**Swifts Creek School Newsletter**

**November 2nd 2011**

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**Fundraising Concert for Tahnee Orchard**

East Gippsland Symphonia will be playing on Friday 11th Nov at Swifts Creek and Saturday 12th at Omeo. Swifts Creek School band have been invited to play with East Gippsland Symphonia on these days. Venues to be confirmed. Please see Kees at Tambo Campus for more information.

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**Reading Tips**

If getting your kids to read is like pulling teeth, then try this suggestion that makes reading often the preferred option.  

**Description of technique:**

Give your children two bedtimes—“reading time” and “lights out time”. The idea is, their bedtime is a certain pre-set time, say 8:00, but they can choose to read quietly in bed for half an hour if they want, which would postpone their lights out time for a half an hour, to 8:30. If they choose to not read, that’s fine, they can just go ahead and turn their lights out at 8:00. Needless to say, most kids choose to take the extra half hour reading!

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**Swifts Creek School Parents Club**

Christmas Raffle:  
Money Tree  
$2 per ticket or 3 for $5  
Tickets attached.  
Please help support this fundraiser.

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**Whole School Dates to Remember**

- Nov 7th -11th Middle Yrs Science Unit  
- Nov 8th Middle Years trip to Mine  
- Nov 8th School Council meeting  
- Dec 9th Carols by Candlelight  
- Dec 20th Celebration Night

**Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember**

- Nov 2nd-4th Lakewood Camp Park Year 3/4  
- Nov 15th Cricket Clinic  
- Dec 5th-9th Gelantipy Camp Year 5/6  
- Dec 13th Transition Day Year 6

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**Tambo Campus Dates to Remember**

- Nov 3rd Year 12 Exams begin  
- Nov 7th -13th Yr 9 at Typo Station  
- Nov 17th Yr 12 Dinner

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**The 126th Omeo Show**

is on again!  
Saturday 12th November  
**Preserves:**  
Fruit jam, Marmalade, Sauces, Pickles, Relish, Chutney  
**Yard Dog Trials**

Starting 9am sharp!  
**Wood Chop events**
Gourmet Gardening Workshops

Interested in building a healthy and resilient organic gourmet garden?

Come along and enjoy a day of practical learning, from composting to working the soil and picking up tips on growing gourmet food in a home vegetable garden.

1. DESIGN YOUR GOURMET BACKYARD
   Design a one-stop food shop in your own backyard. Design principles of vegetable, garden and orchard – and let’s not forget the chook yard!

2. GROWING TASTY VEGETABLES IN SUSTAINABLE SOILS
   Learn the secrets of soil, the backbone to any great gourmet garden. Understand it, improve it and be rewarded with tasty chemical-free produce.

3. GROWING DELECTABLE FRUIT
   Grow delectable organic fruit in your gourmet garden. Planting, care of trees and pruning made easy.

4. WHAT VEGETABLES TO GROW WHEN
   Discover the secrets great gardeners have with successful vegetable growing. It’s vital to understand individual vegetable needs, crop rotation, best times to plant and the fascinating world of companion planting.

Date: Thursday 17 (Theory) & Friday 18 (Practical) November 2011
Time: 9:30am – 5pm
Where: Swifts Creek
Cost: $80 Individual Workshops
      $160 for either full Theory or Practical days
      $295 to attend both days

Workshop 1 9:30 – 11am
Workshop 2 11am – 1pm
½ hour lunch break
Workshop 3 1:30am – 3:30pm
Workshop 4 3:30am – 5pm

For more information or to receive a Course Guide call
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