Swifts Creek School Newsletter

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Message from the Principal
Welcome back to the busiest term of all. Please make sure you read all of the newsletter this term, and check bags for notes etc., so all of the great learning opportunities that are provided this term can be easily managed and properly supported. As many people are aware, schools and their grounds are fantastic places but after hours they are restricted public places. People who enter the grounds without a lawful reason are trespassing. Please don’t trespass on school grounds. The law is there for a very good reason, and it is important that it is respected by all.
Robert Boucher

Whole School Dates to Remember
Nov 6th CUP DAY HOLIDAY

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
Oct 15th -19th Yr 9 Typo
Oct 16th CCC Presentation
Oct 23rd State Athletics
Oct 29th Big Breakfast
Nov 1st Yr 12 Exams start
Nov 21st Last Yr 12 Exam

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember
Oct 11th Great Wall of Dairy Presentation
Oct 18th Regional Athletics
Oct 22nd Shire Library Reading
Oct 23rd-31st Somers Camp
Oct 23rd Summer Sports
Oct 29th Yr 6 Transition Day
Nov 7th-9th Yr 3/4 Camp to Harrietville
Nov 12th-16th Yr 5/6 Camp to Melbourne

Somers Camp
Somers Camp for Gippsland and Wellington cluster schools is being held at Somers from Tuesday 23rd of October until Wednesday 31st of October. We have 10 students from Swifts Creek and Omeo schools participating in this camp, along with Mrs. Grinter and Mrs. Appleby who are going as Visiting Teachers. Students who are participating, will leave the Bairnsdale railway station by bus at 8.15am on the morning of the 23rd and return to Bairnsdale by 3.00pm on the afternoon of the 31st.

Table Tennis
Our Intermediate girls table tennis team has made it through to the Regional finals. This competition will be held at the Traralgon Table Tennis Centre, this Friday 12th of October. The school car will be leaving Swifts Creek at 7.00 am and returning by 4.30. We wish the girls all the best for their day.

Parent and Carer Tips
Learning and Time
Teaching children to organise their time is another way to support them at school. A successful morning begins at night. Before your child goes to bed, have them set out everything they will need for school the next day: lunch, drinks, readers and permission slips. Check they have completed any homework. Set alarm clocks 15 minutes earlier. An earlier start allows enough time to dress, eat a healthy breakfast and do the necessary chores without too much stress.

Flagstaff Campus Term Four—Sun Smart
This time of year the sun is hot and students will need to wear their broad brim hats at all times when outside.
Celebrating the Farmer 2012
This year the Omeo Show has the theme of Celebrating the Farmer. To coincide with the theme primary aged students from both Swifts Creek and Omeo will be creating a piece of art to enter as a display at the show. Swifts Creek Flagstaff campus will be creating one half of a pair of ‘found object farmers’. This involves using found objects from local farms to create a figure of a farmer.
Students will use their construction skills to create a 1m high figure from materials such as wire, poly pipe, bones/skulls, wood, pieces of metal, hay, spent bullet shells, bail twine and broken tools. If anybody would like to donate some or all of these items to help us create our art work, it would be greatly appreciated. Please donate to the Flagstaff Campus.
Miss Murphy

Year 9 @ Typo Station
15th – 19th October
Year 9 parents and students are reminded that next week, the final Evolve camp of the year will take place at Typo Station in the King Valley.
A number of activities are planned whilst the students are at Typo, including work on individual Evolve projects and how they can be presented in December.
The bus will leave School at 9am on Monday, returning at around 3.30/4pm on Friday.
Gary Johnston & Susie Grinter Year 9 HG Teachers.

Regional Athletics - Primary - dates
Next week on Thursday 18th of October we have students from Swifts Creek and Omeo Primary schools representing our cluster in the Regional athletics in Newborough. The day begins at 10am at the Joe Carmody athletics track, next to the Newborough Indoor Leisure centre. We wish Abbey, Jai and Morgan all the best at this event. The state championships (if our students get through) are on Monday 29th of October.

State Athletics-Secondary-dates
The state championships for athletics for Secondary schools, is on Tuesday 23rd of October at Olympic Park, Melbourne. We have four students representing our school at this event. We wish Rhiana, Sarah, Cody and Melinda all the best as they compete in their individual events.

Results of the Regional Athletics Secondary
We had an extremely successful day at the secondary regional aths at Newborough at the end of last term. As a school we came away with 4 first places, 3 second places, 3 third places and 6 fourth places. Well done to all students who participated. You represented your school and yourselves admirably. A fantastic day!

Swifts Creek Parents Group
In partnership with the Lions Club, Parents Group are catering at the Clearance Sale at Ensay on Saturday 20th October.
We need volunteers to work on the day as well as volunteers to make cakes/slices.
Please contact Kathy Gallagher on 51594404.

Swifts Creek Swimming Pool
From November 8th to 29th, the committee are looking for volunteers to sell tickets on Thursday and Friday nights at the Albion Hotel.
Please Call Kathy on 51594404
POET’S WALK

Join Swifts Creek poet, John Butler, on a leisurely walk along the Tambo River and surrounds, complete with a recital of his famous poem “A River’s Mark”.

Saturday 27th October 2012
Starting time: 1pm
Length: approx. 1 km
Grade: Easy
Leaving from: Swifts Creek Police Station

Phone Leanne Stedman on (03) 5159 4477 to register
READING CIRCLES 2012
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:

Swifts Creek – Wednesday 24th October – 10.00 a.m.

Omeo - Thursday 25th October – 10.00 a.m.

Swifts Creek – Wednesday 14th November – 10.00 a.m.

Omeo – Thursday 29th November – 10.00 a.m.

For more information ph: Rowena Turner
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SCHOOLS AS HUBS
Share rhymes, sing and dance with Rhyme Time Music Program 2012.
Join in with Debbie Swift for a fun, interactive music session aiding and enhancing development in your child.
All Pre-School families including babies are invited to come along. Sessions are no cost.

East Gippsland Shire Offices – Omeo - Every Friday morning @ 10.30 - 11.00a.m.

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After School Study Program has commenced
Wednesdays 4.30—5.30pm
Tutor available to assist all school age children with current homework or specific learning needs.