



Swifts Creek

P-12 SCHOOL

Courage, Joy, Kindness

NEWSLETTER

September 8th 2021 - Week 9 Term 3

Important Information

Students in Years Prep, 1 and 2, and Year 12, will return to school for classroom learning on Friday September 10. All other year levels will continue learning from home.

Onsite supervision will continue to be available at Tambo campus for vulnerable children and children of essential workers.

Please remember that everyone is required to wear a face mask at school.

Note: Devices such as laptops and dongles which have been sent home to support remote learning should be kept at home even when students return, until we have a more stable COVID situation.

Principal's Message

As we are all aware we are in one of the most enjoyable seasons of the year. Each Spring we get to look forward to the new growth, the warmer days and the joy of shifting to the changes not just in nature but with each of our students as they head towards the milestone of another year completed, and prepare to transition to the next phase of their educational journey.

The current strategy of our government when dealing with COVID is to ensure we have high vaccination rates. I do appreciate the prompt response last week from parents and students to the offer of vaccination by ODH at the school. Thanks. If you did miss that opportunity and would like to take it up, please let me know so I can see if there is wiggle room to add names to the list.

Currently our learning from home work is traveling okay. Again, thank you to the parents and students who have been providing feedback so we can tweak the process. When we are made aware of issues we can make the response one that improves what is going on for everyone.

If you are into data it is important that you do not lose sight of there being only 7 more school days until Term 3 is over. We can then look forward to a break from the learning that we have been experiencing.

It is not only helpful but fair for contact to be reasonable between home and school, and we are working hard to get this just right. Please as parents be aware that teachers love their work but are not on call 24 hours a day so please contact them during the working day as that helps everyone and respects what we are all managing in these complex times.

As we are aware the Department loves data. Parents have all been emailed with the link and personal PIN for the 2021 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey. Please set aside some time to complete this. If you need assistance accessing the survey please ring the office and we will help, as we would love to have input from all families.

Robert Boucher

COVID vaccinations

We are fortunate that our students and community have some options for COVID vaccinations.

Please see the notice from the Swifts Creek Bush Nursing Centre (below) calling for Expressions of Interest.

We have already called for Expressions of Interest for the opportunity to be vaccinated at school by ODH staff in the last week of term. If you missed this, please contact us, but note that we can't guarantee access to this opportunity at this stage.

Please also look at the following notice about COVID-19 Vaccine Counselling Clinics to be held ODH Medical Centre on September 11th.

Expressions of Interest for Pfizer vaccine for 16 to 39 year olds.

Please ring Swifts Creek Bush Nursing Centre
on 5159 4210

Looking at vaccinating on the 9th and 10th September.



COVID-19 Vaccine Counselling Clinics

Saturday 11th September 2021, 12pm - 4pm

At the Omeo District Health Medical Centre

Have questions or concerns about the COVID-19 vaccination?

Omeo District Health are offering **FREE** 15 minute consultations with one of our visiting COVID-19 specialists to help address any concerns you might have about getting vaccinated.

Consultations will be held at Omeo District Health Medical Centre via telehealth video conferencing.

This service is available for anyone who is thinking about having, or waiting to have their COVID-19 vaccine. Persons who have already received their vaccination are also eligible for this service. Priority will be given to those have not yet been vaccinated.

Our Visiting Specialists:



Associate Professor Dr Pravin Hissaria - Medical Director, COVID Vaccines Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Dr Hissaria is the Medical Director and lead for COVID vaccination at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. He has received numerous health research grants and is Head of the Translational Clinical Research Laboratory in the Division of Human Immunology at the Institute of Medicine and Veterinary Sciences. Pravin has published his research on COVID-19 vaccines in the *Journal of Clinical Immunology* (the highest journal in this discipline).



Dr Adriana Le - Clinical Immunologist/Allergist

Dr Le graduated from the University of Adelaide in 2009 and achieved her Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 2018. In 2019 Dr Le became a part-time consultant in Clinical Immunology/Allergy at the Royal Adelaide Hospital after achieving specialist recognition as an immunologist and allergist. Dr Le has received a number of prestigious awards in her discipline and continues to be one of the leading (yet youngest) researchers in the field of immunology.

Make an Appointment Today.

Contact: Omeo District Health Medical Centre, Phone: 5159 0140