Swifts Creek P-12 School
November Newsletter 2015
Everyone learning to be the best they can be, academically and as global citizens.
We will succeed together by showing:
Courage  Joy  Kindness

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Principal's Message

We are at the busy, busy time of year when we have many people excited about what has to be achieved before the year concludes and they commence on the next stage of their life journey. During this time it is easy to get busy and forget about our school values. These values are what enable us to work together in a supportive and collaborative manner. Given the issues that we as a community face - in terms of a world which is uncertain and is seeing a rise in conflict - we must as a school ensure our students leave with skills that will enable them to contribute to a world that we all enjoy and has understanding and acceptance of difference and diversity as an accepted norm of behavior.

Last week it was a great privilege to talk with our Year 12 students about this and how confident I was about our future given their skills, abilities and beliefs and their capabilities to influence our world to be better.

Last week I wrote in the newsletter about our changes for ICT provision. I have not had any conversations with parents about the program. We will provide shortly further information about the next step in this process so please contact me so we can work through solutions to any challenges this may present.

Robert Boucher

Flagstaff Campus Proposed Swimming Dates 2015

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If you’re a parent and would like help with our swimming program please call Flagstaff Campus on 51594267.

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Life Education Van Visit

We are having a combined day with Omeo Primary School on Wednesday 2nd December for the Life Education van.

Programs covered on the day;

P,1-2 - Harold’s Heroes
Harold recruits the class as the newest members of his Super-Hero Team. Free from distractions, the class become absorbed in tackling challenges such as exploring the effect of second hand smoke and identifying how to ‘fly to the rescue’ in an emergency. This includes:
- recognising safe and unsafe behaviours
- the effects of second hand smoke on the body
- awareness of the safe use and storage of medicines
- emergency procedures such as how to call 000
- healthy food choices

3-4 - All Systems Go
Inside a futuristic machine ‘The Venture’, the Captain and his crew take the class on a tour of the human body. Travelling through the blood, the class explore and discover how magnificent the human body really is. They learn the functions of various body parts and the actions required to keep these systems working well:
- factors that influence the function of body systems such as exercise and drugs
- exploring ways to manage peer pressure
- the effects of second hand smoke
- the function of vital organs (heart, lungs, brain and kidneys)
- healthy food choices

5-6 - Mind Your Medicine
Using a friendly game show format Mind Your Medicine develops students’ understanding of medicines and their safe use, positive communication, strategies for managing conflict, stress, and bullying and explores how feelings influence the choices that we make. Topics are:
- factors that influence someone’s sense of self-worth
- techniques for effective communication
- identifying the impact of different factors on health and wellbeing
- strategies for managing stressful situations
- medicines as drugs and the consequences of their misuse

Pauline Canfield
Assistant Principal

Lost Property
Lost property is overflowing at Flagstaff Campus and Tambo Campus. Please have your child check for any items that may belong to them. All items that are not collected by end of term will be donated to the Salvation Army Op Shop.
Omeo Show 2015

This year we had a wide variety of cookery exhibits in the Omeo and District Agricultural Show. Our students entered their creations into the categories of four muffins, person or animal made from vegetables and fruit, shortbread and decorated icing disk. Well done to all students who entered and a special congratulations to Sophie Grinter who won the Best Secondary Exhibit.

Celebration Night - Play in Day

Costume preparation

We are once again having a ‘Play in a day’ hosted by Darren McCubbin for our end of year Celebration Night on the 16th December.

Year P-2

Students will be allocated their horse colour next week to match the masks that are currently being made.

Year 3-6

The students should dress up as stockmen and women. Darren McCubbin will bring a suit for “The Colt from Old Regret” and two horse riders costumes for “Clancy of the overflow” and the “Man from Swifts Creek”. If your child has a speaking part their costume will need to be a little more specific to their character.

If your child has a speaking part in the play please encourage them to continue to rehearse their lines at home.

Flagstaff Campus staff
Chinese Cultural Day at Flagstaff Campus

Ni hao! Students at Flagstaff were quick to learn this Chinese greeting when we had four Chinese visitors in our school recently. They were here to present a series of workshops of Chinese cultural activities. It was a day of great fun and lots of learning.

Ying Meng taught us the skill of Chinese paper cutting, with some fabulous results now on display in the Flagstaff office. Later Ying also demonstrated the more challenging art of Chinese knots. It was great to see many students have success and proudly show their beautiful, intricate knots. Luna Tai had her groups of students singing “Happy New Year” in Chinese after only half an hour of learning. Her Chinese dancing workshops were so engaging that Mr Boucher and Mr Mealing, from the DET Regional office, couldn’t resist joining in. Rui Xun helped everyone to look graceful and feel peaceful in her tai chi workshop. Her next workshops in Chinese painting produced a fine array of pandas by students using traditional Chinese brushes, rice paper and ink.

Yan Zheng of the Confucius Institute, which is affiliated with the University of Melbourne, organised this day for us, and Lowanna College kindly loaned Suri to us for the day.

Our thanks to the Confucius Institute and to Yan, Ying, Luna and Suri; or, as the students would say, Xiexie (pronounced shishi) – Chinese for thank you.
Wilson Promontory National Park Walk
Chinese Cultural Day
Prep Parents for 2016

Tuesday 8th December is Transition Day, where the current 4 year old kindergarten children will spend the day at school in the Prep / 1 classroom.

All families with a child starting in Prep for 2016 are welcome to join us for morning tea, which will be held in the staffroom, Flagstaff Campus, Swifs Creek School from 9.10 to 10.00 am. Each family will receive a Prep Entry Book Bag for their child.

Robert Boucher, School Principal, and the Prep teachers for 2016 will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have regarding your child’s transition in to school next year.
This is also a great opportunity to catch up with other Prep parents.

We are looking forward to this event to catch up with the families of the 2016 Prep class.

Please contact me for further information.

Rowena Turner
Schools as Hubs Coordinator,
High Country.

Parents’ Group

Parents’ Group will be having a meeting next Thursday 2nd December at 3:30pm at the Flagstaff Campus staff room.

FYI Parents’ Group is a committee of parents of P-12 students. The money we raise goes towards projects or equipment to directly benefit the students at our school.

Our fundraisers are: The Tambo Valley Races catering (combined with Omeo Lions Club), Local phone book, Fathers and Mother’s day stalls and Christmas raffle.
We would like to continue these fundraisers as they are very profitable and don’t require huge amounts of time. The races, for example, is one day’s work.
For us to continue with these great fundraisers we need parents to help.

Our meetings are very informal and we don’t have many during the year.

Please consider joining us on Thursday and if you can’t make it to the meeting, maybe contact the school to express your interest in helping.
Carols by Candlelight
Swifts Creek – Friday 04\textsuperscript{th} December
6:30pm at Tambo Campus
Swifts Creek P-12 School

Come and Join us and enjoy -
CWA stall/ Parents group BBQ/ Lions doughnuts
Swifts Creek P-12 School Band and Choir
High Country Singers
And LOADS of Christmas carols and Christmas cheer!!
Year 7 Assembly with Prep, 1 & 2
Summer Holiday Aquatics Program

The following program provided by Kemp Aquatics will run at the
Swifts Creek Outdoor pool

Teacher I/C = Sandi Beltrame Sessions 45 minute long From 9:45am—1:00pm

PROGRAM 1: 5 DAYS Jan 4th to Jan 8th 2015
PROGRAM 2: 5 DAYS Jan 11th to Jan 15th 2015

You can enrol for either or both programs This program is for children 4 years +

Each week costs $40 [this does not include pool entry]

Enrolment forms available from your School, Kindergarten, Bush Nursing Centre—Swifts Creek
or Kemp Aquatics

Enrolments close on Friday December 18th - Confirmation sent on December 22nd

All enquires please contact: Sandi Beltrame 51591351
Kemp Aquatics 51411127
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### Further Events

**19th Jan**— Book collection day 8am-2pm Tambo Campus Library

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