School Council
Our School Council had its first meeting on Tuesday night. Our Council for this year is:


**Community Members** - Jody Rozynski and Gavin Murphy.

**DEECD Members** – Pauline Canfield, Raymond Gallagher, Barbara Napthine, Robert Boucher.

Our office bearers for 2014 are:
President - Janne Smith
Vice President - Anne O’Brien
Spokesperson - Jenny Coy
Treasurer - Robert Boucher
Minutes Secretary - Pauline Canfield

Whole School Dates to remember
Mar 27th Parent Teacher Interviews
April 2nd School Photos

Flagstaff Campus Dates to remember
Mar 14th P-6 Triathlon

Tambo Campus Dates to remember
Mar 11th Year 9 Evolve Surfing
Mar 19th-21st Outdoor Ed Mallacoota Camp

Interschool Sport:
Interschool Volleyball teams are currently being formed; due to high demand in some age groups try outs will be held during the second half of lunch next Wednesday and Friday to finalise team. Please have a conversation with your student and be aware they could be in a team travelling to Bairnsdale on Thursday 27th of March.

Swimming Sports:
Congratulations to the students across the whole school who participated in district swimming over the last two Wednesdays in either Bairnsdale or Orbost. It is great to see the effort put in by the parents and students who attended these events. One of our senior students, Bonnie Fitzpatrick, was able to qualify for the next level in three events. Well done to Bonnie and all our swimmers.
Head Lice
Please check your children’s hair for head lice. Making sure your child’s hair is in a ponytail or plait will help prevent the spread of lice. Please read the attached information on finding and treating head lice.

Book Club Flagstaff Campus
Orders are to be returned to school by Friday 7th of March please.

Flagstaff Campus
In Term 1 and 4 students are required to wear wide brimmed hats as per school policy. Please make sure their hats are clearly labelled so students can identify the correct hat.

Reading Tips
Card Tricks
Do you think effective reading only takes place at libraries and bookstores? Think again! There are reading opportunities everywhere. Go to a greeting card store with your child and read the greeting cards together. Later, vote for the ones whose words convey the best birthday or get well wish.

Swifts Creek Football/Netball Club
Training for Midgets will start on Monday 24th of March at 3.45pm. Please inform the school of your after school arrangements.

Swifts Creek Kindergarten Fundraiser
WOOD LOTTO
$5 per guess
Tickets are available at Darby’s and Post Office
Got to be in it to WIN it.
Prize is a very generous meter of wood.
Any enquiries call Paul Newton 0488594888

Save the Date
For the Omeo District Health Fundraising Ball
Saturday, April 5, 2014 - 8pm at the Omeo Hall
Tickets: $30/person BYO drink & food, some finger food supplied
Entertainment by Dean Carruthers
Theme: Dress to Impress
Many prizes including door prize and auction
Book your tickets and table now!
For tickets and information Phone Omeo District Health on 5159 0100
The importance of full time attendance
Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 – 17 years unless an exemption from attendance or enrolment has been granted.

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don’t fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation is important as it maximizes life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

Conversely, limited school participation is associated with a greater chance of dropping out of school, disruptive and delinquent behavior and may lead to a cycle of rebellion against authority. These outcomes have later implications for employment, a range of health risk behaviors (drug and alcohol abuse), homelessness, poverty, welfare dependence, and involvement in the justice system.

Students are expected to attend the school in which they are enrolled, during normal school hours every day of each term, unless:

- there is an approved exemption from school attendance for the student, or
- the student is registered for home schooling and has only a partial enrolment in a school for particular activities.

A student is considered to be in attendance at school when involved in an offsite curriculum program or other activity organized by the school (for example an excursion or camp), or where the student is engaged in a re-engagement program or another school part time to make up full time attendance and the schools or settings have agreed the time fractions, allocation of Student Resource Package (or other funding) and the educational plan for the student.

Have your say on the future of the Swifts Creek Memorial Swimming Pool
The Swifts Creek Memorial Swimming Pool Committee has commissioned InSynch Consultancy Group to undertake a Feasibility Study for the provision of aquatic facilities and services at the Swifts Creek Memorial Swimming Pool, to review the current level of service and future needs of the pool.

Consultation for this project will occur between Monday 24th February and Monday 24th March. During this time we are encouraging all members of the community that have an interest to participate in the survey process. There are separate surveys for both users and non users of the pool.

Hard copy surveys can be picked up from the office at Swifts Creek P-12 or you can fill in an online survey by choosing the appropriate link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Swifts_Creek_memorial_pool_feasibility_user_survey
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Swifts_Creek_Memorial_pool_non_user_survey

In addition the consultants will be conducting street stalls in Swifts Creek on Monday 17th March, and Omeo on Monday 24th March between 3.30pm and 5.30pm and will be encouraging people to come and fill in a survey.
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
2. 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.