



Swifts Creek
P-12 SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER

July 29th 2020 - Week 3 Term 3

Principal's Message

Thank you, parents, for your understanding about the cancellation of the Parent-Teacher interviews at the Tambo campus. We will be working through the requests for interviews as quickly as possible to make sure that the opportunity to support students in their learning journey is provided.

Last week, as you are all aware, there was a person who tested positive to COVID 19 in the Orbost community. This did raise some concerns for some members of our school community. We are fortunate as a school to be very well served by our DET Area office. We will be informed by them if we need to take action regarding any changes within our community that have been determined by DHHS. The same is true in the other direction as is it with every school around the state: that is, if we have a case of COVID 19 with our school community, they will work with us to take the necessary next actions to ensure that everyone's health is being prioritised, and a coordinated response is well managed for the best outcomes for all.

Our Year 10 students have started the process of subject selections for the 2021 school year. This is a very clear signal that we are commencing the work to set up the next school year. To help us with this process, please let the office staff or myself know if you have intentions of making any changes which would impact student enrolment for next year. We realise that these plans for changes may be tentative and may not proceed, but the sooner we know, the better we are able to plan for the different groups we will have in our school next year.

Finally, a reminder to look after everyone but not having sick or unwell students at school. The advice from the Department is very clear. This does not include siblings until there is medical advice to the contrary. So please, encourage good decision making so students' learning opportunities are maximised by having strong attendance, but doing so with due regard to their state of health. I understand that this does place an additional burden on families at a complex time, but this is necessary to help us all.

Robert Boucher

Mid-Year Reports for Distance Education Classes

Mid-Year Reports for VCE/VCAL students distributed last week did not contain reports from our distance education providers. I have now received Reports from the Victorian Virtual Learning Network (VVLN) for those subjects running through the VVLN. These will be distributed to students to take home today.

At this stage I have not been able to gain access to Virtual School Victoria (VSV) Reports, however some students have told me that they or their parents have been able to access these Reports themselves. Therefore, for those students studying a VSV subject, could you please follow this up individually and print a copy of this Report for your own records. If these Reports could also be shared with coordinators and support teachers that would also be appreciated.

John O'Neill
Later Years Coordinator



Through the work of Operation Angel, a not for profit humanitarian group founded by Jacqueline Pascal, the Omeo Region has been gifted ex-hire snow jackets and pants from ski hire operations at Mt Buller, 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 for your generosity. It is much appreciated.

Student enrolment information email

Parents will have received an automated email from the School regarding Student Enrolment Information. There is no need to sign and return these forms. Please email or call the school office with any relevant changes so we can ensure our data is up to date and correct

Book Club due back on Thursday please

Active Hotham X C skiing and Laser Biathlon Program

The East Gippsland Biathlon Club is looking to deliver an Active Hotham X C skiing and Laser Biathlon program over the winter as part of an Active Hotham Community Building and Bushfire Recovery program funded by the Australian Sports Foundation.

The program is aimed at helping keep local kids engaged in snow sports through X C skiing and Biathlon at Hotham. Weekly sessions will be delivered by experienced coaches Cameron, Damon and Darcie Morton; who are EGBC club coaches and have all competed internationally in Biathlon.

Sessions are available in both classic and skating techniques and for beginning, development and higher performance.

All participants need to be members of Biathlon East Australia and the East Gippsland Biathlon Club for insurance purposes. To support Hotham and local communities we have set up a BEA - Active Hotham membership. Click on Active Hotham to register participants for this membership. [Active Hotham](#) and then choose East Gippsland Biathlon Club. [Link- https://www.nswbiathlon.com.au/registration/87808/](https://www.nswbiathlon.com.au/registration/87808/)

EGBC has available a limited number of skating boots, skis and poles that can be used for free by participants. Otherwise if you need skis, Richard from Snow Monkey has indicated he will look to support the program as best he can.

Please see the following event to purchase tickets to register for the weekly sessions. [Event Link](#)
[Link- https://www.nswbiathlon.com.au/events/70743/](https://www.nswbiathlon.com.au/events/70743/)

For Bright, Harrietville, Omeo, Swifts Creek, Orbost, Mt Beauty and other locals who have been affected by recent bushfires and now Covid-19, please use the discount code ActiveHotham. The code is case sensitive. With the discount sessions are just \$5 for locals; which is an administration fee for EGBC.

Feel free to contact me directly to arrange a session time for your 'local' group each week and / or for further information on 0407 510 970.

Kind Regards

Cameron Morton

Year 8 Legal Studies – The Classroom Court

So far in Term 3 the Year 8 students have been covering legal studies as part of their Humanities, Civics and Citizenship unit.

Their hard work and studies of Australia's legal system came together in a very eventful mock trial.

The students worked on creating the premise and script for the trial, all while keeping their information and evidence from the opposing team. The Year 8s would like to give a big thank you to Mr Brasier for volunteering to be the magistrate of the classroom court. In the end the defendant was found guilty and sentenced accordingly.

Ms Braybrook

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