



NEWSLETTER

April 21st 2021- Week 1 Term 2

Whole School Dates to Remember

28th April - Dan Petro Presentation 6:30pm—8pm Tambo Campus Library

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

23rd April - Year 8,9 & 10 East Gippsland Field Day Excursion

28th - 30th April - Year 7 Camp to Phillip Island

11th - 14th May - Years 7 & 9 NAPLAN

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

11th - 14th May - Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Principal's Message

Welcome back to another term of learning in which lots will be going on. During the break we have had two new teachers join us that will have them working mainly at the Tambo campus. With these new staff joining us we have made some other changes with some teachers and the classes they will have. As a consequence of this we will have a revised timetable running for the term starting next week.

As we are all well aware the value of education is what it sets up individuals for their future. The more that you learn, the more that you know, and the more choices you have about how you spend your day, the type of work that you may end up doing, or the different hobbies you have, etc. Research makes it clear that choices do provide people with a happy and lengthy life.

Thinking about the learning between lessons helps all students better understand their work. The better they understand their work, the more competitive they will be in the future when applying for apprenticeships, places at university, TAFEs, etc. So please encourage your students to be talking with you about their learning.

Attendance matters. A 90 percent attendance rate sounds great until you do the maths. If you are away 10 percent of the time you will, at the end of 13 years, go into an exam 1.3 years behind those with full attendance. So, if you think about what the numbers tell you, the message is that the more you are at school, the more you learn.

The weather is starting to turn a little colder so it is helpful if all students are dressing themselves to cater for the cooler weather. It may be helpful for some students to check that they have their name on the clothing they are wearing to school. The lost property box sometimes contains far too many items because students forget their jumper, etc. A simple process that helps everyone is if they can be labelled so they can be returned to their owner. For students who are in Years 7 to 10 the uniform is part of the educational process. Wearing the uniform is not being set as an expectation to make students' lives difficult, but to prepare them for later on when they will have to dress for work. Also, it is part of the opportunity to develop their reputation as an individual who is able to meet simple expectations about being part of a school community.

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The policy about phone use has not been changed by the Minister for Education. All students are to use their phone lockers at the start of the school day to put their phones in, and then collect them at the conclusion of the school day.

Next week we will be working with behavioural analysis Dan Petro. He has been working with our school for some time now. On Wednesday evening he will be running a session for parents. In the past when he has done these those who have attended have found them to be very useful and engaging, and have expressed the wish that more parents had been able to attend.

Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions Dan will not be delivering his message face to face, but via zoom. So there will be options for people to attend his presentation, either at home via zoom or we will put him on the big screen in the Library at Tambo. For those who attend the session at Tambo we will provide some catering. Parents who have attended Dan's sessions in the past have found his thinking to be most helpful with the most complex job of all. The link for the zoom sessions will be in next week's newsletter, and on the website.

This term is significant for many of our cohorts. The Year 7s will be away on camp next week. The Year 10s will be doing Work Experience in the final weeks of term. The Year 12 VCE students will have the GAT to sit and will commence the next step in preparation for tertiary education applications. For our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, in three weeks' time they will be doing NAPLAN. This is a great opportunity for these students to enjoy the challenge of showing their best self in a formal testing process. For our older students it is a chance - when results are returned - for them to see how much growth they have achieved since they last completed the tests.

Congratulations to Olivia Walker, of Year 11, who has been successful in her application for an AI Grassby Scholarship. Olivia completed a written application and an interview to be selected to participate in an adventurous challenge. Usually this is a trek on the Kokoda Trail but this year a modified trek will be undertaken, somewhere in the Northern Territory. Great work ,Olivia.

I am aware of how busy a time we have in front of us. However that will ensure we are providing the greatest range of learning opportunities for all of our students. When we all work together in a positive manner we do get the very best results. Our values of Courage, Joy and Kindness do enable us to be the best that we can be.



Robert Boucher

Lost Property

The piles of lost clothing at both Flagstaff and Tambo campuses are pretty big. They include items of school uniform as well as casual clothing.

Please come in and check through for anything that may belong to your family. All items with names on them have been returned to their owners.

Items not collected soon will be donated to others.

