Principal's Message
School Council elections commence this week. This is an opportunity for people to be involved in the governance of the school. Please collect the nomination forms from the office if you are interested in being involved in this group. Nomination close at the end of this week and if necessary an election will be held over the following two weeks. If you would like further information about the role of school council please contact me.
Due to staff taking Industrial Action on Thursday 14th April the school will be running on a restricted program. Only Prep, Year One, Year 7 and Year 10 will be required to attend school.
Robert Boucher

Pool Party reminder
Friday 15th February at Swifts Creek Memorial Pool
Time 6pm to 10pm
Age 12 to 18 Years
This is a drug and alcohol free event, and appropriate behaviour is expected.
Please come along and support such a great event.
Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped to make this happen.

Rotary
Mr G is keen to hear from any Year Six children who are interested in doing the Rotary Awards this year. Please contact him if you need more details.

Whole School Dates to remember
Feb 14th Years prep,1,7 & 10 only at school
Mar 11th Labour Day Holiday

Flagstaff Campus Dates to remember
Feb 19th Performance Tour SC Hall
Mar 1st Prep start full days
Mar 22nd Bush Band & Family Dance

Tambo Campus Dates to remember
Feb 15th Evolve Adventure Day
Feb 18th-22nd VCAL Camp
Feb 20th-22nd VCE Camp

Shake Rhubarb ‘N’ Roll
Our first Performance Tour for 2013 “Shake Rhubarb ‘N’ Roll” is booked to perform for students Prep to Year 7 on Tuesday February 19th. We will be joined by Omeo PS for this event. There is no cost for families.

Prep and One Parents
We are sending your child’s Personal Word Book home. It would be great if you could add words to your child’s word bank that are relevant to them. Please use large, easy to read print.
For example: Names of siblings, unusual spelling of names of aunties, uncles, cousins etc, pet names, holiday destinations and favourite electronic games.
Mr G and Ms Canfield

Omeo Benambra Football Club
Junior Football training will start next week Thursday 21st February at 4.30pm
Hello Everyone,

Just a reminder that as your Tambo Campus School Nurse, I am available for students to see me individually or as a group, if you have any concerns, questions or want information on health related matters, or just to have a chat.

I will be at School on most Tuesdays and located in the office near A6. If you wish to see me just let Amanda in the office, or a teacher, know or just drop in. I am available recess and lunchtime and throughout the day. Parents may also contact me if they wish, through the office.

Over the year I will be going into some classes to provide health information, that will help you make informed choices about looking after yourself and optimizing your health and wellbeing. I will also be running programs and providing information via the newsletter, noticeboards and information pamphlets.

See the following information regarding the HPV vaccine. If more information is required please feel free to contact me.

Heather Daly - Adolescent Health Nurse

Giving all students a shot at a safer future

Boys now included in National HPV Vaccination Program

The free vaccine is being offered to boys in Years 7 & 9, and will continue to be offered to girls in Year 7. The extension of the HPV vaccination program follows the success of the female program, which is credited with significantly reducing HPV-related infections among vaccinated women since it began in 2007.

The vaccine is delivered in three doses over a six month period by qualified immunisation providers. The first dose will be given in the near future, at a date to be arranged.

While you may be aware HPV can cause cervical cancer in females, there are benefits for males too. Vaccinating males against HPV will help protect them from a wide range of cancers and disease, including genital warts. Vaccinating males will also help to protect females from cervical cancer and HPV-related disease by reducing the spread of the virus.

It is important that the full course, all three doses, is completed to make sure students have the best protection.

The vaccine has been tested to ensure it is safe for males and females. Close to seven million doses of the vaccine have been administered in Australia so far.

HPV is transmitted by sexual contact and affects both females and males. It is believed that four out of every five people will have a HPV infection at some time in their lives. Most infections don’t have symptoms, so people don’t realise they are carrying it.

What you should do:

- Complete and return the consent forms for boys in Years 7&9 and girls in Year 7 as soon as possible, after you have received it.
- Explain the importance of completing the full three-dose course to your child

Read more about the vaccine and HPV at australia.gov.au/hpv

Or www.hpvvaccine.org.au or call 131120