Swifts Creek School
Newsletter

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Change of Date
Please note change of the date for the Pupil Free Day. It is now Monday 9th of December.

Play in a Day - Celebration Night Flagstaff

Flagstaff student will benefit from the opportunity to work with Darren McCubbin on the production of “Land of Oz” for our Celebration Night performance on the 18th of December. Students have commenced rehearsal of the songs and a small number of students will have speaking parts.

In preparation Darren has advised us of the following costume requirements for students:

Preps/1 Munchkins: bright coloured clothing, maybe hats, face paint and glitter in their hair. Clown like.
Grades 2,3 and 4 Evil Monkeys: Dark colours, maybe dark face paint or a half face monkey mask. (in the movie they have red stripes). Maybe some students can construct cardboard “guitars” at home so they can do an air guitar piece during the ACDC instrumental.
Grades 5,6 Locals: dress as farmers.

Students with speaking parts will be advised on costume requirements for them individually and Darren will provide some of the necessary clothing.

We appreciate your assistance in organising these costumes for your child.

Whole School Dates to remember
29th Nov— Science Fair in Omeo
3rd Dec- School Council
9th Dec- Pupil Free Day
10th Dec- Transition Day
18th Dec— Celebration Night

Flagstaff Campus Dates to remember
22nd Nov— Pallet Cart Derby
25-29th Nov— Gr 5/6 Camp to Gelantipy

Tambo Campus Dates to remember
18th-22nd Nov— Year 11 Exams
25th Nov— Year 11 Work Experience
25th-28th Nov— Year 10 Exams
2nd Dec— Year 10 Work Experience

Applied Learning Subjects 2014
Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are currently selecting some of their subjects for 2014. All Yrs 8-10 students will undertake the core subjects of English, Maths, Science, Humanities, Physical Education and Personal Development. They are then able to choose from a range of subjects based on technologies, arts and outdoor education. Year 10 student also have the option of choosing to study a VET subject in Bairnsdale instead.

Students have received their selection sheets to indicate their preferences. These selections need to be returned to the office by Wednesday next week.

If you have any questions about the Applied Learning selections please contact Ms Napthine.
Science Fair in Omeo
On Friday November 29th all of our students will spend the afternoon in Omeo at an exciting event hosted by Museum Victoria and Parks Victoria. Information from Museum Victoria is:

For two weeks this November 2013, over 60 scientists and researchers from Parks Victoria and Museum Victoria will undertake the most extensive faunal, geological and paleontological surveys ever conducted in the remote eastern region of Alpine National Park. As part of the project, Parks Victoria and Museum Victoria are holding a schools science fair afternoon in Omeo.

The event will involve a Parks Victoria Ranger and Dr Mark Norman, our amazing Head of Science (who was a Primary Teacher in a former life – and hence is a brilliant speaker) giving a talk about the finds of the field work. This will be followed by the students meeting and chatting to various scientists from the trip – who will each have a table set up with the scientific equipment. For example: our reptile experts, ornithologists, entomologists and even ichthyologists will each have a table.

Permission forms for this excursion need to be returned by Friday November 22nd.

Tennis Lessons
Please note that there will be no tennis lessons this Sunday 24th November. The next and final lesson will be on Sunday 1st December. A big thank you to Karen Ennis for mowing and spraying around the tennis courts.

Reading Tips
Have a change from reading a book with your child.
With Christmas approaching, there will be many catalogues in the mail advertising items available to purchase. Look at them together, get your child to read the ones they are interested in and talk about the things for sale.

Reading Circle Cancellation
The Reading Circle scheduled for Wednesday 27th November at Swifts Creek, will be cancelled due to a clash of dates with the Baby Book Bag Presentation at Omeo District Health. The next Reading Circle will be on Wednesday 11th December. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.
Rowena Turner, Schools as Hubs Coordinator

Asthma 10 Things to Tell/Ask your doctor.
Symptoms
If you are coughing, wheezing or breathless day or night
If you struggle to keep up with normal activity

Triggers
Anything that seems to trigger/make your asthma worse
What you do about your triggers and whether this helps

Medication/Devices
How often you take your blue reliever puffer
How often you take your preventer medication
How you use your device
If you are using any other medications or complementary (non-medical) therapies

Asthma plan
You would like an asthma action plan
You would like a regular asthma review

Expression of Interest
If your child/children are interested in participating in Twilight Tennis at Swifts Creek Tennis Courts please see or phone Martina Valentin on 0439 134 028.
On the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of November there will be a game of cricket for any families interested in playing and helping to donate to breast cancer research. From 5pm at the Swifts Creek Football Oval we will be having a game of cricket and we will be donating any gains to the McGrath Foundation to help people struggling with breast cancer.

We will have a barbeque dinner after the game with everyone invited and donations very welcome. All proceeds to McGrath Foundation. Come along dressed in anything pink and have a great time!

Inquiries please call Daniel O’Brien on 51594342.
DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS SUMMER

Recognised Skills and Qualifications at Summer School

Summer is a time to get out of the house, to try new things, and to meet new people. Summer is also the time when Hospitality Training Australia (HTA) runs its popular Summer School – a great way to try something different over the summer break.

HTA is pleased to announce that it is bringing its popular Summer School program to Bainsdale, commencing Tuesday 17th December 2013. Our Summer School program is specifically aimed at years 10, 11 and 12 students, friends, and family members across the Bainsdale community. The program has proven immensely popular at our Melbourne Training Centre over the past 3 years and this year we are very excited to be offering this same opportunity to your region of Victoria.

For three days a week for two weeks, over December 2013 and January 2014, you'll learn how to make espresso coffee; prepare drinks behind a bar; serve food in a restaurant; and respond to a first aid emergency. Not only that, you'll earn your Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) certificate, your Responsible Service of Gaming (RSG) certificate, your Food Safety (FSI) certificate, your Apply First Aid certificate and more.

The qualifications and experience you gain are industry recognised and will put you in the box seat to gain part-time or permanent work in your future.

Summer School Course Outline

Summer School participants complete the nationally recognised Certificate III in Hospitality, which offers a variety of pathways to employment or further study.

The Certificate in Hospitality includes the industry-recognised units of competence –

- HLTFA301C Apply first aid (Level 2)
- SIT308880A Follow workplace hygiene procedures (Food Handler)
- SIT308880B Provide responsible service of alcohol (RSA)
- SIT408880A Provide responsible gambling services (RSG)
- SIT408880B Develop and update hospitality industry knowledge
- SITXCOM001A Work with colleagues and customers
- SITXCOM002A Work in a socially diverse environment
- SITXFOH014 Serve food and beverage to customers
- SITXFIN001A Process financial transactions
- SITXFOH013 Clean and tidy bar areas
- SITXFOH012 Prepare and serve espresso coffee
- SITXFOH003 Operate a bar
- SITXFOH002A Apply food and beverage skills in the workplace

Summer School Dates and Duration

Three (3) days a week for two (2) weeks, over December 2013 and January 2014

Summer School will conclude on Friday 24 January, 2014. More detailed timetable information will be provided at enrolment.

Summer School Location and Teaching

Summer School will take place at Napier College
(20 Hope Ave, Bainsdale, Vic 3875). Our tutors are experienced and trade qualified industry experts who each hold a current Working With Children (WWC) card.

Summer School Costs and Inclusions

The $21 course enrolment fee for eligible students covers all you need, including –

- All learning and assessment materials, equipment, ingredients and resources;
- Full participation in all training and assessment activities;
- A Certificate III in Hospitality, a Statement of Results, and compliance certificates;
- Post-course resume development, work experience and job seeking assistance;

Learn More


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