Every Child Matters Every Day
At Officer Primary School we hold the following values – the four “R’s” for all members of the school community.
• RESPONSIBILITY
• RESPECT
• RESILIENCE
• RELATIONSHIPS
As a staff, we make a commitment in 2014 to make these core values part of our explicit teaching on a routine basis.
We invite parents as well to engage in teaching and living by these values.

Date: Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} August, 2014

The weeks are quickly flying by and suddenly we find ourselves at the end of Week 3. Fortunately we seem to have survived the windy weather relatively unscathed, having had to spend some of our breaks indoors due to the very severe wind warnings. A big thank you goes to staff and students for their cooperation with regard to these arrangements. I am sure that the extensive tree work that was undertaken during the holiday break has helped to ensure a safer environment for our students and protected our facilities from potential damage.

I am discovering that Officer Primary School is a very busy place! I am enjoying meeting the students and their families. I was looking forward to the school assembly on Friday, however, I must put forward my apologies as I will be attending a funeral of a colleague from Berwick Lodge. Officer Primary School will provide a staff member to replace a Berwick Lodge staff member for the afternoon so that they can attend the funeral service. It is wonderful to see schools supporting each other through difficult times. This is a great attribute of our local network of schools.

UPDATE RE PARKING CHANGES ON TIVENDALE ROAD

Since the last newsletter was published I have had a conversation with Nicholas Charrett (Senior Traffic Engineer, Cardinia Shire Council) regarding the changes to the parking arrangements in Tivendale Road. During the conversation I raised both my concerns and those communicated to me via members of the community. Nicholas had also received some calls and correspondence from members of the school community.

Nicholas confirmed that the changes will proceed as planned with the signage due to be changed within the next few weeks. He explained that the changes must go ahead due to the safety issues currently being created by the traffic congestion along Tivendale Road and into the Princes Highway. However, he has agreed to undertake a review of the situation following the sign placement to see if it is possible to safely reinstate some of the lost parking. This will depend upon how successful the changes are in aiding the traffic flow and reducing the congestion into the intersection on the highway.

To address concerns regarding access for parents for drop off and pick up, Nicholas has suggested the following options for the intended parking in front of the school:

> PS Minute (8:00-9:00am, 3:00 – 4:00pm School Days only) This allows some turnover of parking spaces and is generally well understood by most motorists.
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➢ P2 Minute (8:00 – 9:00am, 3:00 – 4:00pm School Days only) This provides reasonable turnover of parking spaces and is generally well understood by most motorists.
➢ No Parking (8:00 – 9:00am, 3:00 – 4:00pm School Days only) This provides turnover and motorists are not able to leave their car. This is generally not too well understood by most motorists.

Nicholas has explained that the key to the success of any of the options is for the community to understand and take ‘ownership’ of the drop off area to ensure it works. In some locations the approach is very successful but in other locations, where the arrangements are largely ignored by the community, tensions are created between users and by infringement notices issued when by-laws officers patrol the site.

With regard to pedestrian access to the school on the west side of Tivendale Road, Nicholas has reviewed the need for a footpath and increased the priority so that it is likely that a footpath will be included in the 2015/16 footpath program. This would provide families with easier access to the school when they park further up Tivendale Road.

Nicholas has also offered to work with the school to develop an informal traffic management plan that could be publicised in the school newsletter explaining how parents should access the school to ensure the best possible outcomes for all road users.

School Council will discuss the parking issues and the options presented for the indented parking at the next meeting in August. Families are welcome to forward their thoughts about the options presented to me prior to this meeting so that we can have an informed discussion.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS

Staff members have expressed concerns that some families are utilising the staff carpark to enter or leave the school grounds at the beginning and end of the school day. Whilst this is the only pedestrian access available between 9:30am and 2:30pm, when the other gates are locked for security reasons, it is not a safe access point before and after school when cars are likely to be moving into and out of the staff carpark. For your safety and the safety of our students please use the alternative pedestrian access gates during these times.

Lynne Brenner
Acting Principal

2014 PARENT OPINION SURVEY
If you were one of the lucky families that received the parent opinion survey, could you please make sure it is back by Monday.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Fundraising Update:
Due to the support and generosity of the school community and the hard work of the Parent & Friends committee we have a fundraising total over $4600. We are pleased with our progress so far this year towards achieving our target of $10,000. Very soon we will be purchasing new learn to read books for our kids. Thank you very much to everyone who has supported our activities and lets keep the momentum going so we can get some laptops before the end of the year.
Trivia Night:
Check out our teaser page attached to this week's newsletter, it is a small sample of goods that will be on offer. Pakenham Gazette is also doing an article on the Trivia night, so look out for it next week.

Congratulations Students of the Week

Beginners' Basketball Clinic for boys and girls born in 2006
Dates: Thursday, 7, 14, 21 & 28 August, and 4 September.
Times: 5:30 - 6:30 pm.
Venue: Beaconsfield Primary School Gym.
Cost: $20.
Includes:
- Five 1-hour sessions;
- a size 5 basketball;
- a Club drink bottle;
- the chance to join a team playing Under 9s on Monday afternoons in the Summer 14/15 Competition at Dandenong.

Just to name a few of our goodies up for grabs at our trivia night

- Anaconda – Dune Esky, $100 gift voucher, Road Map atlas. RRP $200+
- Johnnos 4 day camper hire. Value $220
- Dandenong Shark & Ray Centre Family Pass. Value $96
- Puffing Billy Family Pass. Value $84
- Geelong Family Getaway, 2 nights accom & Adventure Pk Passes $345
- Great Ocean Road Day Trip for 2 adults. Value $230
- Splashes Holiday Program. Value $72
- Indira Day Spa Pkg $120
- Wonderland Fun Park Family Pass. Value $110
- Stihl voucher $100
- Coates Hire Voucher. Value $250
- Monkey G’s Playcentre. Pkg for 10. Value $160
- House of Golf $250 voucher.
- Lets Unwine. Cheese & Wine tasting for (10-70 people). Value $1000
- Immerse Body Wrap Nar Nar Goon. Value $110
- Collingwood vs Hawthorn rd 23 reserve seats x 6. Value $280+
- United Panels Full Car Detail Pkg. Value $375
- Orchestra 2 A reserve tickets. Value $320
- BCF Kayak & Paddle. RRP $349
- Step into Life 1 month Group Training. Value $250
- Hawthorn & Essendon framed team prints
- Moon Lee Tae Kwon Do. 1 term tuition & uniform to keep. Value $400

Some other items include:

Crocs Playcentre, Gumbuya Park, Phillip Island Nature Park, Luna Drive Inn
Cardinia Club, Hallam Hotel, Berwick Inn, Taco Bill, Hogs Breath
Coins from Perth Mint, Stamps from Philatelic Group, Dinosaur fossils and tooth to boot.

What do you want to take home? Come join the fun. Booking form attached.
AWESOME BBQ DAY

An amazing day was had at the Bunnings BBQ last weekend. After 47 kilos of sausages and 20 kg of onions were consumed, the Parent and Friends Committee made a profit of $1553 which well exceeded our expectations. Success would not have been possible without the help of Sanja, Shaun, John, Lachlan, Dallas, Matt, Annie, Cheryl, Cohen, Jeanette and Michael.

As you can see from the photos a lot of laughs were had, and lovely to have dads and grandparents involved in the day. Thank you to so many of our school families who braved the cold and came down to buy a sausage and raffle tickets. Many returned for the super important raffle draw.

Lucky winners were:

- 1\textsuperscript{st} Prize of Johnno’s Camper Trailer Hire – Kate & Blake Thompson
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} Prize Collingwood v Hawthorn tickets – Rudy from Pakenham
- 3\textsuperscript{rd} Prize – Weber BBQ – Adrian Wood
- 4\textsuperscript{th} Prize Remote Control Toy – Zedekiah Johnstone
- 5\textsuperscript{th} Prize Shavan Dinner Voucher – Scott Smith
- 6\textsuperscript{th} Prize Shavan Dinner Voucher – Colin from Pakenham

Next BBQ – Sunday 19\textsuperscript{th} October
Parents & Friends would also like to thank the following businesses for their donations to our school fundraising. It would be great if you could support their business as they are supporting us.

Red Phoenix Photography
Barwon River Tourist Park
Barbeques Galore
Cardinia Beaconsfils Golf Club
Stihl Shop Dandenong
Essendon Football Club
Collingwood Football Club
Western Bulldogs
Geelong Football Club
Hawthorn Football Club
Robert Gordon
Monkey G's Playcentre
Masey's Pizza & Pasta
Lets Unwine
Hallam Hotel
Forest Edge Restaurant Gembrook
Vershe
Brazilian Body
Colour Me Happy
Stem Creations
Starshots Photography
Big 4 Holiday Parks
Coles Lakeside
Bubba Boutique
Woodman Estate Winery
Float n Coffee
The Spray Tan Lady

Australian Chamber Orchestra
Bay Play the Aquatic Life
Dukas Dance Academy
Cardinia Club Pakenham
Voyage Fitness
Infinity Blue
The Perth Mint
VIP Garden Maintence
Taste
Scentsy Tickly Your Scents
Paky Pets
Mistydowns Nursery
Luscious Lollipop Photography
Vasilis Garden
Lollipops Playland Fountain Gate
EJ Bearings
Elisternwick Hotel
Dollar Curtains
Woolworths Arena
Cellarack
Australia Post Pakenham
Chemist Discount Arena
Shavan's Restaurant
Evedge Australia
Positano Restaurant
Barry Plant Real Estate
Sarah's Personal Training
Beginners’ Basketball Clinic

Commencing 7 August 2014

Do you want to learn to play basketball?

Places are now available for children born in 2006 who would like to learn the skills to play the great game of basketball.

Our clinics offer:
- Mixed class (5 boys & 5 girls)
- Skills-based lessons in a fun program conducted by an experienced, fully accredited coach
- Opportunity to play in Under-9 competition on Saturday mornings

Where:       Beaconsfield Primary School
When:       Thursday 7 August to Thursday 4 September 2014
What time:  5.30pm – 6.30pm
Cost:       $20 for 5 sessions – includes basketball & drink bottle

Come and learn new skills and have some fun!

Registrations close Friday 1 August 2014

For bookings and further details contact Dennis on 0439 115 229