Whole School Dates to Remember
Aug 27th Snow Program
Aug 24th DELWP opening
Aug 24th-28th Book Fair at Flagstaff Campus
Aug 25th Book Character dress up Parade
Aug 28th PUPIL FREE DAY
Sep 9th Parent Teacher Interviews

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember
Aug 25th Western Districts Athletics
Sep 2nd Dinosaur science tour
Sep 9th-11th Year 3/4 Camp

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
Aug 17th—21st Year 10 Camp
Aug 26th Interschool Gymkhana Secondary

Lunch orders
Please notify the school if you are ordering lunch for your child directly through the bakery. If there are no orders at the school we don’t know to do a pick up at lunch time.

East Gippsland Secondary
Interschool
GYMKHANA
WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST 2015
STARTING AT 9.00A.M.
Events to include JUMPING, Grades A to E RIDER CLASSES & PLEASURE MOUNT CLASSES, ACTIVITY COURSE for various year levels & NOVELTIES for various year levels Open to all P.C. & non P.C. riders
Rules to be under P.C.A.V. Guidelines
Please give your name to Amanda Pendergast if you are interested in participating
FULL CANTEEN FACILITIES
AVAILABLE ALL DAY
Bairnsdale Pony Club Grounds

Principal's message
We as a school are very fortunate to have many teachers who are willing and able to enrich our students’ education by providing them with many external learning experiences away from the school in the form of camps and excursions. The Award under which teachers are employed does not include any additional payment for these hours, nor are teachers entitled to any time in lieu. They do this work because they have a belief that it is an important aspect of each students’ learning journey. As the Principal I am not able to change the Award conditions and I am most grateful for the preparedness of our teachers to volunteer their personal time and energy to make our school programs as diverse and as rich as they are.

We must follow regulations about the manner in which we run these events. These rules are not made at the school level. They are set by the Department of Education. One of these regulations is that when students participate in excursions which are overnight or away from the local area we must have written consent from their parents. This enables the teachers to carry out their duty of care for that child. The teacher in charge of the event has the responsibility not just the group but for each individual. In some instances this may require them to make a decision about medical attention. As we are all aware the need for ambulance cover for all of us living in this area is important given the distances we are from major hospitals. The Department of Education and individual schools do not have insurance cover for medical costs incurred at school or on school trips.

Our range of learning opportunities for our students is significant given our school size and location. We will only be able to continue these great events if the staff who are running them are fully supported.

Robert Boucher
**Swifts Creek P12 School’s Book Fair for 2015**

**Dates:** 24th August until 28th August

**Time:** The Fair will be open for purchases at recess and lunchtime.

**Where:** Flagstaff Campus Library

**What:** A selection of texts for pre-school to Year 12 will be available for purchase.

Our ‘Book Character Parade Dress up Day’ and ‘Community Reading Walk’ will be held on Tuesday 25th during this week. Dress as your favorite character and bring along your book to share.

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**Fed Uni Open Day – Sunday 30 August**

Federation University Australia’s Gippsland and Ballarat Campuses will be running their annual Open Day event on **Sunday 30 August from 10am – 3pm.**

The Gippsland campus Open Day is a hugely popular event for local secondary school students, their parents and members of the community. It’s a terrific opportunity to explore the campus and the outstanding facilities available. A huge range of interactive activities and information sessions will take place on the day, where you can get all the answers you need about studying at Fed Uni in 2016.

Open Day is also an opportunity to learn about some exciting study options at the Gippsland Campus, including:

- Sport, PE and Outdoor Education
- Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary Teaching
- Graphic Design and Visual Arts
- Civil Engineering and Mechatronics Engineering
- Information Technology
- Veterinary and Wildlife Bioscience, Biomedical Science, Food and Nutritional Science and other specialisations
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Business, Accounting, Marketing, HR, Finance
- Criminal Justice
- Social Welfare and Counselling
- …and much more

Visit federation.edu.au/open day for your Open Day program or call 1800 333 864.

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**Reading for Boys**

Humour is a winner with boys. *The Stinky Cheese Man* by Scieszka, is a playful book that pokes fun at classic fairytales. Another humorous book are *Calvin and Hobbes* and anything written by Lemony Snicket. These books get boys excited about reading, because it’s fun. These types of books will get boys hooked on reading.

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**Free Year 8/9 University Experience Overnight Camp**

The FedUni Schools Outreach Program is pleased to offer a free Year 8/9 University Experience Overnight Camp to be held on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th November, 2015 at the Federation University Australia Gippsland Campus.

The aim of the camp is to enhance students understanding of, and engagement with, the university environment. Students will:

- Interact with current students to find out about their experiences
- Find out more about the variety of disciplines they can study at university
- Build self-confidence through stepping outside their comfort zone and broadening their horizons.
- Increase their aspiration and enthusiasm for tertiary study
- Most of all have fun and make new friends.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please see your Home Group teacher or Ms De Vries.