



Swifts Creek

P-12 SCHOOL

Courage, Joy, Kindness

NEWSLETTER

September 1st 2021 - Week 8 Term 3

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

3rd Sept - Senior Years Formal—Postponed to 8th October
15th—17th Sept - Summit Camp if permitted

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

Whole School Dates to Remember

Sept 17th - End of Term 3
Oct 4th - Term 4 begins

Principal's Message

Looking after yourself during a period of learning from home is complex as a student. Being a parent living in a world pandemic is just as complex. So it is important that the thinking that we engage in is the thinking that helps us enjoy where we live and what we do, and the challenges that daily life presents.

When we have a change in the rules under which we are operating we will convey them to you as quickly as possible. As you would be aware from the media the state government is keen for all children 12 years and older to be vaccinated. To assist with this ODH have offered to administer the vaccine on site. Thank you to those people who were able to respond to the short timelines so we could act on this generous offer.

While we are learning in the manner that we currently are, it is helpful to keep an eye on the main prize: that main prize being a future in which you get to spend the day doing what you would like to be doing. As long-term readers of the newsletter you will know education is the golden ticket. It gives you the opportunity to do what you want later in life. The complexity of eating an elephant is best done one mouthful at a time and the same can be said for completing thirteen years of formal education. Completing one task at a time, then the next, then the next, allows each student to get through the work as well as building the thinking needed for the post-school world that all students will be moving to.

Pack returns for students at Flagstaff: it seems that some students are doing great work at home but they are just forgetting to return it for their teachers to view. Please use the bus to collect completed work, or drop it off at school when you pick up the next pack. Part of doing this is to make sure we are not ask too much or too little of students each day as they learn from home.

Robert Boucher

Doctors in Secondary Schools Program

As you know we have the privilege of being part of this program, which usually means we have a nurse and a doctor from Gippsland Lakes Complete Health at Tambo campus on Thursdays. While we are in lockdown the doctor and nurse can't come to our school, but they are still ready and willing to work with us. So, Tambo students, if you have any health concerns, please either let Ms Naphine know so she can organise a telehealth link with our doctor for you, or contact Gippsland Lakes Complete Health directly and let them know that you are a student at this school, and they will help you with an appointment.

Please just ring Ms Naphine and ask if you want further support or have any questions

Reading Tips – Reluctant Readers

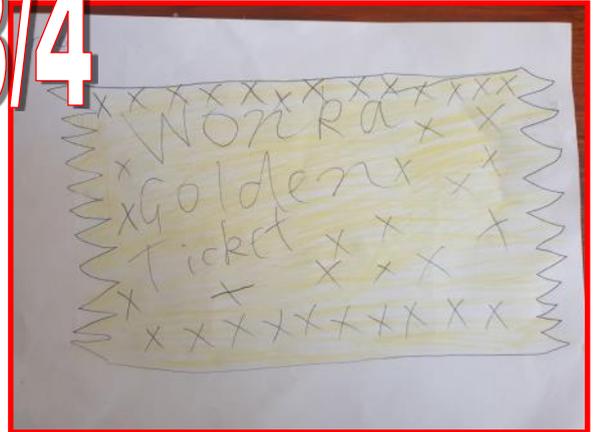
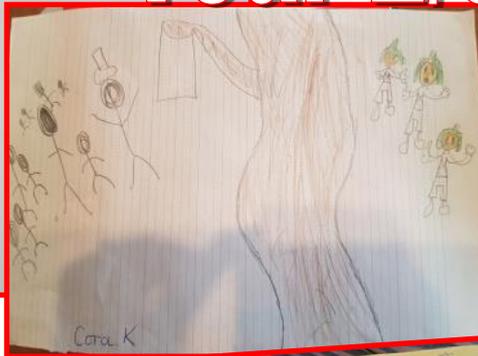
Try books that are about how your child would love to be.

Particularly, boys will read themselves into a book about a character who allows them to be who they'd like to be. Even books that seem like wild fantasies are about real stuff to boys who are struggling with similar issues.

The wild success of the Harry Potter series is a great example. Even though the books are **fantasy**, many boys can relate with Harry because he was struggling with the day-to-day problems of every young boy, how to make his way in the world.

Year 2/3/4 are reading the story 'Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory' every morning via Webex. As part of their daily learning they complete an activity in relation to the book. Below are some examples.

Year 2/3/4



High Country Athletics



Tambo Campus Athletics



Cows Create Careers



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.



Swifts Creek P-12 School Parents' Group

Father's Day Stall

Giddy students and Parents, due to the latest lockdown we will be unable to have our Father's Day stall on Friday September 3rd but I am hopeful we can still do this at a later date. We wouldn't want to disappoint the dads and the shoppers. Your children love to go shopping.

Phonebooks

A big thank you to the community for getting behind our phonebook fundraiser and purchasing our books. We still have some available so if your post office has run out, please ring or email me and we will find a way to get one to you.

rkgags@bigpond.com or 0427594431

Members

We really need more active members to continue Parents Group into 2022. As there are only a few of us, we don't have a packed fundraising schedule. Our fundraisers are usually the Tambo Valley Races, Local Phonebooks (every 2nd year), Mother's and Father's Day Stalls and Christmas raffle. We have minimal meetings and we are a very friendly group.

This year with the Race Club's permission we passed our catering job at the races to the Swifts Creek Football/ Netball club because frankly, we just couldn't manage it. Without more people willing to be involved we may not be able to do this fundraiser again.

We contribute to the school by purchasing items that directly help or improve the students' schooling. So please think about stepping up and being a contributor.

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

'I can be who I dream to be'

**Orbost and
Omeo Region
Parents and
Families**

Building equal and healthy futures for our children.

Monday 6th September, 5pm-6pm – Orbost Region

Tuesday 7th September, 7.30pm-8.30pm – Omeo Region

***Participants are welcome to attend either session no matter which region they are from.**

Join us for a FREE online workshop to learn practical ways to strengthen and support equal and healthy futures for your children.

Early childhood experiences have an important role in shaping our children's future. We want all children in the Orbost and Omeo regions to feel valued, heard and respected, and to have access to opportunities that support them to be who they want to be.

We expect people to treat each other as equals no matter their gender. Often people expect different things from boys and girls. Sometimes without even realising it we treat them differently - e.g. who they play with and what they play with. Freeing children from gendered based stereotypes and raising them as equals gives our children the opportunity to be who they dream to be.



Guest Speaker- Associate Professor Dr Kylie Smith

Dr Kylie Smith is an Associate Professor at the University of Melbourne's Melbourne Graduate School of Education. She has worked in long day care and preschool services and for the past 20 years exploring research, policy and practice that supports equitable and ethical teaching.

Register your interest:

Orbost Region- Kelli Evans, Health Promotion Worker, Orbost Regional Health on 51546622, Email: kelli.evans@orh.com.au

Omeo Region - Lou-anne Mooney, Health Promotion Worker, Omeo District Health on 51590100 Email: lou-anne.mooney@omeohs.com.au

Online - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PFKQ39H>

Supported by Orbost Act Local & the Omeo Region Prevention of Violence Working Group



Community and Staff Presentation

Teenage Skin - Challenges, Interventions and the Answer to Eternal Youth

5.30pm, Friday 3rd September 2021 on Zoom

Omeo District Health welcomes parents/guardians, young people, community, members of staff and board of directors to join us and ask questions.

To view from your personal device – personal computer, tablet or smartphone, use the following link to join:

<https://zoom.us/j/95073308218?pwd=THJkVWRmWUswTUloUTUvYUR1bjd3dz09>

Meeting ID: 950 7330 8218

Passcode: 718659

A recording will be made available. Community members interested in receiving a recording please leave your name and email with reception. We will also share the recording on our Facebook page following the presentation.



Guest Speaker:

Dr Emma Ryan –

Fellow of the Australasian College of Dermatologists.

Visiting specialist at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Women's and Children's Hospital and Alice Springs Hospital

About the Speaker:

Dr Emma Ryan has personal interests in eternal youth and professional interests in children and adolescent skin conditions and the improvement of wellbeing via skin management. Trained over many years by 3 closely associated teenagers/young adults and many other young people who have passed through and enriched her professional life.