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 22nd August, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

At Officer Primary School we are committed to providing a safe, inclusive and supportive environment which promotes open communication, respect, fairness and positive relationships. We believe that the relationship between home and school is a very important part of ensuring that children are happy, secure and open to learning. It is important to remember that the school should be your first point of contact if you have any concerns about your child’s education. Teaching and learning works best when parents and teachers talk to each other and work together to solve any problems. The school has a protocol on dealing with parent concerns which ensures openness and transparency with staff and parents. In ensuring we provide a safe environment for all students, please be assured that if we had any concerns about your child’s education, you would be the first to know about this.

BRIDGING THE GAP PROGRAM

In the past Officer Primary School has run the Bridging the Gap program to support students in the early years of schooling who are experiencing difficulties with reading. For various reasons, this program has not been operating this year and we would like to get it up and running to ensure that our students have the best possible opportunity to experience success with their reading.

To ensure that all staff have the skills and understandings to support the reintroduction of this program, our teaching staff and integration aides will attend a ‘Bridging the Gap’ professional development session after school next Thursday. Following this session we will plan our approach to re-establishing the program. I will keep you informed of our progress via the newsletter.

STAFFING NEWS

This week Angela Robertson was successful in securing a contract to work three days a week as an Art specialist teacher at James Cook Primary School in Endeavour Hills through to the end of this year. Angela will continue to teach in the Art Room at Officer for the remaining two days per week. As teaching Art is Angela’s passion, and achieving employment for five days per week a personal goal, we would like to convey our congratulations to her on this appointment.
This means that there will be a change to our Specialist Timetable with classes having their Art sessions on either a Monday or a Friday.

SCHOOL REVIEW
This week Win Warren the Lead Reviewer involved in the School Review process visited our school and spent three days interviewing teachers, education support staff, student groups and various parent groups about the operation of Officer Primary School. Win plans to schedule one additional field day before returning on 15th September to deliver her verbal report to the school leadership and Regional representatives. Early in Term 4 Win will deliver a written report to staff and School Council. The review findings will contribute to shaping future directions for the school and determining the supports that will be provided to ensure success.

Thank you to the parents and School Council members who volunteered to meet with Win yesterday. Feedback from the parent perspective is an important part of gathering information from all stakeholders.

Lynne Brenner
Acting Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS
The trivia night is finally here. For all those attending (currently 129 people) arrival time is 7pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there and having a great night.

Father’s Day Stall. Check out the flyer attached to the newsletter.

SUBWAY LUNCHES
The next subway lunch is 3rd September. The orders need to be in before 9.00am on that morning.
Grade 1/2 DM

This term we have been looking at animals their classification, whether they are mammals, reptiles, birds or fish. These are some of the animals we have looked at, where they live and what classification they are.
Congratulations
Students of the Week
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