Principal’s Message
Successful students tend to have a great support base. The key to developing this is the three way relationship between school, home and the student. A great way to develop this relationship is to participate in parent teacher sessions. To have the student as part of the conversation is a great way to ensure learning opportunity are maximised.
Robert Boucher

Flagstaff Captains and Vice Captains
On Monday morning, at 9:00am Flagstaff Campus will be hosting a presentation to students and families of our Flagstaff Campus Captains for 2013. Family attendance is encouraged to support our students.

Rewards Day—Flagstaff Campus
On Thursday 28th March students from Flagstaff Campus will be walking to and from the Swifts Creek Caravan Park for a picnic lunch from 12.00 –2.00pm. There the students will participate in some outdoor activities. Please send a picnic lunch to school with your child. Families are welcome to join us.

End of Term Tambo Campus
On the last day of term Tambo students will play staff in a game of cricket. Students can wear cricket clothes, team colours or pink. Money raised to the McGrath Foundation.

Whole School Dates to remember
Mar 27th Parent Teacher Interviews
Mar 28th Last day for Term 1 2.30pm finish
Apr 15th First day Term 2
Apr 18th School Council meeting

Flagstaff Campus Dates to remember
Mar 22nd Bush Band & Family Dance
Mar 25th School & Vice Captains presentation
Mar 28th Rewards day

Tambo Campus Dates to remember
Mar 18-23rd Evolve Hike
Mar 26th Volleyball/Tennis at Bairnsdale
Mar 26th Year 9 immunisations
Mar 28th Cricket theme/pink dress up day

Parent Teacher Interviews—next Wednesday
Teachers at Flagstaff campus will be available for interviews from 3.30pm to 6.00pm, by appointment. You will soon receive more information about how to make your appointments.
Teachers at Tambo campus will be available for interviews from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. No appointment is required. Students are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in these interviews with their parents. In the meantime, Tambo students will receive Interim Reports. These are a good starting point for the conversations on Parent Teacher evening.
We look forward to seeing many parents at the interviews.

Schools as Hubs
The Billy Tea Bush Band is coming to Swifts Creek
Friday March 22nd 2013
At the Swifts Creek Hall
Family Bush Dance 6.30 – 8.00 p.m.
Followed by supper.
Parents and Students

Conditions Bus Travel – Safety Requirements

To ensure the safety of all passengers on school buses at all times the following conditions apply.

To ensure safe travel on school buses, students must agree to the following:

- At the bus-stop do not play on the road or try to get on the bus before it has stopped.
- Make sure you and your belongings are inside the bus at all times.
- Do not throw anything from a bus window or have anything hanging out a window.
- Place bags and other belongings in the allocated storage areas.
- Get on and off the bus quietly and in an orderly manner.
- Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.
- Do not distract drivers with screaming, shouting or unruly behaviour.
- When you get off the bus only cross the road when the bus has left and it is safe to do so.
- No dangerous or flammable goods are allowed on the bus, for example aerosol cans.
- Travel on the bus service allocated to you, to and from your approved bus stop only. Do not change to one that will take you to a sports or social event.
- Seat belts must be worn where fitted.

To ensure passengers are considerate to one another and their bus driver, they must agree to:

- In the morning, arrive at the bus-stop 10 minutes prior to departure.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke while on the school bus.
- In the morning, let the school and driver know if you will not be riding home on the bus that day.
- Use a standard conversational tone and do not call out to others on board or to passing traffic or people.
- Listen to the bus driver and bus captain. They are responsible for maintaining school bus safety and also have the authority to report any misbehaviour or vandalism.
- If you ride a bike to the bus-stop, please leave it in a safe and secure place. The Department of Transport and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development are unable to accept responsibility for the safety of your bike.

Behaving inappropriately on a school bus places the safety and wellbeing of all on board at risk.

Non-compliance with any of the above conditions may result in the following:

- The driver will stop the bus.
- The offender’s name and full details of the breach will be recorded.
- The offender will be carried to school or to their normal drop-off.
- The breach will be reported to the coordinating principal.
- The coordinating principal will take disciplinary measures in accordance with the guidelines below.

In rare and exceptional circumstances – and only as a last resort – drivers are authorised to eject passengers from a bus. (Refer to Policy and Procedures for Contract School contract bus services in Rural and Regional Victoria, Section 8.3.)

Following the report of a relevant incident, the coordinating principal who may take the disciplinary action below:

- First offence – verbal warning to student
- Second offence – written warning to parent/guardian
- Third offence – one week suspension of student from school bus travel
- Fourth offence – the student will not be allowed to travel on the school bus for the remainder of the year.

Serious Offence that endangers other students, bus staff or property will result in immediate Suspension.