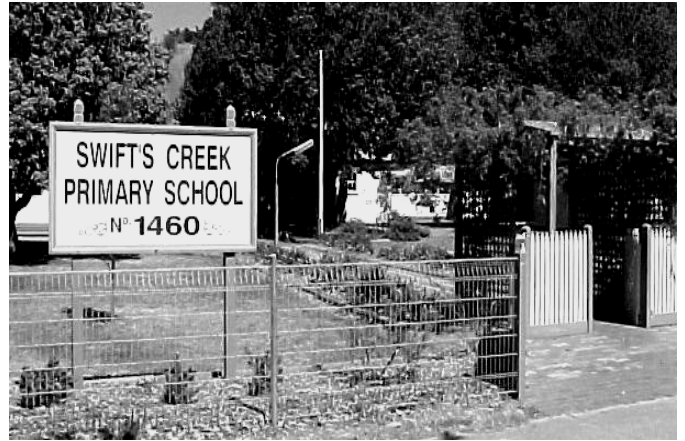


SWIFTS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, November 18th,
2009

www.swifts-creek-ps.vic.edu.au



DATES TO REMEMBER

19 th Nov	Little Groovers~Swifts Creek
23 rd Nov	Swimming Program Commences
25 th Nov	Life Ed Van
25 th Nov	Reading Circle~Swifts Creek
25 th Nov	Uniform Orders Due Back
27 th Nov	Boori Pryor Workshop
30 th Nov ~ 4 th Dec	5/6 Camp ~ Gelantipy
3 rd Dec	Little Groovers~Swifts Creek
7 th Dec	School Council Meeting 7pm
8 th Dec	Orientation Day
Grade 6 11 th Dec	Carols By Candlelight~SCPS
11 th Dec	Grade 5/6 Omeo Hospital Visit
16 th Dec	End of Year School Concert
17 th Dec	Last Day of School Year 2010
27 th Jan	Pupil Free Day
28 th Jan	Pupil Free Day
29 th Jan	Pupil Free Day
11 th Jun	Pupil Free Day

PHILOSOPHY FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

The Distance Education Centre Victoria (DECV) is offering online Philosophy courses for students in Years 7/8 and 9/10 in 2010.

The courses are designed to provide extension for students who enjoy an extra challenge and who would benefit from

working with like-minded students to enhance their thinking skills. The course introduces students to philosophical ideas and methods.

Students have access to the course through a dynamic online learning environment and are assisted in their studies by their DECV teacher. Tasks may be completed either at home, in after-school classes or within allotted timetabled periods, as negotiated with the school. Students are assessed by the DECV in relation to the VELS 'Thinking' and 'ICT' domains.

If you would like more information about this, please ring Ms Naphine at the secondary school on 5159 4366.

GRADE 5/6

We are near the end of our testing program, which is pleasing. Students have been able to compare their outcomes to those at the half year. Next week, students will be writing their own reports for inclusion in the final report format.

The quality of the Economics projects that I have seen to date has blown me away. The standard has been excellent. A very special thank you to the parents who have supported and guided their child through this quite advanced task.

We are still working on Maths Mate, spelling words and tables.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING**

School Councillors please note that the next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, 7th December at 7:00pm at the Primary School.

POOL MEMBERSHIPS DUE THIS FRIDAY

This is a reminder that pool membership forms and payment for this season are due back this Friday. Forms were sent home with the newsletter last week.

UNIFORM ORDERS

Uniform order forms are going out with the newsletter today. If you need to order anything please have completed forms and payment back to school by Wednesday, 25th November.

BOORI PRYOR

Boori Pryor will be coming to our school for a performance and workshop next week on the Friday, 27th November. Boori is a multi-talented performer and published author and has worked throughout Australia. The day with Boori will provide an opportunity for students to actively participate in Aboriginal dancing, singing and face painting as well as a whole school performance in the morning. There will be no cost for this event.

SCHOOL START BONUS

The Victorian Government's School Start Bonus provides a \$300 payment to all parents and carers of children starting Prep and Year 7 in 2010. The payment helps cover the costs of essential school items, such as uniforms, school bags and books, to help give Victorian children a great start at school.

Please contact the school for further information.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT FOR FOOLISH FOLK

SWIFTS CREEK HALL

Saturday, 28th November at 7.30pm

Fox Puppet Theatre & Children's Items

Guitar Song Stories

Raffles, Door Prize

Fundraiser For Hall

Entry: \$10.00 Adults, Children Free

Please donate unwanted goods for white elephant stall.

Some supper provided.

Ladies please bring a plate if possible.

AUS SWIM COURSE

Jean Kemp will be running an Aus Swim course at our pool on December 5th & 6th. You don't have to be able to swim more than two laps. You need to be over 16 years old. The course costs \$300.00 but the school will subsidise this fairly well for anyone committed to helping with our annual swimming program. Updates are also available for anyone who already has a certificate.

Contact Mr G for further details.

BRUTHEN U13 AND U16 CRICKET PLAYERS NEEDED

We currently have a couple of opportunities available in our juniors. At the moment our U13s are a couple of players short. We have very good numbers in U16s, but have decided to enter two teams to give everybody a go.

So if there are keen youngsters in the area we'd love to hear from you. As you may be aware, Daniel O'Brien is travelling down each Friday evening for U13s. James Armit is playing U16s on Saturday morning, so they would at least know a familiar face.

If parents need more info, my number is 5153 1633 or 0488 422 884.

TENNIS CLUB

Just a reminder that memberships are due. \$75 family, \$25 single, and \$25 junior. Pay Annie Richardson. All others who use the courts need to pay \$2 each time each person. Don't forget Tuesday mornings; have a hit at 10am most weeks. Can check with me to see if it is on.

If anyone wants to put drink cans in the box at the recreation reserve near the tennis club it gets recycled and the money goes to the Flying Doctor Service. Thank you, Annie ph 0408 523 498.

Toy World- Bairnsdale

The shop has a box for Swifts Creek and when you purchase an item ask for a duplicate receipt and put it in the box.

Can do it for phone orders too. A percentage goes towards the school.

RAFTING TRAINING

The Activity Supermarket is offering a raft training session to all interested members of the community from Secondary School age to adults. The training will be conducted in **Swifts Creek at the Swimming Pool on Saturday November 21st from 9am-12pm**. There will be two six person rafts which have been purchased by the Activity Supermarket for community use to also be used in the training sessions. On **Sunday November 22nd** the same training will be conducted at the **Omeo Swimming Pool from 9AM-12pm. Cost is free**. Could all participants please bring sunscreen, snacks, sandals, a spray jacket and bathers. The trainer for the two days will be Rick Box. Please come along and complete the training for this fun activity so that we can have trained leaders in the community able to access and enjoy these beautiful new rafts.

For further information please call Michelle Shaw, Activity Supermarket Project Facilitator on 51 594 477.

SWIMMING SQUAD PROGRAM 2010

Anna Carruthers, Level 2 Melbourne Swimming Coach will be again conducting a ten day Swimming Squad Program for Ages 8 – 20 at the Swifts Creek Swimming Pool.

This program has run over the past two years and has proven to be very successful, popular and has been enjoyed by all participants. There has been great feedback about this program from parents with their children's confidence and swimming improving so much during the Squad.

The program will commence on January 4th at 8.00am -9.30am and will run until January 14th with Sunday 10th January as a day of rest!

The Squad consists of stroke correction, building confidence in the water, exercises and ball skills. **This year we are able to provide this program completely free of charge!** You will

need to bring sunscreen, water and snacks. Hope to see a great roll up again this year!

Please register your interest to Activity Supermarket Project Facilitator, Michelle Shaw on 51 594 477

ADULTS SWIMMING LESSONS

Anna will also be running two separate classes for Adults every second day commencing on January 4th.

The first class will be for beginner adult swimmers and will run from 3pm – 3.45pm and will be immediately followed by an Adult Stroke correction class for lap swimmers which will run from 3.45pm – 4.30pm. **Cost for this program is also free.**

Please also register your interest to Michelle Shaw on 5159 4477.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN FUTSAL (SOCCER) TRAINING WANTED

The Activity Supermarket is seeking motivated and interested people who would be willing to undertake a three hour workshop in Swifts Creek. This would then enable you to run Futsal in the Swifts Creek area.

We have purchased all the necessary equipment and already have one trained community member to run the session, however if this activity is to continue, we need more people willing to undertake the training which would be conducted by the Football Federation of Australia.

Last year the average participation in each weekly session was around 12-15, so if you would like to see this activity continue, especially for the youth of this area, I would love to hear from you.

Please contact Project Facilitator for the Activity Supermarket, Michelle Shaw on 5159 4477.

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2010

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has declared that Pupil Free Days next year will be 27, 28 and 29 January and 11 June. School buses will not run on these days.

STARS OF THE WEEK

To Halina Firus for attaining her Australian Citizenship. Good Luck for the ceremony tomorrow.

To all the students for their great behavior at The Emperor's New Beat Box yesterday.



GAME CHIP FOR DS FOR SALE

I have a game chip to suit Nintendo DS with 160 games to suit boy or girl for \$70.00. If interested, please ring Jenny on 5159 4412.

SCHOOLS AS HUBS

- **Reading Tips**
- **Little Groovers Music Program**

All Pre-School families are invited to come along and join in with a fun, interactive music session aiding and enhancing development in children.

Please note the change of time for Omeo sessions only to 10.30 a.m.

Omeo Recreation Reserve – Kinder Gym Room

Friday 27th November – 10.30 a.m.
(Prior to kinder gym)

Friday 11th December – 10.30 a.m. (Prior to kinder gym)

Swifts Creek Primary School Music Room
Thursday 19th November - 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 3rd December - 10.00a.m.

- **Reading Circles**

This term we will continue with our **Reading Circles** held each month at Swifts Creek and Omeo Primary School libraries.

We are looking forward to listening to some more fantastic stories read by our readers.

If you are a parent, grandparent or friend of a child aged from 0 to 6 years, then come along and join in the fun. Morning tea is provided.

The Reading Circle dates for Term 4 are:
Swifts Creek~Wednesday 25th November
~10.00 a.m.

For Enquiries ph:
Turner
SAH Co-ordinator
51594323.

Rowena
Ph

LITERACY TIPS

Play with puppets

Play language games with puppets. Have the puppet say, "My name is Mark. I like words that rhyme with my name. Does park rhyme with Mark? Does ball rhyme with Mark?"

LITTLE GROOVERS DATE CHANGE

The next Little Groovers session at Swifts Creek will be **tomorrow**, Thursday, 19th November.

AUSLAN WORDS



Swifts Creek Memorial
Swimming Pool

Community Notice:

The Pool will be open for **Public Use** from
Sunday 22nd November 2009

This year; **Membership Forms** will be available
from each school and all local community general
stores.

Membership Forms **MUST** be completed and
returned with fees payable by:
FRI 20th NOV.

2009-2010 Swimming Season Fees:

Family Season Membership	\$60
Single Season Membership	\$30
Family Weekly Membership	\$30
Student (School Use ONLY)	\$15
Single Day Entry (5 years +)	\$4
Single Day Entry (Under 5 yrs)	\$2

**We are currently looking for a volunteer to fill
the secretary role and volunteers to help with
seasonal cleaning and supervision duty.**

**Without the assistance of our much
appreciated community volunteers and
committee members our pool would not be in
operation.**

Also seeking Expressions of Interest from any
Members who would be willing and able to gain an
'Aquatic Related' Qualification, we will encourage
& support any genuine applicants.

VICSWIM Members Please Note:

All Primary Contact Family Members are required
to be available for a voluntary Duty Roster, during
the 3 weeks of lessons this season. You will be
contacted and asked to nominate a suitable time.

**Please help save our valued pool by contacting
us for more details.**

We appreciate your feedback. Please send your
support and/or suggestions to:

PO Box 72 Swifts Creek VIC 3896 or email:

Glenn Digby (President)

glenn.digby@dse.vic.gov.au

Cindy Mass (Treasurer / Acting Secretary)

cindyannmass@hotmail.com

Your privacy is guaranteed and your comments are
much appreciated.



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM MONDAY
30th NOVEMBER TO TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER**

The Swift's Creek Outreach centre is
happy to announce that the following
short courses are being held in Swift's
Creek on Tuesday 1st December 2009.

There will also be a fully accredited **RSA
course** which will run from 9.30am –
1.30pm and will cost \$60.

There will be a **Basic Coffee course**
which will be running from 2.00pm –
5.30pm and cost \$90.

Don't miss this opportunity for you and/or
your staff to be able to complete these
courses without the hassle of travelling.

Responsible Service of Alcohol

This course covers the skills and
knowledge to understand the
requirements for the responsible service
of alcohol. You will receive a certificate
from Consumer Affairs Victoria Liquor
Licensing on successful completion of
this course.

Key areas include:

- Alcohol and the law
- The effects of alcohol
- Staff and patron responsibilities
- Facts about alcohol
- Strategies for dealing with customers
- Drink spiking
- Assessment

Espresso Coffee—Basic

Have you always wanted to learn how to
make good quality espresso?

This course covers the essentials of
espresso coffee from the who's who of
the espresso menu, to preparation and
service of delicious coffee.

Key areas include:

- Understanding the espresso coffee
menu
- Extraction of espresso coffee
- Milk texturing
- Making different types of coffees
- Operation of an espresso machine
- Cleaning an espresso machine
- Operation of a grinder

For more information or to book contact Roslyn Smith,
EG TAFE, Outreach Co-ordinator at the Community
Centre Swift's Creek Centre on (03) 5159 4433 or
rsmith@egtafe.vic.edu.au
Bookings essential before Tuesday 24th November.