Swifts Creek School Newsletter

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Great Victorian Bike Ride
Eleven students from Years 7 to 12 are participating in this year’s Great Victorian Bike Ride at the end of November, riding 590km from Swan Hill to Castlemaine. These students will be training for this event in the coming weeks on the roads throughout the district. Can all families please be extra watchful for cyclists when on the roads over the next couple of months to help avoid incidents and accidents. Please remember that some of the students are quite inexperienced in terms of riding on the road, so extra care needs to be taken. We would appreciate if this message could be passed along to the wider community. The first group training ride will take place this Sunday. It goes from Swifts Creek to Ensay along the Swifts Creek East and Doctors Flat back roads, and then returns along the same route. Please take extra care if you are going to be driving on these roads at this time. Any other interested and competent cyclists are welcome to join the ride. Our thanks to Tambo Valley Electrics who have generously offered to fund the ride shirts again this year.
John O’Neill

Whole School Dates to Remember
Nov 1st Melbourne Cup Day
Dec 20th Celebration Night

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember
Oct 14th Summer Sports
Oct 31st Performance Tour
Nov 2nd-4th Lakewood Camp Park Year 3/4
Dec 5th-9th Gelantipy Camp Year 5/6
Dec 13th Transition Day Year 6

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
Oct 17th-21st Year 8 Camp
Oct 19th Inspiring Young Men Year 10
Oct 25th Buntings Visit
Oct 27th Big Breakfast
Nov 3rd Year 12 Exams begin

Reading Tips
Joke Books for Reluctant Readers
Tell Me a Joke
If your child finds books daunting or you find it difficult to get them to read, try giving them a joke book and encourage them to memorise some, so they can develop a comedy routine. The jokes are usually short and they can read a small amount at one time. Kids of any age love jokes and will relish the challenge. If your child is a joke collector, suggest they start a “joke journal.”

Book Club
Today Flagstaff Campus students have been handed out the new book club brochures. Could all orders please be back at school no later than the 21st October.

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

Lakewood Park 3/4 Camp
Yesterday we send medical forms, permission forms and clothing list out for the 3/4 camp. Please ensure that you fill out the medical/permission forms and send back to school as soon as possible. The cost is $160 so please ensure that you have this amount paid before camp which is November 2nd - 4th. If you need to have other arrangements please contact Sarah on Wednesday or Thursday at Flagstaff to arrange this. Thanking you, Susie Grinter.
READING CIRCLES 2011

This term we are looking forward to listening to some more fantastic stories read by community members at the Reading Circles held each month at Swifts Creek School – Flagstaff Campus, and Omeo Primary School libraries. If you are a parent, grandparent or friend of a child aged from 0 to 6 years, then come along and join in the fun. Morning tea is provided.

The Reading Circle dates for term 4 are:

Omeo – Thursday 20th October – 10.00 a.m.
Swifts Creek - Wednesday 2nd November – 10.00 a.m.
Omeo - Thursday 17th November – 10.00 a.m.
Swifts Creek - Wednesday 30th November – 10.00 a.m.

For more information ph: Rowena Turner
SAH Co-ordinator
Ph 51594323.

NEW BOOKS
Available

@ Tambo Campus:

- Beast Child – Ben Chandler
- Nest Of Lies – Heather McQuillan
- Sarah Thornhill – Kate Grenville
- Have You Seen Ally Queen? – Deb Fitzpatrick
- Crow Country – Kate Constable
- Heart Of Danger – Fleur Beale
- Shift – Em Bailey
- Prisoner Of The Inquisition – Theresa Breslin
- The Apothecary – Maile Meloy
Construction Induction Card
(CIC - Formerly Red Card) course delivery subject to numbers

Course Overview
This course will teach you how to ensure safe, efficient and effective work practices on construction sites. You will learn the acts, regulations, codes of practice and industry standards which are endorsed by the Victorian WorkSafe Authority.

Course structure
In this course you will learn about:
Employers and employees responsibilities
Health and safety committees
WorkSafe inspectors powers
Workplace behaviour
Proof of training and competency
Hazards and risk assessments
Safe work method statement/job safety analysis, acts, regulations, codes of practice and industry standards.

Is this course right for me?
This course is designed for all people working on construction sites.

Date: Tuesday, 25th October 2011
Time: 9.15am – 3.00pm
Venue: Omeo (tba)
Cost: $90 - School student (non-VET enrolled)
$150 - General public

To register before 18th October, or for more information please contact Roslyn Smith, EG TAFE Outreach Swifts Creek, on (03) 5159 4433 or rsmith@egtafe.vic.edu.au or Christopher Rankin, Work Safety Centre Coordinator, EG TAFE, (03) 5142 2470 or crankin@egtafe.vic.edu.au

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE – COMMUNITY MEETING SWIFTS CREEK

All community members from the Omeo Region are invited to attend an information session with the East Gippsland Shire on Community Planning that is currently happening in the Region.

The meeting will be held at the Swifts Creek Community Centre at 10.00 AM on Friday October 14th and Martin Richardson, Manager Strategic Planning and Michelle Shaw, Community Planning Facilitator will be discussing Community Planning issues such as:
Review and refining of the Omeo Region draft Community Plan
Additional ideas to be incorporated in the Plan.
Prioritizing of actions.
Information about the Planning Partnership Group.
We would love to have a chat with as many people as possible, so hope to see you there then.
Enquiries to Michelle Shaw, Community Planning Facilitator Omeo on 51 591455 from Tuesday October 11th.

Horse events – Saturday Show Jumping, Riding & Sunday Gymkhana
Shearing Competition
Yard Dog Trials
Whip Cracking
Harnessed Horse & Carriage Competition
Tiny Tots & Junior Competitions
Wood Chop & Broad Axe
Lego Display & Competition
Pavillion competitions – Photography, Cooking, Natural Fibre Garments, Handcraft, Preserves, Art, Flowers, Fleece and others.
Show bags, BBQ, Bar, Side Shows and more!
FAMILY FUN DAY

C'mon Out!
Free Activities!

Thanks to:
SCHOOLS AS HUBS

JUMPING CASTLE
CHAIR-O-PLANE
FIRE TRUCK
POLICE CAR

WATER BALLOONS
PONY RIDES
FACE PAINTING
TATTOOS
BADGE MAKING
PARACHUTE GAMES
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
SACK RACES
DONUT ON A STRING GAME

Place: Swifts Creek P-12 School Flagstaff Campus
Date: Saturday October 22nd
Time: 10am to 2pm

SWIFTS CREEK & ENSAY
PLAYGROUP