



Swifts Creek

P - 12 SCHOOL

Courage, Joy, Kindness

February 6th 2019 - Week 2 Term 1

NEWSLETTER

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

Feb 6th - 8th - Year 7 Camp to Cape Conran

Feb 8th - VET classes start at TAFE

Feb 13th - 15th - VCE Camp to Melbourne

Feb 28th - East Gippsland Swimming

Whole School Dates to Remember

Feb 11th - Whole School Assembly

Feb 20th - Swimming Sports

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

Feb 21st - Western District Swimming Sports at Bairnsdale

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

Reference: Surname Excursion EG: Smith Caving

Principal's Message

Welcome back.

We are looking forward to a great year in which we will help all of our students understand more and do more through the learning both academic and social which they engage with during 2019.

Our Year 7 students departed this morning for their camp at Marlo with planning underway for the VCE Melbourne tertiary orientation camp for the following week, and with the VCAL students planning their camp for the end of the term.

Each year schools have to conduct School Council elections. Our school configuration is 4 DET members, 6 parent members, two student members from the Year 7-12 cohort and two community members that Council appoint once we have the ten members. Half of the DET and parent member category have their two year term end in this round. DET staff elect the two vacancies we have this year for DET vacancies.

Parents elect the parent member. This is not by campus or geographic area, but whole school.

Student members are elected by students in year 7 and above.

Each person considering standing for election may be invited to prepare a statement of no more than 150 words to be distributed to the electorate to enable the electorate to gain some background about the candidates. The following is a selection of what information may be in the statement :

- Work experience including voluntary work
- Academic and professional qualification if applicable
- Skills and abilities including those that may be useful for the council
- Previous and current involvement with the school, and School Council, including its sub-committees
- Reason for standing for election
- Interest and hobbies

The time line that we will follow for the election process is :

- Call for nominations Monday 18th February 2019
- Nomination forms must be lodged by 4.00pm Monday 25th February 2019
- Nomination forms available through the Tambo Campus office

Robert Boucher

Drought response package to assist families in need

The Victorian Government has announced a one-off commitment of \$2.2 million to help families in the drought affected local government areas of Wellington and East Gippsland with the cost of uniforms, shoes and other school items.

This support is being made available through State Schools' Relief (SSR), which has been providing assistance with uniforms to government school students since 1931.

Families can choose **one** of the following three packages for **each child** at this school:

Package 1: uniform package **OR**

Package 2: reduced uniform package plus textbooks voucher to the value of \$100 **OR**

Package 3: limited uniform package plus textbooks voucher to the value of \$200.

INFORMATION PACKS WERE SENT HOME TO FAMILIES AT THE END OF 2018. PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

New Staff

Welcome to our new staff for 2019: Mrs Braybrook, Mr Blanche, Miss Still, Mr Azad and Miss Bradbury have all had a flying start to the year.

VET TAFE Students

Friday February 8th VET TAFE courses begin at Bairnsdale. The Dyson bus leaves Omeo at 6.30am, Swifts Creek at 7am and returns to Swifts Creek at 5.30pm and Omeo at 6pm. Bus drivers will have a list of students attending TAFE. No bus fare is required.

VCE Camp to Melbourne

VCE students received their permission forms yesterday. They are to be returned by Monday 11th along with payment. A reminder if you have the Drought Relief funding this can be put towards camp.

Swimming Sports

All students from Flagstaff and Tambo will be able to compete or join in activities in the pool on the day of the Swimming Sports February 20th. All student should bring their swimming attire on that day and every day until then as we will try and have practice days leading up to the sports. Parents are warmly welcomed to attend on the day. Times of key events will be sent home soon.

Reading Circle

Featuring stories by our special reader

Annika Fitzpatrick

Morning Tea Provided - Everyone Welcome - For pre-school families

Swifts Creek P-12 School Library—Flagstaff Campus

Time: 10.00 -10.30A.M.

When: Tuesday 12th February 2019

Contact person:
Rowena Turner - 5159 4323
Swifts Creek P-12 School
Flagstaff Campus- 5159 4267



READING CIRCLES 2019

Reading Circles will be held each month at the Swifts Creek P – 12 School – Flagstaff Campus library.

If you are a parent, grandparent or friend of a child aged from 0 to 6 years, then come along and join in the fun. Morning tea is provided.

The Reading Circle dates for term 1 are:

- Tuesday 12th February - 10.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 12th March - 10.00 a.m.

For more information ph:

Rowena Turner SAH Co-ordinator Ph 51594323.

Reading Tips

SIMPLE STRATEGIES FOR CREATING STRONG READERS

Without doubt, reading with children spells success for early literacy. Putting a few simple strategies into action will make a significant difference in helping your child develop into a good reader and writer.

- Make a special time together for reading every day
- Have a reading place where it is quiet and away from distractions, like the TV or other people in the family
- When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help your child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word he or she says is the word he or she sees.
- Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.

Omeo Benambra Football Netball Club

- Junior Football Training begins this Thursday 7th of February at 4.30pm. All Welcome to come and meet your 2019 coaches, Jai Hayward and Cameron Roberts.
- Junior Netball 5pm every Thursday until further notice,
- B Grade and A Grade Netball 5.30pm every Thursday until further notice.



SCHOOLS AS HUBS

Rhyme Time

With Tracy Killeen.

Tracy has had a long career in the Australian Country Music Industry, has worked in child care and as a nanny for 17 years. She has also done jazz ballet for eight years.

Join in with Tracy for a fun, interactive music session aiding and enhancing development in your child.

All Pre-School families including babies are invited to come along.

Sessions are no cost.

Swifts Creek School Flagstaff Campus Library – 10.30 – 11.00 a.m.

Dates for Term One are:

- **Thursday 14th February (Please note 2nd Thursday of the month not last.)**
 - **Thursday 28th March**

Phone Rowena Turner, Schools as Hubs Coordinator High Country

Ph: 51594323

Uniting



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:
school camps or trips
swimming and school-organised sport programs
outdoor education programs
excursions and incursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.
Applications for 2019 are now open and will close on 28 June 2019 (end of term 2).

Drought assistance payment available - apply now

As part of the Victorian Government's drought assistance package, all Swifts Creek P-12 School students are eligible for a drought assistance payment through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

This includes parents and independent students that do not hold a means-tested concession card, but are experiencing financial hardship as a result of drought conditions. Families who receive the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible. A 'one off' amount of \$375 per student will be paid to the school to be used towards educational expenses for the direct benefit of your child.

How to apply

Complete a CSEF drought package application form and return it to the school office.

Financial help with student transport (conveyance allowance)

Families in rural and regional Victoria can get help with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest school or campus. This is known as the conveyance allowance.

The conveyance allowance is available to students travelling by:

- public transport
- private car
- private bus
- or to students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

The conveyance allowance is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school.

Students attending a school must:

attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible

be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary

reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended

be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Children being children accidents do happen and parents are too often surprised to learn just how little cover, if any, their children have when they suffer injuries either in or outside school hours.

Unfortunately severe injuries can place parents and guardians under severe financial pressure.

StudentCover accident insurance was developed to give parents and guardians a helping hand when they need it the most, at a very affordable price.

The annual cost of a StudentCover policy is just \$29.00.

The cover provides protection for your children 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world* whether they are at school at the time of the accident or not, and includes almost every sport*. (**some conditions apply*)

Some of the features include (for more detail refer the Schedule of Benefits on reverse):

- Compensation of \$500,000 for major injuries such as paraplegia and quadriplegia;
- Compensation for other major injuries such as loss of sight or loss of use of a limb and death;
- Compensation for common injuries included such as broken bones, fractures, dislocations or loss of teeth;
- Fee relief following the death of a parent or guardian; and
- Help with student tutoring expenses as a result of total disablement, to ensure a child's education suffers the least possible disruption.

How to apply

StudentCover is only available online – making it quick and easy to protect your child or children.

Payment can be made by credit card at the time of application, or by BPay once you receive your invoice.

To apply online simply go to www.studentcover.com.au and click APPLY NOW.

With a new school year now upon us, we trust you will see the value in taking up this offer and in doing so enjoy just a little more peace of mind when protecting your children.

Kind regards

Jonnine Gould Cert III (Broking)
PersonalCover Division Manager

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Saturday 2nd March Omeo Rec Reserve

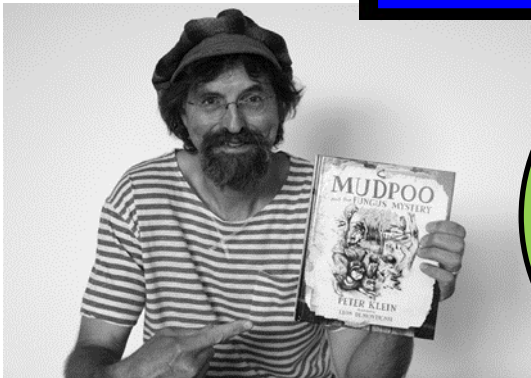
From 2pm til late

FREE ENTRY!!!

**Yummy Food
Vans**



**Wild Action with
Chris Humfrey**



**CAPTAIN PETE AND
ROWAN BROWN BAND
PRESENT 'MUDPOO
AND THE FUNGUS
MYSTERY'**

**Jumping castle
and face painting**

For the adults.....

- ➡ DJ Steve Bowen as MC ➡ Iain Archibald Band
- ➡ Danny Phegan and Longreach Band ➡ Trent Bell Duo

AND JIMEOIN!!

**No BYO
BYO Chair or picnic blanket**

