



Swifts Creek

P-12 SCHOOL

Courage, Joy, Kindness

NEWSLETTER

August 4th 2021 - Week 4 Term 3

Whole School Dates to Remember

5th Aug - Snow Program day 1

13th Aug - Snow Program day 2

19th Aug - Snow Program day 3 **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE to allow for the requisite COVID testing before each trip**

24th Aug - Book Parade - COVID Dependant

26th Aug - Snow Program day 4 **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE to allow for the requisite COVID testing before each trip**

23rd-27th Aug - Book Week

27th Aug - Pupil Free Day

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

10th Aug - Athletics PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DEPENDS ON COVID RESTRICTIONS FOR SCHOOLS BEING CHANGED TO ALLOW PARENTS TO BE ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

11th Aug - Athletics PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DEPENDS ON COVID RESTRICTIONS FOR SCHOOLS BEING CHANGED TO ALLOW PARENTS TO BE ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

12th Aug - GAT for Year 12

12th Aug - Later Years Information session for Year 10

3rd Sept - Senior Years formal

Principal's Message

What is a good citizen?

More importantly, why would any of us care about that?

We all enjoy the community that we live in. The reality is that we are different to most other places, and we get to do the things that we enjoy in a place that we choose to be in.

At present when we look at what is happening in our nation there are many places that are living under very different rules to us; some of them are better, and some are not so good.

In *The Age* newspaper there was an article on Saturday about this latest COVID variant. The article made it apparent that the Delta variant is very different to the other mutations of COVID. I mention this for three reasons:

1. If you understand something you can better respond to it.
2. If you are able to change as circumstances change you can manage yourself better.
3. If you listen to others you can improve your knowledge about the most current information.

We are in a situation in education where we have different rules and restrictions based upon the Department of Education's directives from the health experts. They put these restriction in place not to be difficult but to look after everyone. We know that many people in the last month have spent time in isolation. Some of them did have COVID but did not pass it on because they were in isolation. I do not believe that any of those people had any intention of catching COVID, but they did. So the lesson out of this, for us, is that when we follow the advice we best look after the people we care about as well as ourselves.

At present the data in NSW and Qld is making it clear that much younger people are being impacted by this current variant. This evidence should help everyone understand why mask wearing is being asked of everyone over twelve years of age.

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...pect for who contribute to our community.

Simple things like the way we speak to people, the ability to follow rules, and to meet common expectations, all add up to make for a great place to live. As individuals we all have choices, and the better the choices you make, the greater the options you will have both long and short term.

Maybe we should care about being a good citizen because that is what allows us all to live in a great place. The people and how they interact is what makes a community. That is just a function of its citizens and what they do each and every day.



Robert Boucher

Premier's VCE Award for our student

Caroline Firus received top honours this week for her outstanding VCE results in 2020.

Caroline received a Premier's VCE Award for excellence in Auslan, as one of the top students in the state in this subject. Caroline is now studying at Monash University.

Caroline was a student at this school from Prep through to Year 12, and we are all proud of Caroline's fantastic achievement with this award. Our congratulations to Caroline.

Book Fair and Book Week Character Parade - COVID Dependant

Book Week will be celebrated on the 23rd August to the 27th August. Please start thinking about what book character you would like to come dressed as for our Book Parade and Community Walk event.

Our annual Book Fair will also run during this week. This is an event where we have a range of books on display in the Flagstaff library for purchase by students and families. Book selections available will span all age groups 0-Year 12.

Senior School Information Afternoon

Year 10 students entering the Senior School (VCE/VCAL) next year will be attending an Information Session next Thursday afternoon, 12th August from 1.45pm to 3.25pm in the Tambo Campus Trade Skills Centre.

This session will explore the options students have for their education in their final years of secondary school and where these different pathways may lead beyond school.

Parents of Year 10 students are invited to attend this session along with students, subject to COVID restrictions. This can be especially useful for those who have not had students undertake VCE/VCAL previously. A separate invitation will be sent home with students.

If you would like further information please feel free to contact me at the school.

John O'Neill,
Later Years Coordinator

Local Phonebooks

The Swifts Creek P-12 School Parents Group would like to thank everyone who purchased a 2021 phonebook. Thanks also to the staff at the four Post Offices for their assistance.

Ensay, Omeo, Swifts Creek and Benambra Post Offices are still selling phonebooks if you haven't purchased one yet. Once those copies are sold you will be able to order a copy by emailing rkgags@bigpond.com or texting 0427594431. We will continue to sell the phonebooks until the end of August.

As always, the money raised goes towards school items that directly benefit the students.

Reading Tips

- Read aloud to your child every day. Pick books you like so your **enthusiasm** permeates the story. Make your child an active participant in the story by asking questions and encouraging her to predict what will happen next.
- Your child will remember ten minutes of reading together far longer than he will remember two hours of television

Year 5&6 Coonawarra Camp



BOOK WEEK and COMMUNITY READING WALK 2021



Tuesday 24th August 2021

Join in with the celebrations!

Parents are welcome to join us in celebrating Book Week, providing COVID restrictions have been eased by then to allow this. We are planning a Book Character parade, commencing at 9.15 am in the Tambo Campus library of Swifts Creek P – 12 School. Everyone is encouraged to dress up as a book character and join in the parade of costumes. Book prizes will be given. *Providing COVID restrictions allow*, this will be followed by a walk around town, stopping at various venues to hear a story, read to us by community members. The kindergarten students and other pre-school families can join school students to be part of this event, *providing COVID restrictions allow*. The walk will commence after the parade, starting at around 10.00.

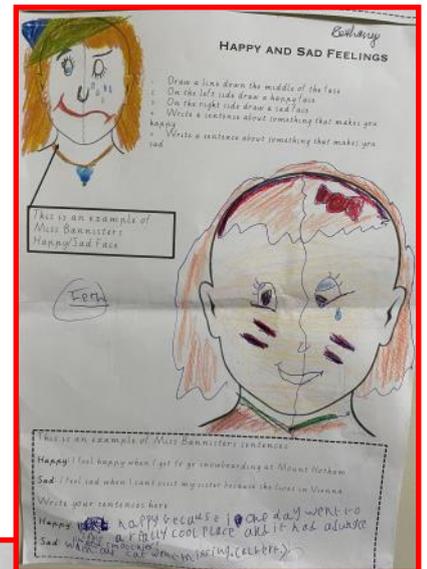
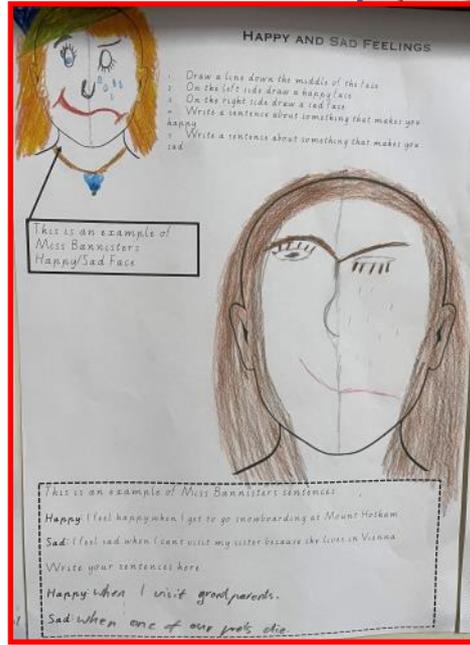
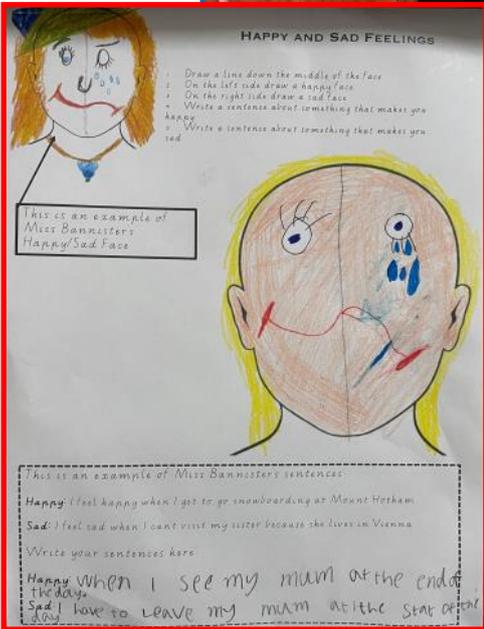
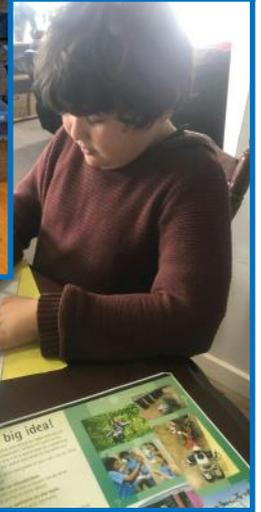
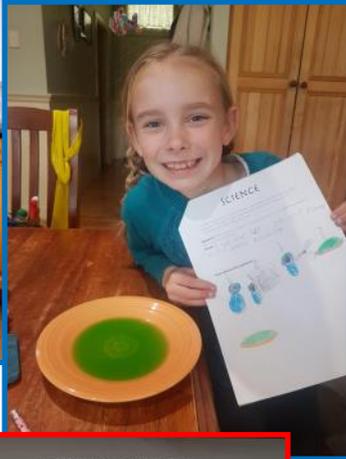
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Farm Animals vs Jake

When it comes to farm animals, it is without a doubt that they are important to the farm and the world.

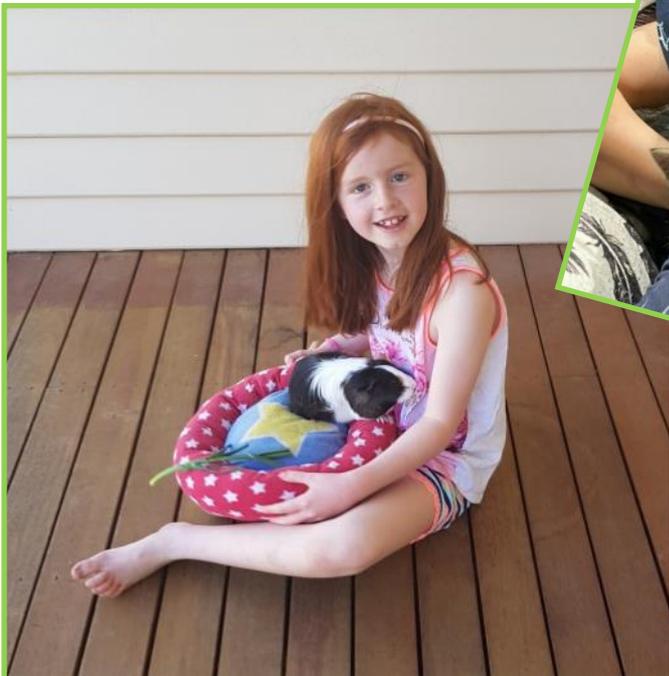
The first animal that comes to my mind is a cow. Cows make milk, butter, cream, meat and cheese also leather shoes

Sheep have wool and a mutton. Sheep need shears to get the wool off to send to market. Sheep can be killed for meat

Chickens lay eggs and give us chicken nuggets and some people collect feathers to make stuff like pillows

In conclusion if we did not have farm animals we would not have any meat, eggs, cream, mutton, clothes, leathers, leather products and milk just to name a few

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Our contribution to a cleaner environment

Did you know, that Swifts Creek P-12 School has been participating the “Cartridges 4 Planet Ark” (C4PA) program for almost 7 years now?

This innovative recycling program, that provides an easy and environmentally accredited way to recycle your used printer cartridges, is a well-known and trusted program that gives everyone, whether you’re at home or work, access to recycling printer cartridges. **Drop of your cartridges with us at our Tambo and Flagstaff Campuses.**

Since 2003 the program has recycled over 46 million cartridges, with zero waste to landfill. This is made possible by the great partnership between Planet Ark, participating manufacturers, retailers and the program recycler, Close the Loop.

Find out more about the Cartridges 4 Planet Ark program: <https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/cartridges4planetark/>

We also have just signed up to recycle batteries!

Batteries should never be put in the recycling bin or in your waste bin. Rechargeable batteries and lithium ion batteries are hazardous and could produce sparks that may start a fire in the trucks or recycling facility. This includes batteries in laptops, mobile phones, power tools and cameras.

Batteries can be processed to recover plastics and metals, some of which are used to manufacture new batteries.

Batteries 4 Planet Ark is a recycling program that provides a cost effective and accessible solution for workplaces to safely collect and recycle handheld batteries. This way we can keep batteries and the hazardous materials they contain out of landfill and ensure they are safely recycled.

We will be able to recycle all of the batteries we use at school, which is great, but please note that this program is NOT for public collections of batteries.



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- Print heads
- Waste hoppers
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