Principals Report
Welcome back for another busy term full of many learning opportunities. For our big kids this will be their last term, a final opportunity to celebrate the thirteen years they have spent in education. Year 12 students will have October tests next week which will enable them to gain some more practice in preparation for the final exams which commence in November. This term will be another busy one so can we please work together to ensure we are all able to have a school community in which kindness is readily displayed where we have the opportunity to celebrate with great joy the achievements along the way. This is only possible when we have students who are prepared to be courageous and apply themselves in such a manner that they are being the best they can be. If there are any changes with student enrolments for 2015 please inform the school so we can make any adjustments to our planning.

School Closure
Wednesday 15th of October the school will be closed due to a power outage throughout the district.

Parents’ Group - WE WANT YOU!
Fundraising for October (9/10-31/10): Raffle at the Albion Hotel; Thursday & Friday nights, 6 pm – 7.30 pm. Good excuse to go out for tea – if you can help selling tickets, please contact Martina on 5159 4515 or 0439 134 028.

School website
A reminder to all that you can always access our newsletters on our website at www.swiftscreeksch.vic.edu.au.

Reading Tips
You can help your child to read in these ways:
• Make the most of books your child brings home from school. Read them, or parts of them yourself and talk about them with your child.
• Allow your child to re-read favourite and familiar stories, or to hear you re-read them. Knowing a familiar book will help them notice more about the words on the page and they will start to recognize the patterns in new words and stories.
Arena Theatre Rube Goldberg Trapper workshop.

On Tuesday the 14th of October as part of the Middle Years Program students will be participating in a theatre workshop called 'Rube Goldberg Trapper Workshop' presented by the Arena Theatre Company. Students spent their Middle Years day this week preparing for this event though some seeding activities. The performance requires some materials that students are encouraged to bring from home if possible. These will be returned at the end of the day. Please label them with your child’s name.

- String
- Rope
- Domino’s
- Old Books- that are unwanted
- Wind up toys
- Wood offcuts – especially lengths that can be stacked and used as dominos
- Buckets
- Balls
- Musical Instruments

WANTED

If anyone has Shoe Boxes or something of similar size could you please bring them in to the year 1/2 classroom? No cereal boxes thanks. The students are making diorama's.

Miss Welsh

Pool Membership

Pool membership forms went out last term. Please return them to either campus office as Summer is fast approaching.

Hats

As part of our sun smart policy it is a requirement that students are to wear a wide brimmed sun hat in term 4. Please ensure that students come with a hat or they will be missing out on playtime and sitting in the shade.

READING CIRCLES 2014

In term 4, we are looking forward to listening to some more fantastic stories read by community members at the Reading Circles held each month at Swifts Creek School – Flagstaff Campus. We have some special themes for our Reading Circles, beginning with a bear hunt and teddy bears picnic in October. 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 Four are:

Wednesday 22nd October – 10.00 a.m. (Teddy Bears Picnic)

Wednesday 12th November – 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 3rd December – 10.00 a.m.

For more information Ph: Rowena Turner, SAH Co-ordinator, Ph 51594323.
The aim of Mental Health Week is to promote social and emotional well-being to the community, encouraging people to maximise their health potential, enhancing the coping capacity of communities, families, individuals and increasing mental health recovery.

Schools have a range of strategies in place that promote healthy minds and positive mental health. This includes creating safe environments, teaching social and emotional learning and recognizing the importance of families. In committing to promoting healthy minds in children and young people, School communities are also helping to foster satisfaction, success and engagement in all aspects of their students’ lives.

It is important that families and the general community know where they can access help from a range of sources, including the local health services.

Below are a range of Sources of Support:

Heather Daly, School Nurse
Free autism workshop for Bairnsdale and District Families

Like all school-age students, children with autism spectrum disorder benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers in your local community.

Details for the upcoming two day workshop

**Dates:** 28th/29th Oct 2014

**Venue:** Bairnsdale Sporting and Convention Centre

**Cost:** Free - including resources, lunch, morning tea and refreshments

Full details and online registration at www.positivepartnerships.com.au

The workshop is funded as part of an Australian Government Department of Education initiative to support school-age children with ASD across Australia.

We are aware that people may be unable to attend both days and are happy for you attend one day. This is a great opportunity and the last time we will be in this area.

This year McHappy Day is on Saturday, 18th October 2014 and Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC) is calling on all Australians to get behind the big day to help raise more than $3 million for the charity. All funds raised on McHappy Day go directly to RMHC to ensure it can continue providing much needed programs and services for seriously ill children and their families. Programs such as Ronald McDonald House, provides families with a home-away-from-home while their child undergoes treatment for serious illness at a nearby hospital.

McDonalds Bairnsdale will be hosting a ‘What do you want to be when you’re older’ dress up theme throughout the day. There will be loads of fun activities for the children including balloons, games, face painting, a book reading corner, coloring competitions and much more! The McHappy Day team will also be raffling off some wonderful prizes generously donated by local businesses within the Lakes Entrance community.

Kids, don’t forget to come dressed up as what you want to be when you’re older!

Let’s make a difference and help families with seriously ill children stay closer together!

*McDonalds Bairnsdale*

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