Principal's Report
On Monday we had the opportunity to commence our work with Dr Tonya Stebbins. The focus of this work will be a whole school approach to writing. If we are able to have all of our students gaining an understanding of strategies to be successful writers, we will better set them up for success at school and beyond.

Over the duration of this year we will be working with Dr Stebbins. On Monday the work we did was to develop our thinking around the concepts of:

Purpose, Context and Genre

When students sit down to commence a writing task, regardless of their age or the subject they are working in, they need to give these concepts due consideration. A simple script for them to develop and use is “What is the writing space like?”

When any writing task is undertaken with a plan we are all able to achieve a level of success. Just sitting and writing without the planning is a most difficult and inefficient manner to complete any writing task.

As a school we are well aware of the benefits that working with Munro had with our reading. I have the same expectations with the writing work which Dr Stebbins will lead our thinking in.

Robert Boucher

Whole School Dates to remember
May 23rd Author Visit
May 24th Yr 8 Circus ‘Fame’
May 29th National Simultaneous Storytime
Jun 7th Pupil Free Day
Jun 10th Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Flagstaff Campus Dates to remember
May 28th Yr 6 Transition Information evening
May 29th Year 5/6 Body Image
Jun 12th Pet Ownership program P-6
Jun 19th Performance Tour Omeo P-6

Tambo Campus Dates to remember
May 27th Clay Shooting and Cross Country
Jun 11-14th Yr 10 to 12 Exam week
Jun 12th GAT

Wanted
If anyone has any size 6 navy school jumpers with logo they are willing to sell or give away please call the school on 5159 4267.

Head Lice
Please check your child’s hair. It has been reported that both Tambo and Flagstaff Campuses have had students with head lice. Please see attached information on how to find and treat head lice.

Aussie School Photos
All orders received by 31st May will be printed and delivered in bulk to the school. Any orders received after this date will be posted back to parents and will incur a postage and handling fee.
Head lice

**Finding head lice**
Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them. Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can’t be brushed off. Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

**Step 1**
Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.

**Step 2**
Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.

**Step 3**
Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

**Step 4**
Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

**Step 5**
Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.

If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated. If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

**Treating head lice**
Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:

1. Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product

   Using the conditioner and comb method (described under ‘finding head lice’) every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

   If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully.

   The following points may also be helpful:

   - Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.
   - No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice; the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
   - Cover the person’s eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
   - If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
   - If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
   - Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

**Regulations**
According to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009, children with head lice can be readmitted to school or children’s service centres after treatment has commenced.

The department recommends a child with head lice can be treated one evening and return to school or children’s service centres the next day, even if there are still some eggs present. There is no need to miss school or childcare because of head lice.
Cross Country at Lakes Entrance
The EG secondary schools cross country is on Monday 27th of May. Please make sure that your money and notes are in by Friday. There is limited catering for this event.

Clay Target Shoot
EG school clay target shoot is on Monday 27th of May at 10am in Bairnsdale. Students need to be at school ready to leave by 8.45am. Students please ensure that you bring your own gun, but no ammunition. Please have your money and notes in by this Friday. Any questions please see Mrs Grinter.

We would like you to join us!
For National Simultaneous Storytime 2013
On Wednesday 29th May
Swifts Creek School Year Eight Students will present.....

THE WRONG BOOK
Nick Bland

At the Swifts Creek School – Tambo Campus Room A6 – A7
Time: 10.00 am
All families are invited to come along and receive a free copy of the book!!

Morning tea fresh from the school kitchen.
Year 8 Circus

‘Fame’

Parents, Family, Friends, Teachers and Guests are invited to attend their performance

This Friday the 24th May 2013

Warm soup served at 6:30pm
Show to begin at 6:45pm finishing approx. 7:15pm

Please bring with you a blanket and a cushion

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Year 8 students are required to stay at school after school to prepare costumes etc. Please remember to have costumes at school on Friday.
Students will be provided with a light dinner before the show.