



Swifts Creek

P - 12 SCHOOL

Courage, Joy, Kindness

August 21st 2019 - Week 6 Term 3

NEWSLETTER

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

Aug 23rd - Gippsland Gallery visit—Studio Arts
Sept 4th - Headspace visit
Sept 12th - Student Delegate Training - Lakes Entrance

Whole School Dates to Remember

August 28th - Snow Program Day 4

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

Sept 2nd-4th - Year 3/4 Camp to Coonawarra

Direct Debit details

If you would like to pay online the following are the schools details: BSB: 083 519 (**please note change of BSB**)
Account number: 1661 64398

School Website

Our new website is live! This website was created by our students last year, and can be found at <https://www.swiftscreekp12.vic.edu.au/>.

At this stage the website still needs some information added, and needs some other information updated (already!). We are keen for your input into what you would like to see on our website. Please ring the school, or send an email, or drop us a note, or call in. School Council will be involved in the ongoing development of the website as we work to have an dynamic, up to date and useful website.

Choir

If you are interested and have a passion for singing please come along and see Mrs Sheean, to find out more information.

When: Wednesday lunchtimes 1:10-1:40

Where: Grade 2-3-4 classroom, Flagstaff Campus

Who: Any student from P-12

Why: To have fun and learn some new songs

East Gippsland Secondary Interschool

GYMKHANA

WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2019

STARTING AT 9.00A.M.

Events to include JUMPING, Grades A to E

RIDER, HANDY MOUNT & PAIRS CLASSES

ACTIVITY COURSE for various year levels &

NOVELTIES for various year levels

TEAMS OF 3 OR 4 (composite teams will be arranged)

INDIVIDUALS MAY COMPETE

Open to all P.C. & non-P.C. riders

Rules to be under P.C.V. Guidelines

FULL CANTEEN FACILITIES AVAILABLE ALL DAY

Bairnsdale Pony Club Grounds

If you are interested please see Amanda P to select your events.

Bell Times

Tambo Campus

9am— Start of Day

10.50am - 11.10am Recess

12.50pm - 1.45pm Lunch time

3.25pm Departure time

Flagstaff Campus

9am— Start of Day

10.50am - 11.20am Recess

1pm - 1.45pm Lunch time

3.05pm - Pack up bell

3.15pm Departure time

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Principals' Message

Validation Day

On Thursday August 15 we had the first full day of work within our school working on the Review of our previous four years of work as set down in the School Strategic Plan (SSP). This first day is called Validation Day as the first step of the Review is a panel of people looking at the school's PRSE (Pre Review Self-Assessment) to validate it. The PRSE is a tool developed by the Department that allows schools to reflect on their work and provide evidence to the Reviewer and panel about the strategies and work undertaken since 2015 when we last completed a Review and wrote the current SSP.

The panel also looked at data sets collected by the Department to form a judgement about what to focus on to check in against the targets and goals set in the SSP. This involved looking at student achievement data such as NAPLAN, VCE and VCAL. Attitudinal data as collected by the surveys administered by the Department with students, parents and staff was also considered.

The next phase of the day were visits to classrooms for a series of brief observations, followed by a conversation with some students. The feedback from this was shared with the whole group as it was undertaken by three different groups.

All of this information was then used to inform the group's thinking about three key questions the Reviewer would like to focus on to determine our success with our SSP, but also to inform us about what may be good focus areas over the next four years.

Our panel consisted of these people:

David Howes, Currently CEO VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority), soon to be Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education and Training

Todd Macbeth, Director, Inclusive Education Professional Practice Branch, DET

Robert Clay, Assistant Principal, Orbost Secondary College

Charmaine Taylor, School Reviewer, Monash University

Heather Macalister, SEIL (Senior Education Improvement Leader) Outer Gippsland

Keren Walker, School Council President

Barbara Napthine

Pauline Canfield

Robert Boucher

As the Principal I work with the SEIL to determine who our Challenge Partners are. We were fortunate to have three people work with us in this role. They each bring a wealth of experience to this work and a perspective that will help set us up for the next four years. It is a little unusual and an honour to have our mix of Challenge Partners, and the involvement of people from such high levels of the Department, but it has already been really good to have their involvement. The Reviewer is assigned by DET central office and has a very clear set of procedures to work through.

The next phase of the Review process is a day of field work. This field work will involve the Reviewer and the SEIL, along with Rob Clay, talking with students, parents and staff when they come back on the Monday September 16, in the last week of term. If you would like to talk with them on this day please contact the school so we can accommodate that in the schedule. Depending on the level of interest shown, we may be able to organise opportunities to meet with the Reviewer in both Swifts Creek and Omeo.

On Tuesday September 17 the full panel will be back together and will review the findings of the field work day which the reviewer will collate overnight. From this we will then set up the next part of developing the Strategic Plan for the next four years. This process is the one that the Department uses across the state and reflects the evolution of the thinking that our current leaders bring to the planning, action, reviewing cycle.

Robert Boucher