Swifts Creek P-12 School Newsletter

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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.

Parent Information session November 10th
All parents are invited to attend this information session which will explore one of the options we are considering for providing computers for students next year, and in the years to follow. EduNet is a company which leases netbook computers to students for a termly payment by parents. Their representatives on the evening will show samples of the devices they offer and discuss support services they provide, etc. The session will run from 7pm to 8pm in the Tambo campus library.

Reading Tips
Building literacy and numeracy when organising family activities:
Pre-school to Year 2:
• Ask your child to count the number of plates, cups and pieces of cutlery used to set the table.
• Count with your child the number of buttons as you do up a shirt or blouse.
• Play dominoes, card games and board games involving one or two dice. This will help your child to recognise number patterns.

Years 3–6:
• Read a recipe at home and write a list of the ingredients to buy. Measure the ingredients when at home. Enjoy making the dish together.
• What is the total number of cups and tablespoons that the ingredients add up to?
• Talk about events in terms of time. For example, “It’s going to take about three minutes to cook this, so you might have time to set the table.”
• Talk about the route you are taking when walking to school or to the park.

Whole School Dates to Remember
Nov 10th Parent Computer Information meeting 7pm
Nov 9th Pupil Free Day
Nov 12th Chinese Cultural Day Prep-Yr 6
Dec 8th State-wide Transition Day

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember
Nov 20th Pallet Cart Derby

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
Nov 12th-13th OEd Rafting
Nov 17th-19th OES Environmental camp
Nov 17th Year 12 Dinner
RSL Poppy Appeal

Next Wednesday is November 11th which is Remembrance Day, when we pay our respects to all those who have served our country in the Defence Forces. One way you can show your respect is by purchasing a poppy, pen, wristband or other items to help the RSL in assisting the welfare of our veterans and their dependants. These are for sale from the office at prices from $2 to $5.