Pupil Free Day November 9th
Students from both campuses will not be attending school on Monday November 9th. This will allow all school staff to participate in professional development programs. This will include staff being trained in application of Student Performance Analyser software which we have purchased to allow for whole school systemic data collection and analysis, as well as to support teachers in setting individual learning targets for students.

Whole School Dates to Remember
Oct 27th School Council
Nov 3rd Melbourne Cup Holiday
Nov 9th Pupil Free Day
Nov 12th Chinese Cultural Day Prep-Yr 8
Dec 8th State-wide Transition Day

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
Oct 20th Arena Theatre workshop Yrs 8 & 9
Oct 22nd-25th Yr 9 Mittagundi Camp
Oct 26th Big Breakfast and Yr6 to Yr 7 Transition Day
Oct 28th Year 12 Exams Begin

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember
Nov 20th Pallet Cart Derby
Dec 2nd Life Ed Van

Poppy Appeal
Poppy products to symbolise remembrance of Australians who have served in wars are for sale in the office at Flagstaff and Tambo campuses. Prices range from $2 to $5. Proceeds go to the RSL.

Reading Tips
Early Literacy At Home.
While literacy is something many of us take for granted, it often seems that it is something that is taught at school rather than at home.
Yet there are so many fun-filled literacy activities that we can do with our children. Children can enjoy themselves while also learning to improve their reading and writing, and the best thing about it is that they won’t realise that they are being ‘educated’.
Reading a recipe and doing some cooking together is a fantastic way to show children how written words can be used as instructions. Choose a fairly simple recipe and read the directions aloud. Whether you use cup measurements or grams, your child is being introduced to very simple addition. They are also learning about science when, for example, they watch ingredients dissolve or thicken as they heat up.
The important thing to remember is that these activities are to be enjoyed.
Reading Circles Term 4 - 2015
This term, 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 P12 School – Flagstaff Campus library. 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 dates for Term Four are:
Tuesday 20th October – 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 17th November – 10.00 a.m.
SAH coordinator Rowena Turner
Ph 5159 4323

Reading at Swifts Creek P12 School
The High Reliability Literacy Teaching Procedure we are focussing on is

**Summarising**

Summarising is a key aspect of reading.

Summarising helps students to:

- Identify main ideas
- Generalise
- Integrate ideas
- Improve memory of what is read

**What you can do at home**
Students should summarise as they read.

For younger readers, this can be as simple as repeating the key words of what they have just read at the end of each page.

Older students should be asked to say the main idea of each paragraph.

Senior students should be asked for the main idea of each paragraph, and the subordinate (or supporting) ideas in the paragraph.

**At school**
We will be helping students to develop this skill at school. During classroom reading activities teachers will cue students to identify main ideas as they read.

A further step is for students to create written summaries of what they have read. There are a variety of graphic organisers which help students to do this, from simple tables to tree diagrams.

Summarising is an effective learning tool, and a useful lifelong skill.

*If you would like to know more about the High Reliability Literacy Teaching Procedures, please just ask the classroom or home group teacher, or Ms Naphine.*