



Swifts Creek

P-12 SCHOOL

Courage, Joy, Kindness

NEWSLETTER

July 28th 2021 - Week 3 Term 3

Whole School Dates to Remember

5th Aug - Snow Program day 1 TBC

13th Aug - Snow Program day 2 TBC

17th Aug - Snow Program day 3 TBC

23rd Aug - Snow Program day 4 TBC

23rd-27th Aug - Book Week

27th Aug - Pupil Free Day TBC

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

12th Aug - GAT for Year 12

18th Aug - East Gippsland Athletics

Principal's Message

Thank you to those parents that were able to so quickly and easily switch to this latest period of learning from home. It does appear that until we have a high level of the population with full vaccination we will continue to have periods of time when the government will lock down the community to stop the spread. So please consider what you may be able to do.

As we anticipate further lockdown at some stage I am interested to know what we could be doing differently to help with the learning to be as effective as possible. If you have thoughts around this please get in contact to share your thinking so we can be the best we can be.

The rules that we are operating under at present do require all students over 12 to be wearing mask at all times. Cooperation with this is appreciated. The restrictions around activities with other schools may change in two weeks' time. So we will be waiting on further advice regarding a new date for the Athletics events. The same applies with the snow program. For our senior students we are optimistic that the timing of the Formal will be when restriction have changed significantly so we are planning for that event to proceed but of course planning is no guarantee.

We are also working on new dates for the VCAL camp and the Years 8 and 9 camp. This week we will have the calves arrive at school for the Year 8 students to look after as part of the Cows Create Careers program.

I am well aware that our senior students having their final years of schooling being impacted by COVID is not what they want. The VCAA has made it clear to all schools that they will not be modifying the course content as they did last year. At this stage we have had no indication that the end of year exam timetable will change for students. We do know that the same process where Consideration of Disadvantage will be applied to support our Year 12 VCE students who are looking for a placement at University. The GAT has also been rescheduled to the 12th of August.

If people are coming on to the school site and they are not part of the work force, or students, they need to sign in using the QR code. Your cooperation with this is very much appreciated.

The DET emphasises that the most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.

So please, make sure that older students have a mask to wear and understand its importance, and please keep students home if they are unwell.

It's great that we are all back at school from today. Schools are definitely happier places when they are full of people learning together.

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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.

Book Fair and Book Week Character Parade

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.

Reading Tips

Use Words to Teach Words

Families can help develop word knowledge through simple conversations focused on words.

For Example: Multiple meanings

Many words have more than one meaning. While sitting at the dinner table, choose a word and brainstorm as many meanings and uses for the word as you can think of. Some words to start with: spring, frame, check, light.

CBCA BOOK WEEK

OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS

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