Big Breakfast Monday Oct 27th
Our annual Big Breakfast will be next Monday. This event is an opportunity for our school community to wish our Year 12s well with their final exams, which begin on Wednesday 29th, and to welcome our future Year 7 students.
Year 6 students from Omeo Primary School and from our Flagstaff campus will join us for the Breakfast and stay for the day. They will experience a variety of classes and develop confidence in reading a timetable and navigating their way around the school.
Year 12 exams will continue until November 13th. We congratulate our current Year 12 students for their application and endeavour this year. We hope that they enjoy the exams as an opportunity to display the wealth of knowledge and skills they have acquired over their many years of schooling.

Grade 1 & 2 Drama Sock Puppets
For our study of puppetry, the Grade 1 & 2 students will be creating and making stories with sock puppets. Please send your Grade 1/2 child to school with one old/odd sock that is no longer going to be worn. We will begin to work with these on Tuesday 28 October. Thank you, Catherine Mayer Drama Teacher

Whole School Dates to remember
Oct 29th Aboriginal Cultural Activity Years K-7
Nov 4th Public Holiday—Melbourne Cup Day
Nov 5th School Council meeting

Flagstaff Campus Dates to remember
Oct 24th Head lice check
Nov 11th Life Ed van

Tambo Campus Dates to remember
Oct 27th Big Breakfast & Yr 6 to Yr 7 transition
Oct 29th Yr 12 Exams begin

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

Reading Tips
Learning to read is closely tied to learning to talk and listen. Families and carers need to talk and listen to young children in order to help them learn a lot of the skills they will need for reading.
When a parent or carer sings rhymes and plays word games with the children, they are helping them recognize the sounds in words (phonemic awareness). Children with language, hearing, or speech problems need to be identified early so they can receive the help they need to prevent later reading difficulties.

JELLY DAY
GREAT JELLYIES
GREAT CHOICES
GREAT PRICES
NEXT THURSDAY 30th
$1 per JELLY
FREE SPOONS & CUPS!
Fundraising for Madelung Deformity

Each year, Swifts Creek P–12 School Year 9 students complete a Personal Development project. My project is aimed at raising money for a rare condition called Madelung Deformity.

My name is Jodie Camm and I was diagnosed with this condition about 12 months ago.

Madelung Deformity often shows up in the arms and sometimes in the legs of adolescents. In the arms, it is caused by a problem with the growth plate; the ulna grows faster than the radius. The radius will start to bed or bow. The ulna and the radius get stuck between the bones in the wrist. Comfortable movement becomes very difficult. Only my wrists are affected. It showed up as a lump and even looked a bit like a bone had been broken.

Since I was diagnosed I have had five splints and three half casts. My family and I have made many trips to the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne for my treatment. It is exhausting, I miss classes and spending time at home.

About two months ago, I had an operation on my left arm. The bones in my arm have been rotated and a plate inserted into my wrist. Just before my operation, I was told that one of the bones in my arm had come out of its socket at the elbow. The doctors say that my elbow and wrists may never be normal, but it is lucky that my condition was discovered now and not later.

My arm gets really painful sometimes and people ask me how I’m still smiling and happy. I think of what makes me happy and that there’s no point worrying because that will just make it worse. Of course there are times when I want to cry all day, but I put all of that aside and think about how far I’ve come and how many amazing people I have in my life to help me through it. I still have a long road ahead of me because my right arm may still be affected.

Only about one in one thousand people are affected by Madelung Deformity.

To raise money, I will hold a community barbeque in Omeo and Benambra on dates to be confirmed. There will be auctions and a raffle. Raffle tickets are now available from the Old Country Kitchen, Billy’s Ski Hire and Foodworks in Omeo as well as Benambra General Store. I am also raising a lamb, whose name is Buddy. He will also be auctioned.

I want to help all the other people with Madelung Deformity not to give up. The money I raise will support research and those people affected by this condition.

1st prize - $100 fuel voucher donated by Billies Ski Hire & Service Station
2nd prize – 3 nights free camping donated by the Omeo Caravan Park
3rd prize - Porcelain Doll donated by Kathy Miller
4th prize – Peacock garden ornament donated by Omeo Cuckoo Clock Shop
5th prize - $ 50 voucher donated by Omeo Foodworks
6th prize - $50 meal voucher donated by The Golden Age
7th prize – Electric salt or pepper mill donated by Omeo Post Office

Raffle tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5
CHANGE OF VENUE.
For annual fireworks at “WOODLANDS” Tongio.

Date: Monday 3rd November 2014
Time: 8.00 p.m.

This year turn off the Great Alpine Road into Hollonds and O’Brien’s Road (aprox.3 km north of Swifts Creek). Cross the low level bridge, turn left and follow the signs for approximately 1 km. Access is suitable for all vehicles.

The fireworks begin on dark and will run for 30 minutes.

All Welcome.
Ph: 5159 4462

129th Annual Omeo Show & Swifts Creek Pony Club Gymkhana

15th & 16th November 2014
HORROR MOVIE MADNESS!

HALLOWEEN

@The Cassilis Cemetery

OCTOBER 31st 6.30-10.30pm

Great DJ’s
Open Air Cinema
Fancy dress

Tickets on sale now

(Tickets must be pre-purchased by the 29th of October)

This is an Ages 12 - 18 Drug, Alcohol and smoke FREE event. (Bags may be subject to inspection) Buses will be available if you book a seat. For further information contact Cara Hall, Youth Worker on 51590100 or go to our Facebook page:

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