Swifts Creek School Newsletter

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Whole School Dates to Remember
Sep 13th    Footy Dress up day
Sep 20th    Parent Teacher Interviews
Sep 21st    Last Day Term 3 Early finish 2.30pm
Oct 8th     First Day Term 4

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
12th Sep    Winter Sports
Sep 20th    Inspiring Young Men—Lakes Entrance
Sep 20th    Gippsland Athletics
Oct 15th -19th Yr 9 Typo

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember
Sep 18th    Division Athletics
Oct 11th    Great Wall of Dairy Presentation
Oct 23rd-31st Somers Camp

Tables and chairs for free
Tambo campus is replacing classroom tables and chairs at the end of this term. Any community organisation which would have use for this furniture is invited to ring and speak to Ms Napthine for further information.

Reading Tips
Sometimes actions speak louder than words. Read and share what you are reading with your child. Show them what you are learning, what you are interested in, why you are reading. Children learn best by example, so be a good one. Convey to them reading is a valued and pleasurable activity. Reading together is a way you can spend precious time together.

Bakery Closed
There will be no lunch orders available from 12th to 18th September. The Bakery apologises for any inconvenience.

Interim Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews at Tambo
Teachers are currently completing mid-semester Interim Reports. These reports provide a brief but clear overview of students’ academic progress and behaviour in each subject. Interim reports will be posted to parents at the beginning of the last week of term. We will then be holding Parent/Teacher interviews on Thursday September 20th from 4pm to 6.30pm.

All parents and students are encouraged to attend these interviews. At this time of year it is a great opportunity for parents to check on how you can help your child to achieve the best final results that they are capable of. Also, it is a good time to discuss your child’s plans for the future and talk with teachers about subject selections for 2013 and beyond. Obviously these discussions are more useful when students are there to express their opinions too.

We hope to see you on the 20th.
Milkshake day
This Friday, 14/9/12, Flagstaff students will have a chance to celebrate all of their hard work and the learning that they have achieved during the Great Wall of Dairy program. During the lunch time break students will indulge in some gourmet milkshakes and reflect on the fun they have had throughout the program. There will be other special drinks available for students wish to have something different, such as juices. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask.
Miss Nikki Murphy

New BOOK arrivals
@ Tambo Campus

FOG A DOX – Bruce Pascoe
When Albert Cutts brings home three orphaned fox cubs from the bush, his half-dingo dog Brim is not so sure she wants to nurse them along with her new pups. But she is loyal and obedient, so that is what Brim does. Two of the three foxes soon go back to the wild, but not Fog, who grows up to be a dox – half dog, half fox. This is a beautifully written tale of friendship, rescue and hope. It combines descriptive and poetic language with a raw, honest narrative voice.

BLUEPRINTS FOR A BARBEDWIRE CANOE – Wayne Macauley
This is the story of ‘ur’, a failed housing project on the outer edges of Melbourne. Bram and his fellow residents are drawn to ur by a dream: the promise of a freeway leading to a new suburb north of the city. The houses are built, but the freeway never comes. One by one, the dreamers leave, until only a small group is left. As the disused houses crumble around them they barricade themselves in. They have a gun, a bulldozer, and a hell-bent determination to stay till the end—whatever, whenever, that is. The blueprints of the novel’s title refer to a set of designs for a canoe made of barbed wire that are handed down to Bram’s girlfriend, Jodie, by her father. These blueprints symbolise a certain fatalism and independence in the face of life’s absurdities. It is these blueprints that bring the history of ur to a tragic close.

FIRE IN THE SEA – Myke Bartlett
Sadie is sixteen and bored with life. Lazing around on the beach with her cousins and her best friend has become the monotonous routine of her summer holidays. When two menacing figures emerge from the sea and attack an old man, Sadie’s attempt to save him leads to a mysterious inheritance and strange occurrences. When Sadie goes in search of answers, she meets Jake and soon finds herself caught up in an ancient conflict. She and her friends must help to prevent the final battle that threatens to destroy the city and those she loves. An ancient relic holds the key, but will Sadie and Jake find it before it’s too late?

THE BEGINNER’S GUIDE TO REVENGE – Marianne Musgrove
As a soldier’s daughter, Romola’s already been to five schools, always having to make new friends … and now enemies. Meanwhile, Sebastian’s mum is about to make the biggest mistake of their lives, unless Sebastian can find his dad in time to stop her. Thrown together by chance, these two thirteen year olds set out to even the score. But once that big old ball of revenge starts rolling down the hill, there’s not an awful lot they can do to stop it … or is there?