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

Courage  Joy  Kindness

Ebony Silvey, Phoebe Crisp, Jess Airts, Josephine Gallagher, Jordy Neville, Ronan Kennedy, Emma White, Ryan Ennis, Max Gribble-Davies, Samantha Oliver and Hannah Kennedy.
Principal’s Report

All students are going to use their skills in Reading, Writing and Speaking to achieve what they want during the next stage of their lives. As a school we have been working on these areas with some key strategies for some time. In 2009 we started work with Dr John Munro on the HRLTPs. As we all know they are the following:

1. Getting Knowledge Ready
2. Vocabulary
3. Reading Aloud
4. Paraphrasing
5. Saying questions the text answers
6. Summarising
7. Reviewing

These are very helpful to use with students who have reading tasks to do as this will ensure that they are able to gain the most from the reading they are doing.

As we have students move from Prep to Year 12, the complex nature of the work requires that students have effective strategies that they understand. The Munro work enables this to be the case.

Last year we worked with an academic, Dr. Tonya Stebbins from Latrobe University, to help our students with their writing. The following is a summary of her work with us:

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These strategies combined give all of our students the skills to allow them to be the best they can be.

Robert Boucher

Dates

The next few weeks are very busy with a variety of different kinds of student learning activities occurring in a lot of different places. Please check the calendar at the back of this newsletter to keep track of all the events that effect your child.

URGENT VCAL REQUEST

Does anyone have a steering mechanism, and/or second hand seats for a Hyundai Excel for purchase or donation. It is for my VCAL Project. Please contact Tambo campus if you are able to help.

Thank you. Brodi Gray
Primary Athletics—Buses and Catering

School buses will operate as normal on Athletics day for secondary school students. Primary school students are encouraged not to use the service but to come along with their parents.

We strongly encourage all parents to attend the day to support the students. Catering will be available on the day, but ensure your child has plenty of snacks throughout the day.

Athletics Carnival
Help required

Carnival set up
DATE: Sunday May 4th
TIME: 10 -11.30am
ADDRESS: Swifts Creek School
Tambo campus oval
CONTACT: Please leave a message for Kate Bradbury or Ray Gallagher
5159 4267 (Tambo)
5159 4366 (Flagstaff)

We are looking for people who are able to help with the High Country Primary Athletics Carnival set up. In order for the carnival to run smoothly on Tuesday May 6th we require parent helpers to help get the grounds ready.

Office News

*Please remember to return any excursion notes promptly as this helps with booking buses for these excursions.

*If your child is a bus traveller and you have received a blue bus form, please return it to Tambo Campus to ensure student eligibility and that emergency details are up to date.

* Bus passes are required for any change in buses or bus stops, please ring the Tambo Campus with any

Mother’s Day Stall

Mother’s Day stall at Flagstaff campus Friday 9th May, after assembly
Nothing over $5.
Jade Canfield will have her beautiful range of jewellery available.
If you like to play shops we could use some parent helpers!
Term 1 Unit: ‘What makes a good leader?’

Our Middle Years Unit for term 1 investigated the question ‘What makes a good leader?’ As a component of the program students researched a person that they felt demonstrates/demonstrated good leadership qualities. In response to their findings, about this person, they created a biography about them and a creative piece around the idea of leadership. Student work is currently displayed in the Foyer at Tambo Campus. Parents are invited to view their child’s work.

The Middle Years program aims to develop students as independent learners and develop higher order thinking skills. Another component of term one’s program was some challenges where students were required to work in teams and plan, create, test, reflect and refine technological challenges. Challenges include a rubber band powered car, water vehicle, marble run, whirlly bird, and egg drop.
Sport/Outdoor Ed

Volleyball

Congratulations to the year 7 boys and the intermediate boys Volleyball teams on qualifying for regional finals. The teams will travel to Morwell Leisure Centre on Thursday May 1st to play qualifying teams from South Gippsland, West Gippsland and Wellington divisions. Good luck boys.

Athletics

This year the High Country Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at Swifts Creek School Tambo Campus. The carnival is scheduled for Tuesday 6th of May at 9am. Omeo Primary School students will travel down to participate in the event which is a great opportunity for students to engage with a broader community while having the ability to participate in a wide variety of athletics track and field events. Parents and carers are encouraged to come and support their student on the day.

Water skiing

This Friday our Outdoor Education students will be water skiing and tubing in Paynesville with Clint’s Ski School. We will be leaving school at 11am and returning to Swifts Creek at 5.30pm. Please make sure you bring the correct gear including bathers, boardies, rashie, towel lunch, snacks, a water bottle and some warm clothes to change into. As the trip is returning after buses, please make sure you have organised someone to pick you up.

Children’s Book Author Visit - Marina Bertolino,

BERTIE BUTTON GETS A TEAM

Last term, on Wednesday 26th March children’s book author, Marina Bertolino visited Swifts Creek School. Marina has recently written an engaging new book series based on a real and small working fleet of trucks called Bertie Button Trucks. On her visit to the school she introduced the children and parents to Bertie Button and his team. The adventures of Bertie Button bring together a wonderful blend of reality and fantasy, combining jelly beans and trucks together which has brought great joy and curiosity to many young children, and our Swifts Creek students were no exception. Marina explained where her inspiration to write about the trucks came from and the lengthy process from the first idea, through to the editing and the team behind her to get the actual idea published. From the kindergarten to Year Eights, all the students listened intently and showed intrigue about the stories and the concept behind the ‘jelly bean trucks’.

Marina spoke to the middle years students about her career as a business person and how she needed to draw together many people with separate skill sets to bring her idea to life. She also encouraged the students to follow their own ideas and passions and to keep writing. The students were keenly engaged in the book series that educates children about Australia and brings to life trucking in this vast land. Extra interest was added when Marina explained that she is familiar with our area and some of the illustrations in the book have been inspired by the countryside around Omeo and surrounding areas.

We are looking forward to seeing more stories and adventures about Bertie Button and his team in the future.

Rowena Turner, Schools As Hubs
National Youth Week 'Photovoice' exhibition

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The ‘Photovoice’ exhibition which helped promote ‘National Youth Week’ (April 4th to 13th) was a great success. Over the School Holidays students from Swifts Creek School took part in the ‘Photovoice’ exhibition at the Great Alpine Gallery. A special thanks to Carla Hall who through Omeo District Health managed to get a government grant to run the event. The school also received four new cameras through the funding.

Photographers Henry Firus and Annie Richardson gave up their time to talk to the students about photography. It was fantastic for the students to see the work of two talented local photographers. This was the first time Swifts Creek School, The Great Alpine Gallery and Omeo District Health have collaborated this special event shared student outcomes with the wider community. (See centre page for photos)

Michael Cawley
Art Teacher
A Safety message by Michael Firus

KEEP CALM AND CONCENTRATE

Research has proven that human beings in the grip of negative emotions have exhibited a distraction level even more serious than those experienced by cell phone users. So in reality one of the largest aspects of driving safely is simply having a calm temperament. The lack of this calmness greatly affects concentration levels leaving the driver at much greater risk.
Swifts Creek Kindergym Term Two

Come along and join in with the kinder gym program, run by Maryanne Sheean every second Friday of the month in playgroup time. Time: 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.

Dates for Term Two are:  Thursday 8th May.
Thursday 12th June.

Location: At the Swifts Creek School Flagstaff Campus Old Library
(First building on the right)

All Pre-School families including babies are invited to come along.

Sessions are no cost.

Phone: Rowena Turner, Schools as Hubs Coordinator High Country, Ph: 5159 4323

Be Heard on OSCAR

If you are young and interested in getting the chance to Be Heard! On community radio, you need to let us know...

You can play the kind of music YOU WANT!

Carla Hall, Youth Worker
Omeo District Health
PO Box 42 (12 Easton St) Omeo, VIC 3898
Ph: (03) 5159 0164 Fax: (03) 5159 0194

Youth Events Group

Get involved and have your say...

Are you aged between 12-18 years and living in the Omeo District?

Are you interested in increasing the social, recreation and leisure opportunities for young people in the area?

If so, then the Omeo District Youth social group is for you.

We are looking for keen teenagers who would like to form a Youth Group that will direct activities and opportunities and help promote young people in the district.

There will be an upcoming training day for youth event promoters, Dj’s and more...

STAY TUNED

For more information please contact Carla Hall or follow ODH youth on Facebook or Instagram

Teen Gym - Omeo Trial Commencing Term 2 in Omeo

Omeo District Health is trialling a teen gym program for teenagers aged 12-18 during Term 2.

Teenagers who are interested in attending are encouraged to come to a registration session on Wednesday 7th May at 4pm at the Omeo District Health Community Gym, 12 Easton Street, Omeo.

The program will go for 6 weeks commencing Wednesday 14th May at the Omeo District Health Community Gym, OMEO and will be held between 4pm-5pm

This program will be supervised by a qualified fitness instructor and will be a closed session to the public including other gym members. Cost: $5.00 per session or $30.00 for 6 weeks.

Contact Emma Anthony or Lou-anne Mooney for detail on (03) 51590100.

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Reading Tips
Find opportunities for your child to spell and write,
Encourage your child to write often --for example, a diary for their weekly events, a birthday list of ideas for presents, letters and thank-you notes to relatives and friends, simple stories, e-mails, and items for the grocery list.
Help your child to learn the correct spellings of words by checking their writing.

READING CIRCLES 2014
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 the 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 Two are:
Omeo - Tuesday 13th May – 10.00 a.m.
Swifts Creek – Wednesday 14th May – 10.00 a.m.
Omeo – Tuesday 27th May (National Simultaneous Story time) 10.00 a.m.
Swifts Creek – Wednesday 4th June (National Simultaneous Story time) 10.00 a.m.
Omeo – Tuesday 17th June – 10.00 am
Swifts Creek – Wednesday 18th June – 10.00 a.m.
For more information ph: Rowena Turner
SAH Co-ordinator
Ph 51594323.

SCHOOLS AS HUBS
Share rhymes, sing and dance with
Rhyme Time Music Program Term Two - 2014.
Join in with Maryanne Sheean for a fun, interactive music session aiding and enhancing development in your child.
All Pre-School families including babies are invited to come along.
Sessions are no cost.
Held on the last Thursday of every month (during Term time)
Swifts Creek School Flagstaff Campus Library – 10.30 – 11.00 a.m.
Dates for Term 2 are:
Thursday 29th May
Thursday 26th June
Phone: Rowena Turner, Schools as Hubs Coordinator High Country Ph : 5159 4323

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**Further Events**
- **June 3rd** School Council Meeting
- **June 4th** National Simultaneous Story Time at SCS
- **June 11th** GAT
- **June 10-13th** Mid year exams
- **June 17th** School Closure
- **June 27th** Last day of term 2