Principal’s Message
As many of you are aware there is currently an industrial dispute involving the state government and the Education Union. As part of the dispute there are currently work bans in place across the state to try and progress the negotiations which have been going on for some time. The state government has put in place a number of significant changes for education, with more to come in the next six months. However, they have not been able to negotiate with the Union, hence the industrial campaign that is currently underway.

At present the bans that are in place will provide us with some challenges in running the school. We have a staff team that is very keen to support the learning of each and every student even while supporting the industrial action. There are many examples of union members trying to do what is right by the students yet at the same time send a clear message to the government about their dissatisfaction with the failure of negotiations so far.

Next month there is a Stop Work day across the state planned for Wednesday 5 September. At this stage I am unsure how this will impact on the school. There is some hope that the current action will have a positive impact on negotiations in the meantime.

Schools play an important role in setting up students for a life full of success and happiness. They are tricky places at best. Without well-resourced staff who are content in their profession, schools could be less than effective.

Robert Boucher

Whole School Dates to Remember
Aug 20th-24th Book Week and Book Fair
Aug 21st Book Dress Up Parade, Community Reading Event, and pancakes for sale
Aug 22nd Skiing Day 2
Aug 29th Skiing Day 3
Sep 4th Skiing Day 4

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
Aug 21st Hep B final vaccination
Aug 24th Animal Behaviour Zoo Excursion

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember
Aug 17th Auskick Pie & Drink reward
Sep 5th Reading Circle
Sep 6th Performance Tour Swifts Creek

Project Competition
Each year our C.W.A Ladies have a country of study. This year the country is Cambodia. All students are able to enter this competition. The students doing the Junior Rotary Award this year are required to do a project on Cambodia. The good news for them is that they get to attend the C.W.A’s International Day celebrations on Monday 15th October. Projects need to be handed in to the Flagstaff campus office by Tuesday 9th October (2nd day of Term 4).

Pancakes
VCE students will be making and selling pancakes next Tuesday August 21st as part of the Book Week Celebrations.
Students should bring along some money for this tasty treat.

Auskick
To celebrate the 2012 Auskick program the Swifts Creek Football/Netball Club has kindly donated a pie and drink for each child. This will be tomorrow 17th August.
Pre-School and primary school families are welcome to join in with Book Week Celebrations. Children can dress up as their favourite book character for the parade, at Tambo Campus, 9:15 a.m.

We will then walk around town where we will hear some exciting stories read by community members, finishing at Flagstaff Campus where you are invited to stay for morning tea while viewing the wonderful children’s books on display and for sale at the Book Fair.