Newsletter
Swifts Creek School
September 2013

Courage  Joy  Kindness
Principal’s message

This term has been another very hectic one. It has been a pleasure to see so much learning going on and all of our students continuing to grow and develop with both their academic and social learning.

For our year 12 students they are getting to the exciting stage of the year when course work is just about finished and they are into full on revision mode. The exam period, which commences in late October, is an opportunity for students to show all of their skills, knowledge and understanding to the exams, and celebrate their thirteen years of formal education.

During this term we have had many events that have been well run and provided a diversity of learning. This would not be possible without the support of parents ensuring notes and money are returned and students taking responsibility for their participation in the event. So thanks for the.

We will be holding some fire drills over the next month to ensure we are prepared if ever we have to respond to an event were we are having to disrupt our learning and move to a safe place.

As the Principal there are many privileges with my role. One of those this term was to attend the East Gippsland Schools’ Network Awards night. This event has schools from Merlieu to Mallacoota come together and celebrate students from every school. Our two award recipients are pictured below. Both Ellie and Llewellyn were great ambassadors for the school. On the night they received the awards as role models to other students and the manner in which they portray our schools purpose and values.

East Gippsland Schools’ Network Awards Night

Expression of interest for tennis lessons at Swifts Creek  Aidan Fitzgerald is the tennis coach at Bairnsdale.

He is prepared to come to Swifts Creek and give lessons on Sundays in term 4. Lessons will cost $12 per forty five minute group session. Going on past experience payment for all the lessons will be required in the first week. If you are interested in your child/children having lessons please contact Kathy Gallagher ph.51594404.
**Cooking for the Sewing Group**

On Wednesday the 21st of August, Shelby Gray and I cooked for the local “Sewing Group”. We chose to do this for the sewing group because they have contributed in a number of ways to our community. Shelby cooked quiches, brownies and lemon curd for the day while Kelsey was at snowboarding. The morning of the big day we did some more cooking we made the Corn Fritters, Kelsey made the meringues at home the night before, Shelby made the Chocolate brownies and Kelsey made the chocolate frosting. Miss Carr helped us make the sausage rolls. At 12:00 noon we went down to the community centre and served the food they really enjoyed it. It was a finger food meal. The savoury things were Sausage Rolls, Mini Quiches and Corn Fritters. The sweet things were Lemon Curd Meringue stacks and Chocolate Brownie. The sewing group really enjoyed it. The really enjoyed it and liked it. Thank you to Miss Carr who helped us. We got the sewing group to give us written feedback which was very positive but had some suggestions for if we were to do this again in the future.

By Kelsey Neville and Shelby Gray

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**Prep / 1 sport activities**

By Catherine, Thomas, Annika

Catherine, Tomas and Annika have been planning activities for the prep and grade one. They have been looking for games that would suit the prep and grade ones. Annika and Thomas have made a game called Red and Coach. It’s like Red Rover Cross over but a little bit different. Catherine has been searching up most of the games and the rules. Thomas and Catherine have talked to Mr Gallagher about when we can do these activities. We are looking forward to playing these with them.

**Update.**

On Tuesday the 10th and 17th of September we ran our sessions with the P/1s. We had a backup plan in case of rain. This is some of what we did: Hihacky, Scarecrow tiggy, dodgeball, Line tiggy, murder in the dark and bench police.

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**B.B.Q for the C.F.A**

Jedd, Ronan and Koby are planning to have a barbeque at the Omeo C.F.A shed. The group are going to cook sausages and hamburgers. We have been planning this event for four weeks and have finished preparing and are ready to travel to Omeo. This will improve our skills in cooking, our people skills and ability to talk to other members of the community.

ON TUESDAY THE 10TH OF SEPTEMBER Jai, Mac and Lloyd baked cookies, hedgehog and triple choc muffins. We went over to the primary campus. At the primary campus we only sold cookies. When we got back from the primary school we counted our money and we had $11. After we counted the money we had to make the rest of our food in the food room. When the bell went we sold the rest of our food which we sold at lunchtime. All of the food sold out very quickly and when we counted the rest of the money and we ended up with $83.85. We were very happy for doing what we did and we are donating the money to the Omeo District Health.

By Lloyd, Jai and Mac

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**Middle Years SCOOGLE Projects**
**Play for the Kindergarten**

“**We’re Going On A Bear Hunt**”

On Tuesday the 10th of September Jess, Pirra, Kelsey, Thomas, Caroline, Jedd, Ronan, Ryan, Koby, Sam and Harley went over to the kindergarten to do a play based on the book “We’re Going On A Bear Hunt.” The little kinder kids loved it. They laughed a little bit. Their favourite part was when they got to go on the bear hunt with us. Sam was the bear and Koby was the leader, Jess made the river, Thomas made the grass with Ronan, Harley made the door, Pirra made dark cave with Kelsey, Rylan made trees with Jedd. Sam made mud with Koby, and Jess made the river. Because we want the kindergarten children to watch us play actors and laugh, we want children to be happy and enjoy the show. We want to act out the story so it is more interesting a fun for the kindergarten children.

We performed for the kinder on the 10th September.

By Caroline Firus

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**KINDERGARTEN GROUP PROJECT**

My group is working on a project about “Going on a bear hunt” story book. In my group is: Caroline, Thomas, Harley, Pirra, Kelsey, Koby, Jess, Sam, Ronan, Rylan and Jedd.

My group is going to visit the kindergarten because to do a show about the book “Going on a bear hunt”.

Mrs Guerin is going to be the narrator and the other people in my group are going to act the story out.

We have been busy making props for our show. I made snowstorm, Ronan made grass with Thomas, Harley made a door, Pirra made dark cave with Kelsey, Rylan made trees with Jedd. Sam made mud with Koby, and Jess made the river. Because we want the kindergarten children to watch us play actors and laugh, we want children to be happy and enjoy the show. We want to act out the story so it is more interesting a fun for the kindergarten children.

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**Greek pancakes review**

On the 9/7/13 I cooked and sold Greek pancakes to the students in our school. All of the money I raised will go towards Omeo District Health. The pancakes I made for the primary kids weren’t so good because I mixed it for too long. My second batch was much better because I used self-raising flour. It was sold out. On the day I made the pancakes I made nearly $40.00.

By Shannon Kennedy
In the morning we got on the Omeo bus and got driven to the Old Omeo Court House. Jeff Cooper showed us around the court house and told us how Omeo was the most lawless town until the 1850’s. He said when the old court house was made, in 1858. We walked over to the log jail. It was one of the only buildings that survived the fires. It has a jail with beds made of wire with no mattress. Later we walked up to the Omeo Museum. It had many photos and there used to be a state where north Queensland is now. There were a living room and a bed room, we weren’t allowed in there. We got back on the bus and got driven to the Omeo gold mine. We walked down to the river and had lunch, we found no gold. Harley found two big rocks that looked like silver. The bridge there was fixed after a storm. We got back on the bus and went to the cemetery. The oldest grave was 1876 and there was a grave and that person died 3 days after I was born.

By Thomas Crellin
2013 ATHLETICS

WENTWORTH
Interschool Gymkhana 2013

On Thursday 29th of August Abbey Shaw, Sophie Clark, Kate Dyer, Darcy Boucher-Hill and Melinda Armstrong competed in the Interschool Gymkhana held at Bairnsdale Pony Club.

They competed as an individual and as a team of 4. As we had 5 riders one was randomly picked to go in a composite team which ended up being with Orbost Secondary College. This was Darcy. Our Swifts Creek School team came 13th, and the team Darcy was in came 2nd.
Primary and Secondary Division and Regional athletics - Bairnsdale and Newborough

Early this month we had a number of our secondary students participate in their Division level athletics in Bairnsdale. Division is against all other schools in East Gippsland. We had 16 students who qualified for a number of events, attend this day with excellent results. Our students came away from the day with 10 first places, 7 second places and 5 third places. An amazing result!

From this we had 8 students qualify to go to Regional athletics in Newborough last week. Seven of those students were able to attend and again came away with amazing results. Cody, Melinda, Bonnie, Amy, Leah, Sophie G and Tom L had an early start to the day. We ended up at the end of the day with 3 first places (Cody - discus, Melinda - high jump/javelin), 4 second places (Bonnie - triple jump/discus, Cody - shot put, Melinda - discus) and 4 third places (Cody javelin, Amy javelin, Leah discus and Sophie shot put). Melinda and Cody will now go onto the State Secondary athletic championships in Melbourne in discus, javelin and high jump. This will be on Tuesday 22nd of October.

Our primary students also had their Division athletics in Bairnsdale and Swifts Creek School had three students who attended. Catherine O'Brien participated in the 10 year old girls shot put, discus and 200m, Jai Hayward participated in the 11 year old boys shot put, discus and triple jump and Aiden Hayward participated in the 9 year old boys discus. All did extremely well with Catherine winning her discus and Jai placing 2nd in discus. Jai then placed 1st in the shot put. This meant that they also qualified for Regional Primary Athletics. Thanks to Anne O'Brien who took both students to Newborough last Friday. Again our students displayed great sportsmanship and were a credit to our school. Another fantastic day was had, with both students winning their discus events and Jai placing 2nd in the Shot put. Jai and Catherine will now also go on to State Primary Athletics in Melbourne on Monday 28th of October.

Congratulations to all students who represented Swifts Creek School at each level. It was fantastic to see you all supporting each other and really working together as a team. Well done!

Susie Grinter
Snow Sports Program 2013

For the second time this year we ran our Snow Sports Program across both campuses, with students from Years 3 to 12 being offered the chance to take part in the program over four days at Mt Hotham.

Despite a season with some of the worst snow conditions on record, and a bit of bad luck with the weather, we were still able to get in four full days of skiing and snowboarding. The experiment of combining the primary and secondary students has gone well, with all students involved enjoying and getting a lot out of the program, while students and staff remaining at school are less impacted by the program.

Numbers of students participating in the program remained strong this year, with 18 Flagstaff students and 26 Tambo students taking part on at least one of the days – over a third of the school population. New students are encouraged to take the opportunity provided by the program in future years. It is unlikely that they will ever anywhere else have the opportunity to give snow sports a try with the extensive support and low cost provided by this program, and it’s never too late to learn.

Thanks to those involved that helped make the program run successfully. A number of parents came along to assist with the Flagstaff students each week. Thanks to Dave Coy, Don Shaw, Sandy Beltrame, Mark Guerin, Karen Weaver, and Keren Walker who all offered support on one or more days. And thanks also to past student Riana Sandy who helped out again this year with the Tambo students.

We are fortunate to also have a number of staff with the ability to enable the program to operate across all skill levels. Special recognition of course goes to Susie Grinter who again took charge of the Flagstaff program, and also to our teacher’s aides Craig Evans and Nick Tait who accompanied us each week.

We must also thank the students who come along on the program each week. Behaviour, participation, effort, cooperation, and responsibility are almost without exception outstanding. They make all the organisation, and putting up with the early starts, and sometimes bad weather and snow conditions worthwhile for the staff and helpers, and make the program the resounding success that it is.

John O’Neill
Snowsports Coordinator
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**Further Events**
- Nov 6th-8th Yrs 3/4 Camp
- Nov 25th-29th Yrs 5/6 Camp

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