



Swifts Creek

P-12 SCHOOL

Courage, Joy, Kindness

NEWSLETTER

June 17th 2020 - Week 10 Term 2

Whole School Dates to Remember

Jun 17th - Lauren Short in attendance

Jun 19th - **Pupil Free Day - Report writing**

Jun 24th - Lauren Short in attendance

Jun 26th - P-6 Reports taken home by students

Jun 26th - 7-10 Reports posted home

Jun 26th - **Last day Term 2 - 2.30pm finish**

Jul 13th - First day Term 3

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

July 22nd - Parent Teacher interviews

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

July 15th - Parent Teacher interviews

Principal's Message

A good citizen can be defined in many ways. A good citizen contributes to their community given their capacity and ambition for the community they live in. A good citizen is not born, they are made, one could argue.

What role a school plays in this is open to some debate. However, we have a democratically elected government which does set some direction for the Department of Education which then puts in place policy that enables schools to complete the vision of the political leaders. Hence the variation over time with what schools may be asked to do. So if schools can work with families to ensure that all students are literate and numerate then we would be making some good steps towards making a good citizen. If we can actively teach values that help a young person decide who they are and what is important to them then that too may help in the building of a good citizen.

For any society to function we do need a sense of cooperation and collaboration to exist between the individuals within it. This level of cooperation then determines what a community may be capable of achieving. If we think about some of the simple things that schools ask of students, when it is viewed in this context, then we can better see how we can develop in each individual a capacity for following reasonable rules, even following instructions. Without this we would not have a citizen who was productive or in employment for very long.

So little things like punctuality, language and uniform do matter. When we help all students develop the necessary skills this sets them up for a life full of enjoyment, choices and great opportunities.

A letter will be coming home this week for students in Years 2 to 10 regarding some subject choices for next semester. Please keep an eye out for this in your child's bag.

Parents contacting staff during the working day helps everyone. At times you may have an urgent matter that you would like to discuss with your child's teacher. Please do so during the school day. A teacher is not on duty 24 hours a day. We do check the answering machine at the Flagstaff office on a regular basis throughout the day.

Robert Boucher

Snowsports Program 2020

As you are aware we are currently operating under restrictions from the Department of Education around excursions and camps due to the Covid-19 situation. Additional advice from Mt Hotham is indicating that while they intend to open for a ski season in 2020 there will be considerable restrictions in force due to Covid-19 and they currently foresee being able to operate at around 50% of regular capacity.

Hotham's currently advised restrictions include things around resort entry being strictly limited to pre-registered customers, with preferential bookings for multiple day passes, limited group gatherings, enforced social distancing in lift queues and on chair lifts, restricted access to indoor areas, and as yet unclear information around ski schools.

Based on this information at this stage it unfortunately appears unlikely we will be able to offer a viable snowsports program this year. We will however continue to monitor the situation and if there is sufficient easing of restrictions within a suitable timeframe a limited program may still be offered.

We realise that many students and families greatly value the opportunity to access the snowfields afforded by our snowsports program and would hope that a more regular program will again be available in future years.

John O'Neill
Snowsport Coordinator



Through the work of Operation Angel, a not for profit humanitarian group founded by Jacqueline Pascarl, the Omeo Region has been gifted Naot shoes to be shared post fire 2019-20.

With the help of Graham & Ronda from the Omeo CFA all Tambo students were able to take advantage of this very kind offer.

From the staff and students of Swifts Creek P-12 School, thank you to Operation Angel and Naot for your generosity . It is much appreciated.

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

As reported in previous newsletters, reports this semester will be a little different, in line with the Department of Education's guidelines. They will report on student achievements in all subject areas but will be briefer than usual. So this semester especially we urge parents to attend Parent -Teacher interviews for a full discussion of all aspects of your child's learning journey.

Flagstaff students will bring their reports home from school on the last day of this term. Parent - Teacher interviews will then be held in the first week of Term 3 (Wednesday July 15th). Please return your form requesting an interview appointment as soon as possible so that we can process these.

For students in Years 7 to 10, and VCAL, reports will be posted home at the end of term. Parent -Teacher interviews for Tambo students will be held in Week 2 of Term 3 (Wednesday July 22nd). Reports for students in VCE will be completed at the start of Term 3 ready to be handed to parents at these interviews.