The DEECD has produced a series of newsletters of useful information for parents. We will include excerpts from these in future newsletters.

**How can I help my child to develop a strong sense of identity?**

- **Value what is unique about your child and accept your child for who they are right now:**
  Pay close attention to your child’s attempts to communicate or interact with you – this tells children they are important and valued.
  Acknowledge what your child says or does without being dismissive or judgmental – this tells them it is safe to express feelings and opinions.
- **Encourage your child to make choices and decisions (within appropriate limits). This recognises that your child is able to make decisions.**
- **When your child says ‘I can do it’ – let them try.** Support your child’s efforts to be more independent (while still offering your guidance).
- **Encourage your child to solve problems or to keep going when things get tough. This builds your child’s resilience and sense of wellbeing.**
- **Help your child to learn how to treat others:**
  Give your child time to play alone and time to play with others.
  Hold back and see if your child can fix their own problems or disagreements (but be ready to step in when they need support).
  Model care, empathy and respect in your own interactions with children and other adults.

More on identity will be in the future newsletter. If you would like to access the full range of DEECD newsletters, the link is [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/professionals/health/Pages/newsletters.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/professionals/health/Pages/newsletters.aspx)

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**Snow Program**
There is only one more day of the Snow Program left, so don’t forget to return your forms and money to the office promptly to secure your place.

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**Whole School Dates to remember**
- Aug 18th-22nd Book Fair
- Aug 28th Snow Sports Program
- Sept 2nd School Council
- Sept 18th Parent Teacher Interviews

**Flagstaff Campus Dates to remember**
- Aug 28th Prep/1/2 Snow Fun Day at Dinner Plain
- Sept 3rd to 5th Yr 3/4 Camp to Beechworth

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**Tambo Campus Dates to remember**
- Aug 18th-22nd Year 10 Camp

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**Head Lice**
Please be aware that head lice are around. Making sure that long hair is tied back is a great way of preventing the spreading of lice.

**Parents and Friends Group**
The next meeting will be held on Thursday September 4th at Flagstaff Campus staff room at 3.30pm. If you are interested please come along with some new ideas.

**Reading Tips**
**Tips to Boost Reading and Make Learning to Read Fun**
**Tell a story to your children.** Then discuss the people, places and events in it. Do it more than once if you can, and ask the child to help you retell the story.

**Promote reading while feeding your family.** Ask your child to name the ingredients, count them, sort them by size, by color, by first sounds and more!

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**Years 3 and 4 Camp**
Forms have gone home today, with itinerary and clothing list. Please return form and money promptly so we can finalise bookings.
Setting you & your farm up for the future

Succession Planning and it’s financial realities—Information Session

Monday 25th August—Swifts Creek

VENUE: CFA shed, Swifts Creek
TIME: 10am—Noon
COST: FREE
SPEAKERS:
Peter Pauwells—Rural Financial Counselling Services
Andrew Martin—Chartered Accountant (Orbost)

Peter Pauwells will begin the day by discussing the importance of succession planning and how to avoid some of the common mistakes people make when planning for the future.

• Do you have a clear succession plan for you and your family?
• What are you going to do when you retire?
• Unsure of what steps to take?
• Do you plan to stay on the farm, sell, share farm or lease?
• What are the options actually available to you?
• How do you start this conversation within the family?

Andrew Martin will follow with information about tax, Centrelink, and real life issues with succession planning

• What do you do about capital gains tax?
• Income Tax—the real issue
• Livestock, plant, and equipment disposal
• What are the financial options available to you?
• How do you deal with GST?

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