Swifts Creek School Newsletter

February 18th 2015 - Week 4

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Flagstaff Campus Swimming Term 1
Due to a combination of factors we were unable to complete our swimming lessons at the end of last year. Children should bring their swimming gear (including a top that covers their shoulders) each day, in case we go swimming. We will try to take advantage of any time the weather is right, the pool is available, the timetable permits and we have the necessary staff. It is not easy to predict too far in advance exactly when all these things will be in our favour. Possibilities include Monday session 5 and 6, Tuesday session 5 and 6 (prep to 4 only), Wednesday session 5 and 6, Thursday session 5 and 6 and Friday session 1 and 2. (Preps will not be swimming in sessions 5 and 6 during February).

Please remember:
• To pack swimming gear each day
• Bathers and top
• Towel
• To label all clothing
• Broad brimmed hat
• Children may wear crocs, thongs or sandals to and from the pool

If your child did Vic Swim and we need to adjust the level they are now in, please let me know or send in their certificate.

Anyone who could take a group at any of these times would be most welcome. Please contact me beforehand so your skills can be matched to the appropriate levels/children.

Raymond Gallagher
P 1 & 2

Whole School Dates to Remember
March 9th Labour Day Holiday
March 27th Last Day Term 1

Flagstaff Campus Leadership Speeches
Students in Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to present their leadership speeches to students, parents and staff at Flagstaff Campus on Thursday the 26th of February. Grade 5/6 students have started drafting their speeches and are encouraged to continue to refine these at home and start to practise presenting them aloud. Speeches will take place in the grade 5/6 classroom at 9.00am. Please come along and support our students.

Pauline Canfield
Year 5 & 6

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
February 18th-20th VCE Camp
March 4th-6th Outdoor Ed Camp
March 4th-6th Year 9 Camp Mittagundi

Flagstaff Campus
We are seeking parent helpers to hear reading on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning anytime between 9 and 10.50am. Interested parents will need a ‘Working with Children’ check.

Also, any donations of:
- milk bottle caps
- empty bean cans (with no sharp edges)
- egg cartons
- boxes of any size
- off cuts of material
- blank cards that are not needed (eg. Christmas cards)

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A reminder that it’s the time of year that we will go swimming so please pack bathers everyday.

Joanne Bradbury
P 1 & 2

Year 5 & 6
For Sale — Bargain
Acer 19” LCD Monitor & keyboard & VGA cable for $ 20. Several available.

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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.

Rowena Turner
Schools as Hubs Coordinator

Sunsmart Tips — Why slop on sunscreen?
¢ A wide brimmed hat can protect from the sun’s direct UV but UV can also be scattered and reflected so even with a hat, **UV can still reach the face**.
¢ Sunscreen helps protect the face and areas of skin not covered by clothing. If you can **see skin, UV can reach it!**
¢ The arms, legs, head and neck are **common sites for skin cancer**.
¢ Regular use of sunscreen has been shown to **reduce the incidence** of melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma, both in the short and long term.
¢ Sunscreen use is also **protective against** skin damage, sun spots, discolouration and wrinkles.

SCHOOLS AS HUBS
Share rhymes, sing and dance with
Rhyme Time Music Program Term One - 2015.

Join in with Maryanne Sheean for a fun, interactive music session aiding and enhancing development in your child.
Held in the second Thursday of every month during school term.
All pre-school families including babies are invited to come along.
Sessions are no cost.

Swifts Creek School Flagstaff Campus Music Room– 10.30 – 11.00 a.m.

Dates for Term 1 are:

Thursday 12th February
Thursday 12th March

Phone: Rowena Turner
Schools as Hubs Coordinator
High Country
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Community Fun Day
Sponsored by CWA Benambra Branch

28th February 2015
Benambra Rec Reserve
3pm onwards
Gold coin donation per head

- Old fashion kids games including gumboot toss, 3 legged race, lolly drop, entertainment and face painting
- Market Stalls - crafts and wares - If you are interested in running a stall set up is from 2pm with a cost of $20.
- Door Prize, and Wheelbarrow raffle will be drawn on. the day tickets from Benambra Store or on the day.
  - Live music from 8pm $5 cover charge for arrival after 8pm
    - Devonshire afternoon tea
    - BBQ dinner
  - Open mic session between 6 - 8pm
- Bar provided by Benambra Angling Club

Country Women’s Association getting to know your community and district.
Come have some fun, meet new people and catch up with old friends!
Featuring stories by our special reader
*Ita Rose*

For Pre-School Families
All Welcome
Morning tea provided

**Swifts Creek School**
Flagstaff Campus Library

Time: 10:00-11:00 A.M.

When: Tuesday 24th February 2015

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