



Swifts Creek

P-12 SCHOOL

Courage, Joy, Kindness

NEWSLETTER

December 1st 2021 - Week 9 Term 4

Whole School dates to remember:

Dec 8th - Flagstaff Campus Celebration Night

Dec 9th - Tambo Campus Celebration Night

Dec 14th—Pupil Free Day

Dec 14th - School Council

Dec 15th - Last Day For Students

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

Nov 24th - Year 6 to 7 Information evening

Dec 1st - Year 11 finish

Dec 3rd - Year 10 finish

Dec 6th-8th - Year 8/9 camp to Summit

Dec 9th - Tambo Campus Celebration Night

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

Dec 8th - Flagstaff Campus Celebration Night

Principal's Message

At assembly on Thursday last week I spoke with the students around the responsibilities that the Department of Education has for its Principals. One of those is the grounds for suspension. For some students this is the last thing that they need to listen to at an assembly as it is taking away from their learning time. For others it does provide some reassurance about having a school which everyone is able to enjoy.

The students were then given a quick presentation by our local Police member Mr Paul Newton outlining the responsibilities they have in regard to the law. The particular focus was on underage drinking. The law is clear that it is against the law to buy alcohol if you are under 18 years old. You may not carry alcohol in a public place. This includes the school bus network. If you are attending a party and you are under age you do need written permission from your parent to the adult who is supervising that party. If you are intoxicated at that party that is an offence. The supervisor is responsible for that and Victoria Police will have to make a mandatory report to DFHS. Businesses that sell alcohol to minors can face a fine of \$10,904.40 which is 60 penalty units which currently is at the rate of \$181.74 per unit. An adult who does buy alcohol for a minor can also be fined.

The point of this presentation was to ensure that our students are informed about their responsibilities and understand the implications if they choose to act outside of the laws that the government has set to develop a healthy happy community.

Students in Years 7-10 had another presentation from members of Victoria Police yesterday which made clear to them what the laws are around cyber bullying and harassment, and gave advice on how to be cyber safe.

Most students do the right thing most of the time or even all of the time, so we just need to help the few who need to reconsider some of their choices.

Principal

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Celebration Nights in 2021

We are definitely excited about our Celebration Nights this year. We are looking forward to seeing students, parents and siblings joining us.

The Flagstaff event will be on Wednesday December 8, commencing at 6pm. It will be an exciting evening of awards, graduations, and spectacular performances. It will take place outdoors at the Flagstaff campus. Bring along picnic rugs or chairs to make yourself comfortable. Please remember to enter via the front gate as you will need to register with our QR code as you enter, and all adults must be able to show proof of being fully vaccinated. We expect the evening will finish by 7pm.

The Tambo event will be on Thursday December 9, commencing at 7pm, and will be in the Swifts Creek Hall. There will be music, academic awards, sports awards, and citizenship awards. There will be presentations celebrating all students and the many forms of learning that have happened this year. Parents and siblings are warmly encouraged to come along. You will be asked to QR code in and adults will need proof of being fully vaccinated to attend. We expect this evening will finish before 9pm.

There have been many challenges this year, and many terrific achievements. Let's finish the year glad to be able to get together, and proud of what our young people have been able to achieve in 2021.

Booklists for 2022

These are being sent home this week, with a full explanation of your ordering options.

Please just ring the office if anything needs to be clarified.

Our supplier, Schoolworks, also has a new collection of great backpacks, lunch boxes and pencil cases for primary aged school students if parents are looking to buy these. Back packs are \$34.99 and are really good quality. The library bags which are on the booklists are from the same company. They are all waterproof too, so great to keep books dry. They also have back packs for secondary aged students.

Schoolworks is at 147 MacLeod St, Bairnsdale if you want to drop in and have a look, and are open Mon to Fri 9-5.



Please find the December edition of the ParentZone@Home Newsletter attached to the Swifts Creek p-12 School website.



NOW TAKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST 2022

Term 1: Mon 31st January – Mon 4th April 2022

TK'S Dance for Groovers has been providing **Dance & Movement** for boys and girls (inc **Jazz Ballet**) classes for the region since 2019.

Tracy trained under the Southern Federation of Dance syllabus.

Tracy loves to incorporate her love of music into classes. Children learn dance and movement in a caring and fun environment, where self-expression is encouraged.

"My two girls (5 & 6 years) loved Tracy's dance classes. Tracy is so engaging and brings such positive & fun energy to the room. She is great at what she does, you can see she loves sharing her love of music & dance with the kids. Highly recommend." Alison Rault- Parent

Classes on offer:

Pre-Kindy Groover (4 – 4.30 pm): 2-3 years

Little Groover (4.35 – 5.05 pm): 4-5 years

Primary Groover (5.10-5.40 pm): 6-8 years

Classes @ Swifts Creek Hall, Mondays *in accordance VIC School Terms

***Dance & Movement is not only great physical exercise for children, but fosters better breathing, helps co-ordination, balance, flexibility, spatial awareness, listening skills, self- confidence, and imagination.**

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