Everyone learning to be the best they can be, academically and as global citizens. We will succeed together by showing:

Courage          Joy          Kindness
Principal’s message

Bus travel

We are the coordinating school for our bus network, which includes Dinner Plain, Anglers Rest, Benambra, Omeo, Swifts Creek & Ensay. As all bus travellers are aware there are important behaviours required when you are on the bus. The simple basics are that you need to stay in your seat. That when you talk to others you are being respectful. The most important aspect of the travel is that the bus driver is allowed to drive the bus without being distracted or disturbed by the passengers.

To help ensure that the bus driver is not distracted we have bus captains. The bus captains have a job to do to help everyone get home safely. They must be listened to and their instructions followed. If this is not possible then the bus travel is going to become a problem.

At bus stops we need parents to be mindful about setting their children up for success. Please ensure that appropriate language is being used as it may be distracting and unpleasant for others.

At times we have requests for community members to use the bus service. Public Transport Victoria (PTV) policy does make it very clear that our network may be used; however there is a clear process. Permission must be sought and granted from the Principal in advance of any travel being undertaken.

The bus drivers are responsible for maintaining bus rolls with the help of the bus captains. It is essential these are accurate on a daily basis. Students must have a bus pass if they are utilising a different bus service or not normally a bus traveller. The bus pass can be obtained from the office.

As the Swifts Creek School – Tambo Campus is the coordinator, any alterations in travel need to be documented at school ie, through the use of bus passes, for Emergency Management purposes. This includes Omeo Primary School students.

At our bus operators meeting yesterday, Operators were reminded about the need for each student to be catching the bus from their stop to school. If there is any student departing the bus before they arrive at school we need to be informed of this as parents put their students on the bus to go to school, not other places.

As all bus travellers know, access to the bus network is a privilege, not a right.

Interschool Primary Gymkhana

Yesterday was the East Gippsland Interschool Gymkhana held at Bairnsdale Pony Club. We entered a composite team of four consisting of Omeo Primary School, Swifts Creek School and Lucknow Primary School students. The kids had a great day coming home with plenty of ribbons including an overall team placing of 4th out of 20 teams.
The Year 7 camp to Cape Conran took place in week 2. Everyone had a fantastic time and we all participated in a range of activities which included surfing, canoeing and fishing. Cape Conran is a beautiful part of the coast and the accommodation was excellent. A big thanks to Wayne for getting us there and back safely, and arranging the activities.

Thanks also to Nurse Heather for making time to come on camp with us and helping out in every way, including operating the coffee machine, awesome.

Michael Cawley,
Year 7 Home Group Teacher
Having fun at the Snowy River

Six students from Year 9 – Jarrod, Jake, Daniel, Leah, Amy and Sophie – have been lucky enough to be chosen to spend the whole of first term at the School for Student Leadership in Marlo.

Whilst there, as well as developing leadership skills, the students have the chance to surf on the beach and canoe, raft and sail on the magnificent Snowy River.

Although the rest of Year 9 miss them terribly (as we’re sure their respective families also do), there seems little doubt that they have already taken advantage of this marvellous opportunity to try something new, test themselves and begin to think like leaders. All this whilst at the same time meeting new people from schools all over Victoria, and, as the photo above indicates, having a whole lot of fun.

Keep paddling guys!
2014 SWIMMING CARIVAL

The Swimming Carnival was held on 12th February. The carnival was a very enjoyable day for our school community. Our students continued the tradition of dressing in house colours, as they proudly displayed a range of house costumes. The novelty events were supported strongly by all interested students, with many spectators loving the opportunity to cheer on their house mates from close quarters. Both Flagstaff Campus and Omeo Primary joined in the activities on the day, competing in a combination of 50m and novelty events. It was a wonderful sight to see the senior students aid in the success of the Preps in the noodle race.

The House Championship points’ results were as follows:

- **Dargo** – 751
- **Wentworth** – 605
- **Timbarra** - 420

The school congratulates the following students for winning their age group championships.

### Student Champion Results

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Congratulations must also go to our outstanding House Captains who organised junior students, competed in events and dressed in house colours throughout the day. The house staff commended the students for their sportsmanship and endeavour on the day.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff for their support of the day; their work as officials was excellent, with a number of staff working throughout the day on different events and supervision.

A special thank you also to our House Captains for helping organise their house groups in the lead up to the swimming carnival. Swifts Creek School would also like to acknowledge the assistance from the pool committee for looking after the pool before and after the event.

Good luck to those students competing in the next level of swimming sports in the coming weeks.

Miss Bradbury
WENTWORTH
Outdoor Ed students practicing their rafting skills

ACMI Screenit Awards
Late last year our Grade 3-4 students were announced as winners in a national competition called the ACMI Screenit Awards. We had to make a film addressing the theme of Connect and after 6 or 7 weeks of filming, editing and searching for uniforms, we completed a great little piece. After recent conversations with ACMI, they were very impressed with the finished product and could not believe we had done all of the filming using a Go Pro camera. The students all made the trip to Melbourne for the awards ceremony and had a great couple of days which was complimented with dinner at La Porchetta, Ice Skating at the Icehouse and lots of fun on the bus trip both ways. The stars of the film were Emma Reid, Olivia Walker and Bailey Humphries. We are gearing up to have another go at winning it this year and have been thinking of different ways to address the theme of Reflection. We’ll keep you posted.

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In Year 8 this term we are learning about ‘Smart & Safe’, which is about cyber-bulling on the internet. We have looked at example of cyber-bulling, about how it can affect you. How we can prevent this from happening and how to end it. We have also watched a short clip about cyber-bullies and seen how people can easily be affected. We have worked in groups to see how it can be stopped.

Ronan Kennedy
Year 7 Student Delegate

What does it feel like to be a delegate?
It makes me feel good.

What are you looking forward to?
Thinking of ways to help the school.

Ryan Ennis
Year 8 Student Delegate

What does it feel like to be a delegate?
It feels like you have a responsibility.

What are you looking forward to?
I am looking forward to making our school a better place for my fellow students.

Ebony Silvey
Year 7 Student Delegate

What does it feel like to be a delegate?
It makes me feel important.

What are you looking forward to?
Raising money for a good cause.
Bring Your Cartridges From Home

Swifts Creek School is a member of the 'Cartridges 4 Planet Ark' program.

To help you make your home a little greener, you are invited to bring your used printer cartridges from home and drop them into our collection box for recycling. The boxes are located at Tambo Campus in the library & Flagstaff Campus in the office.

Every cartridge we recycle saves energy, water and natural resources, such as aluminium, steel and plastics. The plastics can be turned into useful eWood items like pens, rulers, and outdoor furniture. So keep making a difference by recycling all of your printer cartridges, including those you use at home.

This program collects and returns inkjet, toner cartridges, toner bottles and other consumables from printers, fax machines and photocopiers for reprocessing and recycling. Please keep all packaging out of the cartridge collection box.

The following brands are accepted: Brother, Canon, Oce, Epson, HP, Konica Minolta, or Kyocera as well as Toshiba, Lanier, Fuji Xerox Australia, Samsung, Panasonic, Sharp or Lexmark. These manufacturers pay for the cost of recycling their printer cartridges through the 'Cartridges 4 Planet Ark' program. Please keep all other brands out of the cartridge collection box. Cartridges from other brands create a financial burden on the program, making it less sustainable.

To find out more visit the website at http://cartridges.planetark.org/about/ or call the Cartridges Hotline on 1800 24 24 73.
Reading Tips
Map it Out
It’s important to provide your child with a variety of fiction and non-fiction reading. A fun way to do this is to get a map and show them the way from your house to the local store or another familiar destination. Have your child write out the directions, road by road, street by street, and then read them to you as you walk or drive to the store – like a living GPS!

Hay Wanted
If you have a spare round bale of hay that you could donate to the school for the Agriculture/Horticulture’s classes Heifers please contact Jess Marshall or Darcey Boucher at Tambo Campus.

Fitness for life
Year 9 and 10 students are participating in an at home fitness program alongside their normal PE classes which will continue throughout the term. The program consists of body weight and resistance exercises in order to increase their muscle and bone strength. There are ten exercises which are to be completed a minimum of three times per week. Parents and family members are encouraged to motivate their student to perform the exercises. Families are able to support their student by encouraging them, making the exercises a part of daily conversation and joining them in the exercises if they choose. So far it has been great to hear the success stories and joy as individuals are able to increase their resistance through participating in regular exercise.

As young people move through school, start work and become more independent, being physically active and limiting their sedentary behaviour is not always easy, however it is possible and it is important. Physical activity has the ability to improve our physical and mental well-being; it has also been found to improve concentration. This program aims not only to improve students muscular and bone strength but also encourage participation in life long physical activity.

Miss Bradbury
PE teacher

Grade 3/4 in the Classroom
The students in 3-4 have been working hard on many areas this year. They started pulling bikes apart last week and learning skills required to repair and maintain a bike. At the end of the project, they will have learned how to paint a bike, repair it, disassemble it and what the names of all the parts are. We have been given 7 bikes in varying conditions and are still undecided what we will do with them at the end of the project. If you have any thoughts as to how we can put these bikes to use, feel free to offer suggestions. We have thought of using them in bike ed as school bikes or maybe giving them to a needy family.

Prep students
Just a reminder that on the 3rd March our grade prep students will commence full days at school.

Campus Leader Speeches (Flagstaff)
Grade 5/6 students who have nominated to run for Flagstaff Campus Leaders will be giving their speeches between 9.00am and 9.30 am on Monday the 3rd March at Flagstaff Campus. The students’ speeches are in response to the idea of ‘How the school purpose and values can be promoted by me as a campus leader if I am elected’. Four campus leaders will be elected for 2014. Parents are invited to attend to support this. If your child has been nominated please encourage them to practise their speech at home.
## March 2014

### Further Events
- April 23rd: Parent Teacher Interviews
- May 5th: TIS Day
- May 19th-23rd: 5th 5th Camp

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- Public Holiday

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