Swifts Creek School Newsletter

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Whole School Dates to Remember
Dec 3rd-7th Middle Years
Dec 11th Transition Day
Dec 11th School Council Dinner
Dec 19th Celebration Night
Jan 30th Term 1 begins for students

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
Dec 3rd-7th Yr 10 Work Experience
Dec 10th Yr 7,8 & 9 Head Start begins

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember
Dec 11th Morning tea for 2013 Prep parents

Pallet Cart Derby
On Friday 30th November Yr 3/4 students from Swifts Creek School, Cann River P-12/Noorinbee Primary School competed against each other at the Flagstaff Campus. Great fun was had by all and the Yr 5/6 students cooked up a storm on the barbeque for lunch. The point score overall was Swifts Creek with a total of 31 and Cann River not far behind with 26 points. Swifts Creek School won the Best on day. Cann River went home with Best Dressed and Swifts Creek School won Best Team -“Bring It On” (Jess Ains, Robert Crellin, Aston Bradbrook, Shelby Dyer and Josephine Gallagher). Well done to everyone who competed and helped bring it all together.

Prep Entry 2013 Morning Tea
Tuesday 11th December is transition day where the current 4 year old kindergarten children will spend the day at school in the Prep / One and Two classroom.
All families with a child starting in Prep for 2013 are welcome to join us for morning tea, which will be held in the staffroom, Flagstaff Campus from 9.10 to 10.00 am. Each family will receive a Prep Entry Book Bag for their child.
Robert Boucher, School Principal, with the Prep teacher for 2013, will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have regarding your child’s transition in to school next year. It is also a great opportunity to catch up with other parents.
We are looking forward to seeing the families of the 2013 prep class there.

Conveyance Allowance Program 2013
In October 2012 it was announced that means testing was being introduced for all new applicants, effective from 1 January 2013.
After receiving feedback from rural and regional Victoria, the Minister for Education announced in Parliament that the means testing component of the Conveyance Allowance Program will be removed.
This means in 2013, students in rural and regional Victoria will be entitled to apply for the conveyance allowance under the 2012 criteria.

Head Start for Years 7,8,9
For the last two weeks of term, students currently in Years 7,8 and 9 will commence their 2013 classes. This will help them to focus on the next stage of their learning journey, and make sure that we finish the year in a positive and purposeful manner.
Omeo Tennis Club News
Omeo Tennis Club have decided to run a Thursday evening “Twilight” Competition. There will be two parts to this. From 4-6 until 6-8 will be open to school aged students from grade 3 up to come along and participate in a round robin competition. We will require some parent assistance to score and run some games. This is not a child care service, it does require some adult helpers. Students will be required to bring their own racquet, drink bottle, sunscreen and a hat.

6-8 until 7-30 will be open to senior students and adults who would like to come along and play in a similar Round Robin style of competition.

Cost will be $5 per night, per person for casual players, or you can pay a membership (which also includes your insurance)

Membership is for the whole season until the end of March.
$30 for students, $40 for adults or $100 for a family.

The competition will run Thursday nights, starting this Thursday 22nd of November.
We hope to see you there!
For further enquiries call Susie Grinter, Susan Hill or Darcey Fitzgerald.

Swifts Creek Swimming Pool
The Swifts Creek Swimming Pool Committee wishes to apologise for the delay in opening of the pool. We have had some technical problems as well as our maintenance position being vacated. Safety of pool patrons is always our priority.
This is a chance for us to reflect on how lucky we are to have a functioning pool throughout the summer months, and how important it is not to lose this fantastic resource.
To ensure the community pool is opened this season we have had people diving headfirst into volunteer work, lead by SCSP president, Glenn Digby. We would like to recognise this, and express our thanks as unfortunately our supply of volunteers is drying up. As we don’t have a large budget to pump into our community pool, we rely on memberships being purchased.
So if you would like help your local pool continue to operate you can buy a membership, offer to do pool duty, assist with cleaning/ caretaking of the grounds, or even talking with your shire councillors and asking for their support with future grants for upgrades.
Thank you.

My Place In Space
You are invited to the Middle Years Project Presentations and BBQ

When? Friday December 7th between 11.15-1.30
Where? Swifts Creek School Flagstaff Campus
Why? Join us to celebrate and discover the students’ project presentations for the Middle Years unit 2012.
There will be a free BBQ lunch provided.