal Fabrication (Boiler making)
- Fitting and Turning
- Spare Parts Interpreting
- Business Administration (Traineeships)
- Electrical Line Workers and Cable Jointers
If students wish to apply and need help with their application, please don’t hesitate to ask me. Thank you.
Suzanne de Vries-Fitzpatrick, Careers Teacher

Whole School Dates to Remember
Sept 8th Skate Park opening—School band
Sept 22nd Parent Teacher Interviews
Sept 23rd Last Day of Term

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember
Sept 13th Cultural Performance Alphabeat
Sep 20th Kinder students visit Flagstaff

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
Sept 8th Performance for Year 7—12 2pm
Sept 13th Interschool Gymkhana Secondary
Sept 13th-14th Swifts Coota Cup at Swifts Creek

Swifts Coota Cup
Mallacoota P-12 are making the journey to Swifts Creek on September 13th for the Annual “Swifts Coota Cup”. On the evening of the 13th there will be a “Tight and Bright” Disco at the Swifts Creek Hall for the students to catch up with each other. A bus will run from Omeo and back again for this. The Swifts Creek kids will cook breakfast for everyone before the inaugural challenges begin with basketball for girls and football for boys, plus more fun activities for everyone. After a barbecue lunch, the Coota kids will go home and our students will return to class.

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.

Social Skills
This week’s social skill is ‘honesty’. This will be a focus in the classroom and playground. Please discuss this social skill with your child at home.

Swifts Creek Kindergarten
If you are looking to send your child to kinder and / or child care in 2012, please contact Marg at the Kindergarten at Swifts Creek on 51594224 or Omeo on 51591451.
Limited Time Left for Year 8’s to Access Cervical Cancer Vaccine for Free

There are only 4 months to go for girls in Year 8 to finish their HPV immunisation course free of charge. Once the school year is over, any missed dose of the cervical cancer vaccine will need to be purchased from a GP or other health service provider at a cost of approximately $150 each.

The HPV - or human papillomavirus - vaccine has been provided to girls in Year 7 since 2007 as part of the National Immunisation Program. To get free immunisation in Victoria, girls must commence the course in Year 7 and complete all doses by the end of Year 8. After that time, any missed dose must be paid for.

Ideally all three doses will be given within a 6 month period - 0, 2 and 6 months – however research shows if the second and third doses are given later than planned, the body still responds to the vaccine and makes antibodies which protect against HPV infection. This means it is still beneficial to complete the full three-dose course of the vaccine, even if doses aren’t received at the correct intervals.

The HPV vaccine protects against four types of HPV which cause around 70 per cent of cervical cancers. It is important for all girls to complete the full course to ensure the best possible protection against the disease and other HPV-related illnesses.

If your daughter has still not completed the HPV vaccine course, please contact your local health provider as soon as possible. Missed doses can be obtained through public council immunisation sessions and your local GP.

Girls in Year 7 will receive their third and final dosage of the vaccine at school during 4th term.

If you are unsure of your daughter’s immunisation record, contact your local council (Year 7 students) or the National HPV Vaccination Program Register (Year 8 students) on 1800 478 734.

HEADLICE UPDATE

We are having reported cases of headlice, so it is recommended that parents check their children’s hair every day.

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice:

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- regularly check your children’s hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

What happens if your child gets head lice?

DON’T PANIC – anyone can get head lice and help is available.

Begin treatment immediately and check for effectiveness.

Send your child back to school as soon as effective treatment has commenced. Your child is not a risk to others as long as treatment has commenced.

If your child has head lice it is likely that other children in the class will have them too. By notifying us when your child has head lice, we can advise the parents of all children in the class to check (and treat if head lice are found). This will decrease the chance of your child getting head lice back again. We do not give out the names of children who return notification forms and/or have head lice.

Minimising head lice outbreaks

Check weekly, treat quickly and tell the school

Check the heads of everyone in your house using conditioner and combing:
- at least once a week or
- every two days if someone around you has head lice.

If you find head lice, treat and check for effectiveness.
Remember to notify the school.

The school will advise parents of any reported cases via the newsletter.
GRAND FINAL DAY

Tambo Valley Bowls Club

On the BIG SCREEN from 11am
BBQ Lunch
Little boys and party pies
Half time happy hour
Pre game bowls
Novelty events and heaps of prizes

All Welcome $20 per head $10 Members

For further info contact Paul Newton 0439153128 or Jason Salerno 0419344517 tambovalleybowlsclub@hotmail.com
ALBION HOTEL
SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
7.30PM ONWARDS
(or contact the Albion Hotel on 5159 4211 & book a table for dinner)

OVER 30 ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED
Auction conducted by David Hill
DONATED LOCALLY AND FROM BAIRNSDALE
INCLUDING:
A LOAD OF FIREWOOD
PLANTS
CHEMIST HAMPER
HANDCRAFTED BREADBOARD
CHILDS HAIR CUT
WINE
TOYS

ALSO ON THE NIGHT:
RAFFLE OF DONATED GOODS & VOUCHERS
LUCKY DIP FOR KIDS