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 8th August, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT DISCO

Last Friday evening the Officer Parents and Friends Association ran the junior and senior student discos. The feedback from adults involved in running this event about the behaviour of our students was fantastic. I also received many comments from adults and students alike, regarding how much everyone enjoyed the evening.

I would like to extend thanks on behalf of the community to the group of dedicated parents involved in organising the event and to the staff, Luisa Prendergast, Nicole Peachey, Felicia Brown and Duanne Corbett, for their support on the night.

Thank you also to families who supported the PFA by ensuring that their children attended despite the wintry conditions!

The next big event on the fundraising calendar is the Trivia Night on Saturday 23rd August. The PFA have put in a great deal of work to prepare for an evening of fun and opportunities to win some great prizes and bid for impressive packages in the Silent Auction.

PREP 2015 ORIENTATION PROGRAM

On Wednesday morning we hosted the second session of our Prep 2015 Orientation Program. This week the students participated in activities in the Prep classrooms whilst parents attended an information session focused on the Maths program. The parent session was presented by Matt Moore who currently teaches in the senior area of the school. Matt poised a question to the parents about the qualities of a numerate person and provided an overview of the types of activities the children would experience as part of the maths program at school. He also provided parents with a range of games and activities they could utilise at home to develop their child’s maths skills and interests.

Please note that the next Orientation Session is scheduled for Tuesday 9th September at 11:30am not Tuesday 11th September as advertised on the Transition Flyer.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY RESPONSES

Thank you to those families who have returned their Parent Opinion Survey responses. Not all families will have received a survey as we were provided with a total of forty surveys to distribute to a randomly selected
sample of families. If you received a survey and have not yet returned it to school, but would like to participate, please return the survey on Monday morning as we are required to post the responses on Monday.

**STUDENT SAFETY**

This week we have been alerted by the Regional Office of two incidents in the vicinity of Pakenham Hills Primary School where students have been approached by an unknown male. Whilst we do not want to alarm our families and students by sharing this information, it is important that as a community we are vigilant in protecting our students. If students walk home from school it is important that they walk with others and make their way home via the safest, most visible route. If students are waiting to be collected from school it is important that they wait within the school grounds where they are supervised by staff until 3:30pm. If students are remaining in the grounds after this time parents will be contacted and the students will be required to wait in the office area until parents arrive.

*Lynne Brenner*
*Acting Principal*

**PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

**15 DAYS AND COUNTING**

Trivia Night is fast approaching. With over $10,000 in goodies this will be our biggest fundraiser and the biggest event in Beaconsfield this year.

Ticket sales have kicked along the past few weeks, but we still have seats available. If you can’t book a table, but still want to be part of the fun and festivities, buy a seat or 2 and we can join you with someone else.

Don’t forget to see our Teaser Page.
What are you going to take home?

**HOOPTIME**

Benny: I liked Hooptime because I was on a team with all of my friends.

Kyle: I liked playing lots of games of basketball.

Jai: I liked playing basketball with everybody from OPS and seeing my old friends.

Aaron: I liked everything. It was a fun and awesome day.
Year 5/6 Hooptime

On Thursday 24 July, all students from Years 5/6 competed at the 2014 McDonalds Hooptime carnival at Pakenham, YMCA Basketball Stadium.

Each team played against schools from around the region in 15 minute games. The students in three teams competed in the ‘Rookie Division’, while one team competed in the ‘Future Stars Division’. The focus for this competition was Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Attitude and Effort.

All coaches were very proud of the way the teams worked together and shared the ball around in order to score baskets in the games.

Here are some students' thoughts about the Hooptime tournament:

Amelia: I enjoyed shooting hoops.

Sarah: I enjoyed dribbling, running around and watching the other teams play.

Jonah: I enjoyed running around and shooting hoops.

Zach: I enjoyed passing the ball to other people and winning games.

Isabella: I enjoyed playing basketball and in one game I had to play against my friends, which was fun.

Shianne: I enjoyed everything about Hooptime.

Alex: I enjoyed being rough while trying to get the ball off the opposition.

Brooke: I enjoyed getting my shots in the hoop.
WHAT IS FAMILY?
BY PREP P

Family is people like your Grandma and Grandpa. – Cameron
Family means the people you live with. – Shona
Your friends are your family. – Tayla
Family is people that you hug. – Heli
You can make cupcakes with your family. – Levi
Your cousins are your family. – Robert
Family are people that you love. – Maeve
Families play games together. – Kane
Your family are people you watch movies with. – Tobie
Your Nan and Pa are family. – Lucas
Your family is your brother and sister. – Destinee
Sometimes you can live with your Grandma and Grandpa. – Bailey
Family is your Mum and Dad. – William
My family live at my house. – Maya
Family is people you love so much. – Zander
My family love me. – Blake
OH WHAT A NIGHT!!!

The 2014 Officer Primary School Disco was a massive success and I am happy to say all the student’s behaviour was excellent. I think they were too busy dancing up a storm to think of anything else. Over 125 kids braved the weather to attend. Judging by the screams, One Direction was a hit but overall DJ Kev (Little and Trivial Events) kept the party rocking.

Jess, Melissa & I would like to thank Mrs Brown, Mrs Prendergast, Mrs Peachey and Mr Corbett for giving up their Friday night and helping out. Of course, an event like this would not be possible without Julie’s help. Hugs. And thank you to Sarah Bruce for donating the ever-popular bands. We also really appreciated the amount of parents who offered their help on the night.
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.
- Let’s 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.
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.

The Extra Step
Gerty's Bibs 4 Bubs
O.MY Restaurant Beaconsfield
Luna Park
Helen O'Grady Drama Academy
Kids Space
Shannen Henry - Younique
Shark & Ray Feeding Centre
Berwick Tree Farm
Goosebump Clothing & Access
Flemings Nursery
Pancake Parlour -- Fountain Gate
Shane Crawford
Geelong Adventure Park
Main Cafe Berwick
Pol Hair Design
Salts of the Earth Pakenham
Berwick Inn
Anaconda Fountain Gate
Puffing Billy Belgrave
Australian Chamber Orchestra
Barwon River Tourist Park
Monkey G's Playcentre
Hallam Hotel
Forest Edge Restaurant Gembrook
Barbeques Galore
Thommo's Contractors
Forced motorworx
Tulip Thai Restaurant Beaconsfield
Framing MAD custom framing
Fathers Office Restaurant Melb
Lezzet Restaurant
Ivory Rose Makeup Artistry
Asian Beer Cafe Restaurant Melb
JBS Hospitality
Beletti Restaurant
Country Life Publishing
Lunar Drive Inn
Pakenham Produce & Saddlery
Wonderland Fun Park
Woolworths Arena
Oakridge Winery
The Gift Haven
Cardinia Pharmore Pharmacy
Hawthorn Football Club
Great Sights
Cardinia Club Pakenham
Bay Play the Aquatic Life
Elsternwick Hotel
Lollipops Playland Fountain Gate
BJ Bearings
Stihl Shop Dandenong