



Swifts Creek

P-12 SCHOOL

*Courage, Joy, Kindness*

## NEWSLETTER

5th October 2022 - Week 1 Term 4

### Whole School dates to remember:

**Wednesday 12th October**– School Photos

**Wednesday 12th October**– Parent Teacher Night

### Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

**Tuesday 10th October**– Prep Health check

**Monday 17th to Friday 21st October**— Yr5/6 Doxa Camp

### Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

**Friday 7th October**– Senior Formal

**Friday 14th October**– Yr7 2nd HPV Vaccine

**Friday 21st October**— Big Breakfast

### **Principal's Message.**

Welcome back to Term 4.

#### **COVID**

As we are well aware, the current government response to the COVID pandemic keeps changing. The advice from the DET is that we are operating for the first two weeks of this term on the same settings that we ended last term with. Then there will be a change given the announcements in the media with isolation periods changing. Once I am made aware of the changes I will be letting the rest of the school community know.

#### **Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones are great but are not to be with students during the school day. The Minister for Education has changed but there has not been a change in this legislation. Students who need to bring their phones to school are asked to put them in their allocated phone locker and collect them at the end of the day.

#### **Cybersecurity**

Cybersecurity has impacted many in Australia in recent weeks. Please be aware of the need to take care when sharing information and the need to have strong password protection.

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Next week we will be holding parent teacher interviews to assist students to be the best that they can be and set up Term 4 to be a great term of learning for all students. For Flagstaff students booking sheets will be sent home later this week. For parents of Tambo students, teachers will be available from 4 pm until 7 pm. Remember it is helpful if students attend along with parents so everyone is on the same page and strategies can be agreed upon. If you would like to use technology to conduct these chats please contact the relevant home group teacher.

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## 2023 Planning

If you have some changes planned for 2023 that may impact on our groups please let us know. At this stage we are still looking at recruiting the necessary workforce to ensure that we can deliver the best learning experience possible for all students next year.

## Collaborative practice

Term 4 is always a hectic one as we get ready to say goodbye to our Year 12 students and welcome in the next group of Prep students, and ensure every other group has a smooth transition between each year level. If there are challenges or issues that arise during this busy time please get in contact so we are able to sit down and have a conversation and find suitable solutions to ensure that every student does develop the skills and understanding to ensure that they have a great life beyond school.

Robert Boucher  
Principal



# Don't Forget!

## School Photos are on Wednesday 12th October .

## Please make sure all students are wearing school Uniform.

Please note that all photos are to be ordered online at [www.schoolpix.com.au](http://www.schoolpix.com.au). You will need to use the students individual 'Order Code' and 'Internet ID Number' to place your order. The Ordering Cards were handed out to students in Term 3.

**If you have lost this card, please call either the Flagstaff or Tambo office to request your individual codes.**



**S1 -22** SchoolPix THE WISE CHOICE 40th ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY

**PHOTOGRAPHY DAY IS COMING TO SWIFTS CREEK P-12 SCHOOL**

**STUDENT NAME**  
**YEAR LEVEL**

**ORDER NOW** at [www.schoolpix.com.au](http://www.schoolpix.com.au)

1. Visit **our website** and click **Order Online**.  
**ORDER NUMBER**   
**INTERNET ID NUMBER**
2. Use the **ORDER NUMBER** and **INTERNET ID** above and log in to:
  - View your photo date
  - View and order photo packages
  - Pre-order sibling photos
3. Order before photography day and receive a **FREE** print and bookmark, plus **FREE** delivery to your school!

Please note: There is no surcharge for paying online.   

**PayPal pay in 4 now available**

**NO CASH PAYMENTS**

**SIBLING PHOTOS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED ONLINE** or they may not be photographed on photo day.

Families with 3 or more children receive a 25% family discount\*.

\*For more information go to: [schoolpix.com.au/faq](http://schoolpix.com.au/faq)

\*Name not included

## VCAL Trip to Melbourne

On the second last week of Term 3 the VCAL group set off on their excellent adventure to Melbourne. We camped out at the Hotel Claremont in South Yarra for three nights. The main focus of our Melbourne Camp was to make industry contacts and attend guided tours of different facilities. The visits related to students career interests and possible career pathways. Our days were filled with many highlights. We attended a talk and tour at William Angliss Institute (Hospitality and Cabin Crew), The Melbourne Botanical Gardens (Landscaping, Horticulture, Kitchen Garden), William Adams CAT (Diesel Mechanic, Heavy Machinery Mechanic, Warehouse Logistics) the Melbourne Museum (Children's Gallery) and The Melbourne Cricket Ground. The Go-Kart racing was great and Brad Pitt was actually quite funny in the movie Bullet Train. A big thanks to Tiffany who offered to be part of our fantastic group.



## **If you go down to Swifts Creek at night, what will you see?**

Fluoro river critters glowing in the shop windows! The wildlife in our rivers comes alive at night (and looks great during the day too)

Created by Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Art Students at Swifts Creek P-12 School in a Regional Arts Victoria Creative Workers in Schools project with Tracey Johnson, with the support of the school and Michael Cawley, art teacher, the installation will be on show for the next month.

Corner of Great Alpine Road and Cassilis Road.

Also in the Gallery window you can see a flock of stunning wooden birds created by Years 4,5 and 6 with their teachers - fabulous work!

Student Voice for Recovery is a student-led bushfire recovery program delivered by Regional Arts Victoria in partnership with Department of Education and Training. Creative Workers are partnered with participating schools to work with students to design and deliver a creative project led by the students.



## Gippsland Tech School Visit

In the last week of Term 3 Mr McMullan arranged for the mobile unit of the Gippsland Technical School to come and run some Science practical sessions with our students using equipment we don't usually have available.

As the other year levels were out on camp and the VCE students were unable to do their planned session, Year 7 & 8 were fortunate to be able to spend three periods working on different topics.

Before lunch was a session on alternative energies. Firstly students built hydrogen fuel cells and split water into its component oxygen and hydrogen elements. They then used the hydrogen they had generated to power lights, fans, and even small cars, and looked at the science behind this alternative fuel where the exhaust fumes are nothing more than pure water vapour. Students then put on their engineer caps, and were tasked with building the most efficient wind turbine. Working by trial and error with the supplied components, the competing teams gradually quadrupled the power output of the turbines they built during the session.

After lunch the class reconvened and undertook a session on Sports Science. The activities students took part in included a gauge to measure vertical jump, and activities around reaction time, agility, and speed. Particularly impressive was Beau's vertical jump, which the instructors said put him up with the best performers for his age anywhere they've been, and some teachers even had a go at this activity. Students learnt of the massive role that science now plays in modern sports during this session, and how important this side of the industry has become.

Students involved found these fun and educational ways to learn about some different areas of science, and we look forward to the Gippsland Tech School returning later in the year to run some more sessions on other science topics.

John O'Neill,  
Yr8 Science Teacher



## Community Services Traineeship – Bairnsdale

- 24-month full time traineeship for person aged between 18-25
- Undertake a 'Certificate III in Community Services'
- Receive a weekly wage plus super and leave entitlements

Skillinvest has an opportunity for an enthusiastic and motivated candidate aged between 18-25 to undertake a 24-month full time Community Services Traineeship with Gippsland East LLEN. Our trainee will receive ongoing mentoring whilst learning on-the-job and undertaking a 'Certificate III in Community Services'.

This role works with key stakeholders to develop local activities that focus on including young people in bushfire preparedness, recovery, and resilience including bushfire recovery employment opportunities.

### Duties

- Participate and facilitate community engagement activities
- Assist with reporting requirements
- Support young people transition into employment, study etc.
- Assist young people to input into bushfire recovery project activities
- Participate in overall project evaluation
- General administrative tasks
- Other duties as required

### Requirements

- Understanding of community issues and related initiatives
- Experience utilising Microsoft Office Suite
- This role will require weekend and youth friendly hours
- Willingness to commit to work and study
- Current driver's licence and reliable transport
- Willing to obtain a Police Check and/or Working with Children Check
- This is a special measures role, to be eligible you must be aged between 18-25
- Evidence of COVID 19 certificates may be required

### Why Skillinvest?

- Earn a weekly wage including superannuation and leave entitlements
- Receive ongoing support from your dedicated Apprenticeship Consultant
- Undertake a nationally recognised and accredited qualification

For more information contact Howard Stobo on 1300 135 008 for a confidential discussion.

**To be considered, candidates must be eligible to work in Australia.**

*Filling these positions is intended to constitute a special measure under s 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).*

**SEEK Short Summary – 150 characters** Do you have a passion for community services? Kickstart your career with a traineeship where you will learn on the job and gain valuable skills!

Spin your way to glory!

# 24 HOUR SPINATHON

**BE PART OF THE YEAR'S BIGGEST  
SPIN EVENT!**

Friday November 18th - 1pm

GET YOUR CREW TOGETHER AND SIGN UP AS A TEAM OR SIGN UP AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND LET US PUT YOU IN A TEAM!  
THE GOAL IS SIMPLE: WORK TOGETHER AND RIDE AS FAR AS YOU CAN IN 24 HOURS.

TEAM ENTRY (6-12 MEMBERS): \$200

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY: \$20

GVBR PARTICIPANTS: FREE

PRIZES // FOOD // MUSIC // GOOD VIBES

REGISTER TODAY VIA THE QR CODE BELOW



ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS STUDENT  
GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE FEES



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# SOCIAL

# ULTIMATE

# FRISBEE

**6PM THURSDAYS**

NO EXPERIENCE  
NECESSARY

15+

ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED FOR YOUNGER

ALL WELCOME

**GOLD COIN DONATION**

SWIFTS CREEK REC RESERVE

- 6TH OCTOBER
- 13TH OCTOBER

CALL OR TEXT ZACH FOR MORE INFORMATION: 0490 334 741



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# Weekly Spin Sessions

	Morning	Evening
Monday	8am	3:45pm 4:30pm
Tuesday	8am	3:45pm 4:30pm
Wednesday	8am	4:30pm
Thursday	8am	3:45pm 4:30pm 5:15pm
Friday	8am	3:45pm 4:30pm

**All sessions are 30 minutes and open to the community.  
Sessions take place at the Tambo Squash Courts.**

**Bookings essential.**

**Book via QR code to confirm your spot.  
Bring a towel and water bottle!**



## PlayConnect Playgroup

Is a weekly facilitated playgroup for children aged 0-6 with Autism Spectrum disorder characteristics or a Developmental Delay.

This group is available to support families, their child and siblings. Your child does not need a diagnosis to attend

Wednesdays, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Uniting Church Bairnsdale  
710 Lanes Road  
Lucknow

Enquiries to Kirralee : 0409096587

Come along to connect with other families for information on services whilst participating with your child/children in activities specifically suited to children with additional needs.



# SOCIAL SQUASH



TAMBO SQUASH  
COURTS

MONDAYS  
&  
TUESDAYS

6PM

GOLD  
COIN  
DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS  
GO TOWARDS  
GREAT VIC BIKE  
RIDE FEES

ALL EQUIPMENT  
PROVIDED

CALL OR TEXT ZACH  
FOR MORE INFO  
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SWIFTS CREEK P-12 PRESENTS

# Dance Classes

FUSION DANCE  
ZUMBA | JAZZ | FUNK

TAUGHT BY TRACY KENNEDY

Starts Tuesday 23rd August, 5-6pm  
Swifts Creek Hall  
6 week program

Students in grade 6-12 and parents welcome  
Nibbles provided. Sessions are free!  
Please wear runners and bring a water bottle

PLEASE CONTACT SOPHIE: 0492 945 844 TO REGISTER