



Swifts Creek

P-12 SCHOOL

Courage, Joy, Kindness

NEWSLETTER

November 3rd 2021 - Week 5 Term 4

Whole School dates to remember:

Nov 16th - School Council

Dec 8th - Flagstaff Campus Celebration night

Dec 9th - Tambo Campus Celebration night

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

Nov 5th - Year 7 Vaccinations

Dec 1st - Year 11 finish

Dec 3rd - Year 10 finish

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

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

Nov 10th - Life Ed van

Nov 24-26th - Year 3/4 Camp

Principal's Message

I trust that the four day break for students was well used by all families and has set students up for a very positive second half of the term.

As you will notice in the dates listed above, the Celebration Night has been moved forward a week. The reason for this is to give us the greatest chance of the event going ahead. The other aspect that will be different this year is we will host two separate events on a campus basis. This will enable us to meet the current guidelines that the DET has regarding COVID and density limits. Please add these events to your calendar. To attend these all adults will need to be double vaccinated.

The ever changing nature of how we are to respond to the world pandemic does have a few more changes for our school community to be mindful of. The following is a summary of what we need to all be aware of.

1. If you are not well please do not attend school, and go and get tested.
2. Mask wearing does need to occur when indoors, but not outside, for students in Year 3 and above.
3. Regular use of hand sanitiser is required for all attending on site.
4. Visitors to the school need to use the QR code.
5. Socially distance where practical.

The language has changed with how schools are to manage the reality of a case within the school. PCC (Primary Close Contact) cases will be treated differently based on their vaccination status and their vigilance with mask wearing.

As many are aware at least two schools in East Gippsland have been impacted by COVID with members of their school community unwell as a consequence of the virus. The need for us as individuals to act appropriately and safely on a daily basis is important, as it is those actions that will play a very key part in keeping everyone healthy.

Term 4 is a busy time. The Year 12 VCE students are progressing through their external exams and enjoying the opportunity to demonstrate to the examiners what they have learnt over thirteen years.

With the current restrictions in the Operations Guide we will not be able to progress with our senior school Formal this year. It is most unfortunate that for a second year in a row the world pandemic has impacted on our program.

The Years 3 & 4 camp is locked in for November 24-26, and the camp for Years 8 & 9 is confirmed for early December which is great. Transitions events for students coming into Prep and Year 7 can now commence as these restrictions have been lifted by the department.

As we race toward December please work with us in a positive manner as that is how we will get the best outcomes for students in these complex times.

All Tambo students have been handed a letter to parents at the end of the day today. This calls for your support or feedback with a couple of significant changes at Tambo. Please take the time to read this letter and talk to me if it needs clarification.

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Parents' Group

Hello School community members.

The Swifts Creek P-12 School Parents' Group will be holding a 'Fresh Air' meeting at Flagstaff Campus on Tuesday 9th November at 3:45pm

Parents' Group support the school from Prep to Year 12. We contribute to the school by purchasing equipment and other items such as the graduation pens and mugs for our Grade 6 and Year 12 students.

We have minimal fundraising at the moment because our membership is low. We would love to see some more people get involved with Parents' Group. In fact we will be discussing the possibility of being inactive in 2022 due to lack of members.

If you want to contribute to your school community or you want to lead by example and show your children it is a good thing to be a community volunteer, please consider joining our group.

Regulations do require you to be fully vaccinated to attend.

We would love to see you there.

Term 4 Hat policy

Flagstaff campus students are required to wear a wide brimmed hat for term 1 and 4. Please send your child with a clearly labelled wide brimmed hat.

Nude Food Wednesdays

The Outdoor Environmental Study class would like to introduce you to 'Nude Food Wednesday's'. As every student on average brings around 5 pieces of food to school daily, every Wednesday we will aim to have no single use items in the lunch boxes. We understand that some families won't be able to do Nude Food straight away, but the Outdoor Environmental Study class will be visiting classes to educate kids about the Nude Food idea and we will be working towards reducing our waste through Nude Food Wednesdays.

Here are some tips:

You want to pack	You want to avoid
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snacks in reusable containers• Drinks in reusable bottles• Reusable utensils when needed• A reusable lunch box or back pack	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunches packed in plastic bags, cling wrap or foil• Disposable drink bottles, cans and cartons• Disposable utensils• Pre-packaged lunches or single serve items

The picture below shows examples of nude food lunches.

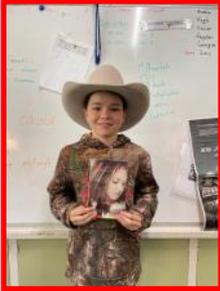


Flagstaff - Clubs





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WEEK



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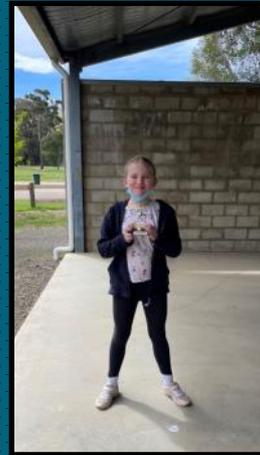


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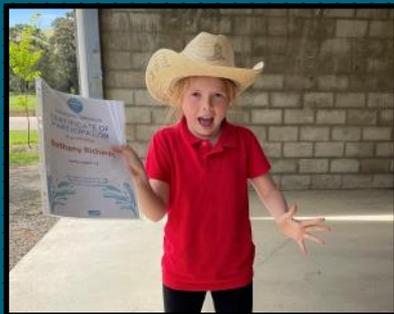




2021 Athletic Age Group Champions



National Water Week Poster Competition



Years Prep to 6 were given the opportunity to enter the National Water Week poster competition. Tesi Halafihi— Runners up Prep
Cora Kennedy—Runners up Year 1/2
Well done to the following students who also participated : Wendy, Bethany, Jessica and Audrey.

