



NEWSLETTER

March 10th 2021- Week 7 Term 1

Whole School Dates to Remember

- March 24th & 25th**—Travelling Careers Roadshow
- March 16th Tuesday** —Whole School Assembly hosted by Year 8
- March 30th Tuesday** —Whole School Assembly hosted by Years 2/3/4
- March 31st Wednesday** —Parent Teacher Interviews

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

- March 10th—12th**—VCE Orientation Camp
- March 17th Wednesday** —Years 7 & 10 Immunisations

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

- March 11th Thursday** —Bookclub is due back
- March 30th Tuesday**—Bug Blitz

Immunisations

Students in Years 7 and 10 will be bringing home consent forms for their participation in the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Students in Year 7 are due for their HPV vaccine and their Diphtheria – tetanus – whooping cough booster vaccine. Students in Year 10 are due for their Meningococcal ACWY vaccine. Students must return their signed immunisation card if they are to be immunised. If you would like to know more about these vaccines, please ring the East Gippsland Shire Immunisation Program on 5153 9500.

Whole School Assembly

We are delighted to be able to hold Whole School Assemblies again. These are held at the Tambo campus amphitheatre on alternate Tuesdays starting just after 9am, when the Flagstaff students arrive. Each assembly is hosted by a different year level who will run the event, share some of their learning stories, and select a guest speaker. Which year level is hosting for the coming assembly is published in the newsletter. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

For our first assembly this year, Year 9 invited Leading Senior Sergeant Di Bloom to speak with us. Di shared the story of her career, and how excited she is to now be policing in our community.



Reading & Sleeping Tips



PARENT TIPS

- We all know that good sleep habits are important for children. Children aged five to 12 need 10 hours of sleep. At the same time, there is an increasing demand on their time from school (e.g., homework), sports and other extracurricular and social activities.
- In addition, school aged children become more interested in TV, computers, the media and Internet as well as caffeine products – all of which can lead to difficulty falling asleep, nightmares and disruptions to their sleep.
- In particular, watching TV close to bedtime has been associated with bedtime resistance, difficulty falling asleep, anxiety around sleep and sleeping fewer hours.

SSV East Gippsland Division Swimming Championships

Last Thursday 14 of Swifts Creeks strongest swimmers took their talents to Orbost to compete at the Divisional level. The sunshine came out for a beautiful day at the pool and there was an electric atmosphere with students from across East Gippsland pumped for the event. We had some fantastic results from the day with plenty of ribbons going around. Some highlights from the day include watching all three of our relay teams: the 4x50m Open women's Medley Relay and both the men's and women's 4x50m Freestyle Open relays come home with huge victories! Please congratulate all of our students on their fantastic efforts competing. They made all of us at Swifts Creek P-12 School proud! We also want to congratulate Ruby, LilyRose, Josephine and Robert on qualifying for the next level in Sale. We wish you all the best!



Victorian Coding Challenge – State Champions, 2020

During the midst of the second lockdown last year the Mathematical Association of Victoria (MAV) and Digital Learning Technologies Victoria (DLTV) announced they were offering a computer coding competition for students in Years 5 to 10 across the state, the first Victorian Coding Challenge (VCC). The competition would run over a couple of months during Semester 2.

Swifts Creek P-12 School had four students opt to take part – Keren Collins from Year 10, and Kejie Collins, Kaden Lavery, and Henry Smith from Year 7. There were two key components to the VCC. Firstly, completing a series of online learning modules on coding, and then students had the option to form a team to enter a state-wide coding competition responding to a challenge.

Kejie and Kaden formed a team to take part in the Year 7/8 competition. As Keren needed another student to form a team for the Year 9/10 competition, Henry volunteered to go up a level and act as her assistant.

With over 3,000 highly capable students taking part across the state, there was fierce competition. The final results for the competition were released on the last day of school last year.

In response to the Year 7/8 prompt to develop a chatbot to provide recommendations to the user, Kejie and Kaden developed a program that utilised user input to recommend an ideal pet for them. In a challenging contest their program met the design requirements, but did not ultimately gain a place in the top three.

The Year 9/10 competition brief was to create a program to extract information from Wikipedia to identify details such as the profession and age of a given sportsperson, politician or scientist, and then generate a poem or quiz about the given person or people. Students also had to produce a video explaining their entry. Keren and Henry's entry extracted and presented the required information and then generated a quiz for users.

Of the winners of the competition, the judges stated "These students produced work that was way above our expectations. What incredible minds are out there!". Regarding the Year 9/10 level they said "we had a difficult challenge to choose three winning entries, with several others very close to the podium. This year, we decided to split the First Place award three ways, rather than award Second and Third Place awards".

We were thrilled to discover that Keren and Henry's entry was judged as equal best in the state, along with entries from the select entry Melbourne High School, and Brunswick Secondary College. In relation to Keren and Henry's entry the judges said "... this project stood out due to its dynamically generated data sources and legacy score-keeping."

A big congratulations to both students for this great result, with Keren as team leader and Henry providing good support. As an added achievement we were in fact the only school to gain a place or special mention in any age group that came from outside metropolitan Melbourne. Well done also to Kejie and Kaden for their efforts in working through the project and creating a solid solution. All students were wonderful representatives for the school and good examples for others.

John O'Neill, Challenge Coordinator



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Please type 'd' to run in default mode, 'a' in advanced.
(Default mode recognises the occupations of scientist, politician and sportsperson, where a
advanced recognises the additional occupations of performing artist, artist and writer.)

:d
Apologies, this may take a moment.
Re-setting keyword file . . . . .

Please enter 'q' to run a quiz, 's' to search fact files on famous people (Enter 'c' to can
cel).
:s

Enter the name of a (famous) person (Enter 'c' to cancel).
:serena williams

Here are the top results for your search.

Please enter the number that corresponds with the correct one. Enter 0 to cancel.
1: Serena Williams
2: Williams sisters
3: Venus Williams
4: Serena Williams career statistics
5: Williams sisters rivalry
6: Maria Sharapova
7: Naomi Osaka
8: Serena
9: List of career achievements by Serena Williams
:1

Name: Serena Williams
Occupation: sportsperson
Gender: female
Age: 39
Status: Alive
Nationality: American

Enter the name of a (famous) person (Enter 'c' to cancel).
:c

Would you like to continue with the program? (Otherwise the program will end here.)
:y

Please enter 'q' to run a quiz, 's' to search fact files on famous people (Enter 'c' to can
cel).
:q

Would you like to choose your own subjects?
:n

These are the three famous people the quiz will be on:
1.Usain Bolt
2.Adolf Hitler
3.Shinya Yamanaka
Generating Quiz....

Please enter your initials (Three letters)
:NSA
Welcome to the quiz for the first time!

Shinya Yamanaka was born in what century? (Enter a number in digit form)
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(Caption) Part of the winning program in operation.

8-10 Outdoor Pathways Hiking Trips

Over the past four weeks our outdoor pathways students have been getting close and personal with the great outdoors experiencing one of the most accessible activities, hiking! Students were able to practice their hiking skills on shorter trips in Cassilis, Bentley Plains and Omeo before conquering a huge 14km hike in Dinner Plain last Friday. Each student should be commended for showing their grit and resilience in completing these hikes. Hiking is a fantastic way to get some fresh air and also take in some of the most beautiful views in our gorgeous countryside. Our region is home to some of the most epic hiking trails, not just in our country, but around the world with the 6000km Bicentennial National Trail (Queensland to Healesville) as well as the Alpine Walking Track (Canberra to Walhalla) just a short drive away.



Cassilis Historic Area, Cassilis – students completed a 4km practice



Oriental Claims, Omeo – Students completed a 7km practice hike to the Pioneer Hill lookout.



Precipice Point Lookout on our 14km hike from Dinner Plain.



Precipice Point Lookout on our 14km hike from Dinner Plain.



Precipice Point Lookout on our 14km hike from Dinner

International Food—Yrs 8,9,10 Pathways Subject

This week the students explored some Swiss recipes which all tasted delicious. Thank you to Ashlin and her dad for supplying the recipes and to Ms Naphine for coming along to taste test the delights. All the students loved the Pfeffernusse, Rosti and Chicken Strudel. They voted for the Chicken Strudel to be included in this week's newsletter so here it is for you to try at home. Enjoy!

Chicken Strudel

Ingredients

1 cooked chicken medium (or 2 cooked chicken breasts)
45 g butter
4 spring onion chopped
4 bacon rashers chopped
2 1/2 tbs plain flour
1 cup milk
1/4 cup sour cream
250 g mushrooms sliced
375 g filo pastry sheets or 2 sheets of puff pastry
1/4 cup oil

Method

Remove meat from chicken, chop roughly.

Melt butter in pan, add spring onions and bacon, cook, stirring until bacon is soft.

Add flour, stir until smooth, cook 1 minute. Gradually stir in milk, stir over heat until mixture boils and thickens, stir in sour cream, mushrooms and chicken. Cool.

Lay 8 sheets of filo pastry on top of each other, brushing between layers with oil.

Spoon half the filling mixture down long edge of pastry, leaving about 5 cm at each end.

Roll up tightly to enclose filling, tuck ends under as you are rolling up pastry.

Place on greased oven tray, brush with oil.

Repeat with remaining pastry and filling.

Bake at 180C for about 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve hot.

