

NEWSLETTER

April 28th 2021- Week 2 Term 2

Whole School Dates to Remember

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

4th May - Whole School Assembly Hosted by Year 2/3/4

4th May - School Council Meeting

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

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

As some of you may be aware the state government is in the process of changing the Later Years pathway options for students. In 2025 the VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) will no longer exist. The learning intention and outcomes that this certificate achieves will be met through a revised VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education).

2025 is many years away. However, I mention it now for three reasons:

1. Change is the only constant so when we plan for change we can better meet future aspirations.
2. Although the final transition away from VCAL is not until 2025, some elements of the Later Years pathway will begin to be changed from 2022. Those students who this will impact - which is basically those currently in Year 10 and below - need to be aware that the change is coming. The best way to take advantage of this is to learn as much as possible so you have the ability to choose within the new certificate the pathway that will be most purposeful for you.
3. Employers, universities, etc, want skilled workers and learners, so students need be aware of what direction they may be interested in once they leave school. Being aware that the final step will change is going to be helpful in those preparations.

The Department will be providing greater detail about this significant change in the coming weeks. In the meantime, students may be hearing that this change is coming, so I thought a brief mention would allow students and parents to be confident that when we do see this state-wide change, we will be well prepared for it and our students will be looked after.

As we are all aware NAPLAN (the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is back, but as usual only students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are lucky enough to be sitting it. This is a great opportunity for students to show their best self and practise the skill of formal assessment.

Habits formed during your younger years are habits that stay with you for life. If we can help all of our students develop good habits then they will be set up for success well into their future beyond their formative years at school. It is easiest to do with when home and school work together in a positive manner.

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This evening we will be hosting a chat with Dan Petro. We know from previous sessions that we have had with him parents have found him to be a very worthwhile speaker. Please link in or join us at school for a 6.30pm start.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82200993901?pwd=YzVPaWVGblZtbnpMN2FVZjlHM1lnZz09>

Meeting ID: 822 0099 3901

Passcode: 788226

Robert Boucher



Year 9 NAPLAN certificates of achievement

A new feature of the NAPLAN assessment is being launched this year, with the award of Year 9 Certificates of Achievement. The new certificates aim to celebrate and recognise the importance of both excellence and learning growth.

Beginning in 2021, Year 9 students who achieve outstanding results or who significantly improve their results in NAPLAN tests will receive a NAPLAN Certificate of Achievement.

The certificates will be awarded for two categories of achievement:

* Category one: the achievement of excellence through getting a result in the top band for reading or numeracy, or both.

* Category two: the achievement of outstanding learning growth through improve by two or more bands between the NAPLAN Year 7 and Year 9 tests for reading or numeracy, or both.

Reading Circles-Term 2-2021

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 2 are: National Simultaneous Story time –Tuesday 25th May -10.00 a.m. (More details to come later) Tuesday 15th June –10.00 a.m.

For more information ph: Rowena Turner SAH Co-ordinator Ph 51594323.

Reading Tips

- Find opportunities to help your child develop vocabulary, knowledge of the world, and comprehension.
- Talk about new words that your child has read or heard. Ask them to make up sentences with the new words.
- Help your child use the dictionary or thesaurus to check on the meanings of new words they read or hear.

Reading is a gateway to future success...in school and in life.

Yay Baby! Mother's Day stall is back.

Greetings all young shopaholics, - do we have some bargains for you!

Mum is going to love the gifts coming home this year.

We have mugs, scarves, pretty trinkets and so much more.

Remember this date – **Friday 7th May**. This is the day you need to bring your money.

Gifts are between \$1-\$6. So affordable.

Remember to ask dad to hand over the money Friday 7th May.

Phone books

We are closer to starting production on the new phonebooks.

Thank you to all those who updated their details.

We have collected the amendment sheets from the post offices but you still have time to put your amendments in.

Email Kathleen.Gallagher@education.vic.gov.au

We will accept updates until next week Friday 7th May.

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.



Primary East Gippsland Cross-Country

On Monday 26th of April, we had three students represent Swifts Creek at the Primary Division Cross-Country Championships. Testing their endurance, these athletic students had to make their way around the 2km and 3km track at Nagle College against other students from the East Gippsland district. They gave it their all and made everyone here at Swifts Creek proud! Well done, Aiden Fulton -Hughes, Xavier Newton and Seth Mills.

