



## NEWSLETTER

May 12th 2021- Week 4 Term 2

### Whole School Dates to Remember

25th May - School Council

1st June—Whole School Assembly hosted by Year 7

25th May— National Simultaneous Storytime performance by Year 7

### Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

11th - 14th May - Years 7 & 9 NAPLAN

### Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

11th - 14th May - Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN

### **Victorian Chief Health Officer message to Victorian schools and their communities**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, teachers, parents and carers for ensuring a safe and successful start to the 2021 school year and to thank you for your cooperation during the short period of remote learning in February during the circuit breaker restrictions.

As Term 2 commences, schools continue to be able to operate with a largely normal program of activity, enabling important on-site activities to return, such as school open days and working bees, with appropriate health and safety measures in place.

Throughout the pandemic, Victorian schools have rapidly and successfully adapted to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, embedding COVIDSafe principles by reinforcing good behaviours, creating safe spaces, adapting activities, and responding quickly to COVID-19 risk. While we have seen outbreaks emerge in Victoria, we have also witnessed our capacity to respond quickly to limit the impact of these outbreaks.

Given the current very low risk of COVID-19 transmission in the community, continued high rates of testing and wastewater monitoring, and continued observance of health and safety measures in schools; those with medical vulnerabilities or their carers can feel reassured to continue to safely work and learn on school sites, and enjoy the benefits of doing so. It is crucial, however, for everyone to remain vigilant by staying home when unwell, performing regular hand hygiene, wearing a mask when required and maintaining physical distancing from others when practical.

Should cases of COVID-19 increase again in the community, I am confident that with COVIDSafe plans in place, alongside our ability to quickly identify and respond to cases, schools remain safe places for all staff and students. I also continue to be reassured by evidence that children are less impacted by the virus and are less likely to develop severe illness.

The school community continues to have an important role to promote COVID-19 testing when a student or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild, and ensuring they remain home until they are well. Getting tested and staying home until results are known is critical to limiting community transmission.

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Victorian Chief Health Officer

## SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

There will be no school lunch orders from Monday 9th May until Friday 28th May inclusive. Lunch orders will resume again on Monday 31st May when the bakery reopens.

## FREE TOYS

We have a boxful of zhu zhu pet accessories for anyone who has zhu zhu pet toys at home. Zhu Zhu pets are not included. If you are interested please contact the Flagstaff campus.



## GATEWAY HEALTH



Gateway Health offer free, Victoria wide parenting services to parents, grandparents and carers caring for children aged 2 - 12 years. Gateway Health is proud to deliver the Positive Parenting Telephone Service across the state of Victoria.

OUR FREE 6 TO 10 WEEK PARENTING PROGRAM HELPS YOU TO :

- Have stronger more positive relationships with your children
- Set rules and limits
- Manage everyday behaviour problems
- Teach new skills

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## CRASHENDO! Bairnsdale

### Community Concert

Saturday 15th May Live Music Festival, 11am—3pm  
Venue: Swan Reach Primary School (Outdoors - undercover)

### PROGRAM

11.00am	East Gippsland Brass
12.00pm	Crashendo! Bairnsdale Youth(ful) Orchestra
12.45pm	John Noble Quartet program (i- Tet)
1.30pm	Canzona Brass Trio
2.15pm	East Gippsland Symphonia
3.00pm	Finish

Bring own chairs – come and enjoy a fun family oriented event

## SMILE SQUAD

Smile Squad is coming to our school at the beginning of Term 3. Consent forms have been sent home and should be returned as soon as possible.

This means all children can get a dental check-up, preventative dental care and other general treatment for free at school. The program is funded by the Victorian State Government and Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS).

Smile Squad is passionate about working with children and young people to keep teeth healthy. Our friendly, skilled dental professionals are able to check your child's teeth and mouth, show them how to keep their teeth healthy and strong, and provide preventative services and any follow-up treatment if required. If your child requires follow-up treatment, Smile Squad will contact you. Together we agree to what happens next.

For more information, or if you need help to fill in the forms, email [smilesquad@dhsv.org.au](mailto:smilesquad@dhsv.org.au) or call 1300 503 977.

## Years 2, 3, 4 Host Assembly

The whole school was delighted when the Years 2, 3, 4 students, ably supported by Ms Bradbury, hosted our most recent whole school assembly. Among other things, they shared with us some of their story writing, and demonstrated how good they are at reading out big numbers. Their guest speaker was local Tony Graham. Tony told the story of his career path so far. A highlight was his time in Antarctica. Tony's photos of Antarctica, his work there, and the many animals and birds he captured on camera, were awesome.





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# National Simultaneous Storytime ...from space! Wednesday 19 May 2021



Give me some  
**Space!**

PHILIP BUNTING

[www.alia.org.au/nss](http://www.alia.org.au/nss)

#NSS2021 #1MillionKidsReading

-Tuesday 25th May 2021-  
Swifts Creek P – 12 School Tambo Campus  
– 10.00 a.m.



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