Message from the Principal
Welcome back to another busy year.
Our Preps have made a great start to their first week of school, which is very exciting for everyone.
We have five new teachers who have settled in well.
At our whole school assembly yesterday, I talked with the students about some simple messages for this year:
1) Learn lots because it gets you choices
2) Do simple things because simple things are easy, eg, wear your uniform
3) Work together, be kind
And for those at assembly yesterday I did mean both Mum and Dad could wash the uniform, not just Mum.
Swimming Sports will run next Wednesday. Please come along and support the day.
School Council elections need to be completed this term. The first part of this process is to call for nominations for the different categories, these being parents or DET members.
Our Council consists of 6 parent members, 4 DET members (one of which is the Principal) and 2 community members. The community members are co-opted for a 12 month term by the new Council each year. The other members serve a 2 year term, except the Principal. Half of the councillors’ terms end each year.
Once nominations have closed, if the number of nominations in each category is greater than the number of vacancies then we have an election. We haven’t had an election at this school yet. If you are interested in School Council please collect nomination forms from the office.
This year we will also be having a school review.
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Swimming Sports 2015
Our Swifts Creek School Swimming Sports are on Wednesday 11th of February at the school pool. All students are involved in the carnival. Year 7-12 students will be participating in many of their events from 9.30 until 11. Flagstaff students’ events, including novelty events in which everyone can participate will be after 10.30. All students please come ready in your bathers and House colours. The House colours are red for Wentworth, green for Dargo and Gold for Timbarra (for Years 7-12 students). Parents are most welcome and encouraged to come along and support this event. We look forward to seeing everyone there.
Kate Bradbury

Bakery Closure
Swifts Creek Bakery will be closed from Sunday 8th February and will reopen Monday 16th February. Therefore there will be no lunch orders during this week.
Gippsland Power Going For Youth

Gippsland Power is introducing youth skill acquisition sessions to be held over the Term 1 holidays at their ‘Centre of Excellence’ in Morwell. Gippsland Power’s football department recognised the opportunity to provide boys and girls from Under 11 – 13 with professional advice and coaching on basic skill technique, including kicking, hand-balling, marking and game sense. Gippsland Power Talent Manager, Peter Francis offered that, “With an emphasis on fun and learning correct technique, boys and girls can come along and be coached by people with AFL experience and some of the Gippsland Power boys from the Under 18s and have a great day”. Coaching the future stars on the day will be, current Power coach, Leigh Brown, a 246 game champion who is one of only two players to register 50 games for three teams. Brown is a 2010 Collingwood premiership player. Joining Leigh Brown is Peter Francis, Gippsland Power coach from 1995 - 2000. Francis played 158 games for Carlton (1979 Premiership), Fitzroy, Richmond and Essendon and is the current Talent Manager at the club. Several of the Under 18 boys will be on hand to help the young players to develop their skills and playing confidence.

Anybody interested should go to the club website at http://gippslandpower.aflvic.com.au or call the club directly on 5134 8133.

Registrations close on Friday 27 March. This event will be filled quickly so get registered for a day of fantastic footy fun.

Pool Family Night

Saturday 7th February
From 5.30 to 7.30pm
BBQ available
BYO Drinks (no alcohol or glass bottles)
Entry fee $5.00 includes BBQ tea
We would also ask members of the community to join us when we “unveil” the Edna Gale plaque. Edna was our Life Member and one of the driving forces behind the pool’s existence.

Life Guards will be on duty but all children under 10 years old need to be accompanied by a parent.

Kathy Gallagher

Expressions of Interest—Swimming Lessons

Kemp Aquatics are happy to run a week of afterschool swimming program. If we have the required numbers the lessons will run for 30 minutes @ $30 for the week. If you are interested in your child participating in the swimming lessons please contact Kathy Gallagher via email or phone by no later than Monday 9th February.

Payment will be required before lessons commence.
Ph 51594404 email: rkgags@bigpond.com

Head Lice

On Friday 13th February the Bush Nurse will be checking for head lice at the Flagstaff Campus. Please remember to check your child’s hair and treat as necessary. For more information on how to treat head lice please call the school on 5159 4267 or Swifts Creek Bush Nursing Centre on 5159 4210

Hats

Flagstaff Campus Students are reminded wear a broad brimmed hat at recess and lunchtimes. Our school is a Sunsmart School and it is a requirement to wear a hat. Students without a hat will not be allowed to play in the playground area.