Date: Friday 25th July, 2014

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the staff, students and families for the wonderfully warm welcome I have received during my first week at Officer Primary School. I realise that many of you were expecting Sue Nelson to return to her position a few weeks into this term and were surprised to find that you have another Acting Principal for the term. For my part, I am very pleased to have the opportunity to work with the school community for Term 3. It promises to be a busy term with the School Review to be completed, the commencement of the Orientation Program for the 2015 Prep students, the Student Disco, the Trivia Night and Hooptime, just to name a few of the activities that are on the calendar. I am sure that I will have the opportunity to meet many of you as the term progresses. If you have time, please pop in to the office to introduce yourself and have a chat!

PARKING CHANGES ON TIVENDALE ROAD

This week I have been contacted by some parents who wished to express their concerns regarding the information passed on through the newsletter last week about proposed changes to the parking arrangements in the vicinity of the school. I believe that these changes were initiated in response to concerns raised by the Officer Primary School community about the traffic congestion and safety issues created by cars being parked on both sides of the road, restricting the access for vehicles passing through and, on some occasions, leading to damage to the parked vehicles. Whilst I can see that the arrangements may solve this issue, I agree that the changes will create other issues for our families. In the coming days I will contact the Senior Traffic Engineer from the Cardinia Shire Council to discuss the concerns that have been put forward by those who have spoken or written to me. I will keep you informed of any developments in this area via the newsletter.

PREP 2015 ORIENTATION PROGRAM

It was wonderful to meet and greet so many enthusiastic ‘little ones’ with their parents at the first of the Prep Orientation sessions yesterday. This program involves six sessions scheduled during Terms 3 and 4 and is a wonderful means of preparing new students for their Prep year. Whilst the children participate in a range of classroom and specialist programs, the parents have the opportunity to attend information sessions. This week the parent session provided an overview of the programs offered at Officer Primary School. Future sessions will focus on providing more specific information about the prep program and
school life. We look forward to getting to know our 2015 Prep students and their families over the course of these sessions.

If you know of families who intend to enrol their child at Officer Primary School for Prep 2015, but have not yet done so, please encourage them to contact us so that their children can benefit from attending the orientation sessions.

Lynne Brenner
Acting Principal

TARDINESS
Please remember to get your children to school on time. We have a lot of people that are late and the children miss out on the instruction that is given at the start of the day and they can sometimes feel anxious because they are not sure what is going on.

Parent & Friends News

What a great success our chocolate drive was last term. A profit of $1759 was made from this fundraiser. Thank you to all the families that sold chocolates on behalf of the school.

School Disco tickets will be issued from Monday. If you would like your child to attend this event, please return form and payment to the school on Monday. Children will need a ticket to gain entry to the disco.

Book club is due Thursday 31st July.

Walk, ride, scoot & skate to school

Reducing inactive time
Limit screen time, including computer, television and electronic games, to no more than two hours per day.

- No more than 60 minutes should be spent sitting or lying still, during the daytime.
- Walk instead of taking the car where possible.
- Create family rules around how much inactive time is allowed and enforce active time together
This is a Streets Ahead initiative. For more information contact Council’s Active Children’s Officer, Kate Beveridge on 1300 787 624.

The MFB are hosting the 2014 Fire Awareness Awards. The Awards program was created by the MFB, CFA and the Department of Environment and Primary Industry to recognise the great work of individuals, groups and organisations to reduce the effect of fires in Victoria structural fires (housing, commercial, industrial) or bushfires.

We are reaching out to all Victorian Schools to encourage them to enter any Fire Projects that staff and/or students have developed to reduce the number or impact of fire in Victoria. Projects can focus on any fire type, including structure fires and bushfires. Projects may address:

- Fire preparedness
- Fire safety
- Fire awareness
- Fire prevention
- Fire response
- Recovery after a fire

**Why should staff and students enter?**

The Fire Awareness Awards are a great opportunity to show case their initiative and hard work behind their project and how it benefits the community. In addition, long term partner of the awards RACV Insurance offers a $10,000 Award for excellence to the most outstanding application. Three additional Special Grants of up to $2,000 are available to implement new fire projects or further develop existing projects.

**Awards categories**

There are twelve award categories and the two categories that may be of relevance to your staff and student are the Education Award and the Youth Award. Other awards categories can be viewed at: [http://fireawarenessawards.com.au/](http://fireawarenessawards.com.au/)

**Education Award**

This award recognises an innovative fire related community education project. The project category is broad and may include projects that:

- specifically targets students
- specifically targets the wider community
- involves students in delivery of a community fire project

*Previous winners include:*

- Rushworth P-12 Year 9 – CFA Advance Fire Crew, Rushworth P-12 College and CFA Waranga Group
- Latrobe Bushfire Recovery Community Jobs Project, Central Gippsland Tafe

**Youth Award**

The Youth Award recognises a fire project that supports the needs of children and youths.

*Previous winners include:*

- Cardinia Hills Youth Fire Readiness Project, Echo youth and Family Services
- Teenagers in Fire Zones, Broadford Secondary College & the Mitchell Community Recovery Action Group

Attached to this email is a flyer you can distribute.

Congratulations Students of the Week
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AWESOME BBQ DAY

An **amazing** day was had at the Bunnings BBQ last weekend.

After 47 kilos of sausages and 20kg 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<sup>st</sup> Prize of Johnno’s Camper Trailer Hire – Kate & Blake Thompson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Collingwood v Hawthorn tickets – Rudy from Pakenham
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Weber BBQ – Adrian Wood
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize Remote Control Toy – Zedekiah Johnstone
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize Shavan Dinner Voucher – Scott Smith
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize Shavan Dinner Voucher – Colin from Pakenham

**Next BBQ – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**
Officer School Disco

FRIDAY 1st AUGUST 2014

Officer Hall (opposite the school)

Entry: $6 per child

Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 - 6pm to 7.30pm
Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 8pm to 9.30pm

• Entry needs to be pre-purchased so tickets can be issued by Monday July 28th. Please return money with the slip below to the office by Fri 25th July.
• The disco is only for children attending Officer Primary School.
• Teachers and parents will be volunteering their time to run the event. Let us know if you want to stay and help. For safety reasons, toddlers need to leave the hall once your child has been dropped off.
• Water will be available free of charge.

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Family Name: ________________________________________________________________
Children’s Name/s: __________________________________________________________
Class: ___________________________ Contact Ph Number: _______________________
Total No. Tickets: _________ @ $6 each is $___________ money enclosed