Swifts Creek School Newsletter

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Swifts Creek P-12 School
Flagstaff FREE Dental Screening
Omeo District Health will be conducting free dental screening at our school with Prep-Grade 6 students on: Wednesday 30th October 1pm-3pm
If you would like your child to participate please make sure your child’s consent form is returned to the school by Monday 21st October.
For more information please contact: Lou-anne Mooney at Omeo District Health on 51590100.

Whole School Dates to remember
5th Nov—Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
6th Dec—Pupil Free Day

Flagstaff Campus Dates to remember
6-8th Nov—Gr 3/4 Camp Lakewood
13th Nov—Robo Tech Performance
25-29th Nov—Gr 5/6 Camp to Gelantipy

Tambo Campus Dates to remember
21st-25th—Evolve Typo Station
28th Oct—Big Breakfast Yr 12 farewell and Year 6 transition day
30th Oct—Year 12 exams start

Lost
We are missing one set of Lightning McLean training wheels that we took of Henry Smith’s bike during Bike Ed. If they have gone home by mistake please return them to Mr G. Thank

Hats
In Terms 1 and Term 4, wide brimmed hats are required to be worn at Flagstaff Campus. This is school policy so please ensure that your child is bringing their hat to school.

Bruthen Cricket Club
Would like to hear from anyone interested in playing cricket at any of the following levels: C grade, B grade, U 16’s and U 13’s.

Please contact Ian Caine 51575217 or

Reading Tips— to encourage reluctant readers
Would your child rather watch television than pick up a book? These tips can help you get your child back on the right reading track.
• If your child likes a movie, see if it’s based on a book, then bring home the book.
• For kids who have lost the motivation to read, use material that’s intensely interesting to them.

Writing at Swifts Creek School
This week staff have continued their work with Dr Tonya Stebbins around improving student writing. Teachers will be reminding students that all writers need to think about their purpose, audience and genre (or type) of writing. As parents, you can talk about purpose, audience and genre when your child has a writing task to do, or when you are doing some writing, even if it’s a shopping list.
**Help keep your child: Party Safe**

As Year 12 students celebrate the end of school, it can be a stressful time for parents as there is an increased chance that their child is exposed to risky situations. But parents can help reduce that by talking with children about alcohol and other drugs, especially the lead up to events like schoolies, and can help prepare them to make good decisions.

Here’s some topics that could be covered:

- **Views on alcohol and other drugs** – discuss the effects of different drugs and what you both think about them.
- **Excuses for not drinking or taking drugs** – brainstorm excuses to avoid embarrassment.
- **Responsible drinking** – tips include eating before and during drinking (avoiding salty food), alternating between alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, staying busy to avoid having too much, being SunSmart, not mixing swimming, driving and other risky activities with alcohol.
- **A plan for the week** – researching what activities are available so alcohol isn’t the main focus of the celebrations.
- **Sticking with friends** – looking after each other, agreeing on a plan to get home and a meeting place if someone gets lost, calling 000 if someone passes out or is in trouble, helping each other make good decisions, avoiding fights.
- **Laws** – fake IDs, drink spiking, drink driving, pressuring someone into sex and in Victoria, supplying someone who’s under 18 with alcohol, are all illegal and carry penalties.


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**OMEEO SHOW 2013**

**SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER & SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER**

The Omeo Show is not too far away! There are many events you can be involved in to support our local show and to show off your talents.

There are a number of sections you can place entries into.
These include:
- Cookery
- Jam & Preserves
- Show Person/Talent Quest
- Lego Competition
- Craft & Photography
- Flowers
- Art
- Pet Competition
- Whip Cracking Competition
- Horse Events

More details to come.

Keep an eye out for the Show booklet which will be available soon.

Omeo Show Committee

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**READING CIRCLES 2013**

This term we are looking forward to listening to some more fantastic stories read by community members at the Reading Circles held each month at Swifts Creek School – Flagstaff Campus, and Omeo Primary School libraries. If you are a parent, grandparent or friend of a child aged from 0 to 6 years, then come along and join in the fun. Morning tea is provided.

The Reading Circle dates for term 4 are:

- Omeo – Thursday 14th November – 10.00 a.m.
- Swifts Creek – Wednesday 27th November – 10.00 a.m.
- Swifts Creek – Wednesday 11th December – 10.00 a.m.
- Omeo – Thursday 12th December – 10.00 a.m.

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