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 12th September, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

ENROLMENT INFORMATION
Thank you to those families who have returned the request for information regarding the schooling arrangements for their child/ren for 2015. As I explained in the accompanying letter, accurate enrolment figures are important in ensuring that we have appropriate arrangements in place for the new school year. If you have not yet returned this form could you please do so as soon as possible.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
On Wednesday evening we had our September meeting of School Council. At this meeting the School Council ratified the policies on Mandatory Reporting, Enrolment, Custody Issues, Discipline, Bullying, Working With Children, Media, Social Media and Internet Usage. A new set of draft policies have now been completed and placed on the school website for consideration and feedback. The policies currently available for comment are Anaphylaxis, Camps, Excursions, Duty of Care, Medication, and On-Site Supervision. These policies will remain on the website until 19th September.
We also discussed the use of the two remaining Curriculum Days. School Council passed Monday 3rd November as a Report Writing Day for staff. This day is traditionally a day when schools experience low attendance rates as many families take the opportunity of joining the weekend with Cup Day so that they can take a short break prior to the busy run up to the Christmas season. The second Curriculum Day is under consideration and we should be in a position to finalise the date by the next meeting of School Council on Wednesday 15th October.

TOOL TIME PROPOSAL
Recently I was approached by Karen Lewis with some ideas of how we could reinstate the Tool Time Program that was run at the school in the past. Apparently the program was run with the support of a past parent, who provided the technical expertise and worked with the class teacher and parent helpers to assist the children in completing woodworking projects.
Karen sought my support for her to investigate whether a local Men’s Shed would be interested in supporting this program. On Friday morning last week we met with two representatives from the Bunurong Men’s Shed to discuss how the program worked in the past and whether they thought it was something that they would be able to support. The meeting was most productive and the representatives have taken back the information to their group for consideration. In the meantime, we will ascertain what the school would need to do to ensure that all OH&S requirements are met and discuss with staff how the program could be implemented if we were to proceed.

CWA DONATION
Recently I was contacted by Vicky Birch, the Pakenham Branch President of the Country Women’s Association, regarding the possibility of the school receiving a donation from their organisation. This week I was pleasantly surprised to receive a letter from the CWA along with a cheque for $200 to be spent on some new books for the Library. I am sure that Caroline Hodgetts will be pleased to be able to select some new library books to the value of $200. To
acknowledge the donation we will ensure that a small inscription is placed inside the cover of the books purchased. I am certain that the school community would like to join me in thanking the CWA for their generous donation to our school.

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR
This week nineteen of our students from Years 4 to 6 are involved in State Schools Spectacular. This requires them to attend the Hisense Arena on Thursday and Friday for the full dress rehearsals and then the two performances on Saturday, one matinee show and one evening show. The students and staff have worked very hard to prepare for this event and we wish them all the best for their performance. The State Schools Spectacular will be televised in coming weeks so all families will have the opportunity to watch our students perform.
A big thankyou to all staff who have contributed to the preparation of the students for this event and the staff (Felicia Brown, Yolande Kerin, Luisa Prendergast and Braden Venning) who are giving up their Saturday to supervise and support our students.

DUE DATE FOR RETURN OF NOTICES
The return of notices and payments by their due date is always an issue in schools that causes angst for both families and staff. When planning events the timeline for the return of monies and notices is carefully planned to allow for the needs of families and consider the requirements regarding the organisation of the event. In many instances those undertaking the planning have deadlines for bookings and the placement of orders and it is neither practical, nor good practice, to be constantly altering arrangements in response to returns that are received beyond the cut-off date.
In future, all due dates and times will be made very clear on notices and late returns will not be accepted unless there are extenuating circumstances. If there are reasons why you need more time to return notices and payments I am happy for you to approach myself or Julie Barrow to make an arrangement with us.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS
Families are reminded that next Friday 19th September is the last day of Term 3. We will be having our usual whole school assembly in the morning at 9:00am and students will be dismissed from class at 2:30pm

Lynne Brenner
Acting Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS
Parents and Friends next year will be looking at making our 2nd edition cookbook, it has been 10 years since our 1st one.
We are looking for donations of recipes from mums, dads, kids, grandmas or anyone that you can think of. There could be secret ones out there. If these could be typed up that would be great, don’t forget to put your name on the bottom.
There will be a box on the table in the office to put your recipes in.

FOOTY DAY LUNCH
How good did all the kids look dressed up in their footy colours? The day was full of team spirit, footy songs, hotdogs and a game on the oval. Parent and Friends would like to thank everyone for the footy lunch orders and their gold coin donations. The school community helped raise $143.20 for hospital needs, housing and research for teenagers & kids fighting cancer. Make sure you thank Bec Carter for organising the day and Jess for her help on the day.

Save the Date!!!!

We are thrilled to announce that Officer Primary School will be holding a Country Fair in Term 1 2015. We plan to celebrate everything country with market stalls, food, fun and festivities. The Fair will be held on the weekend of 13-15 March. We will confirm the date and time as soon as we can. Feel free to let us know if you have any ideas or wish to contribute. Watch this space!!!!

SUBWAY
Next Wednesday will be the last subway lunch for the term, remember to get your orders in before 9.00am.
Thanks
T.O.P. News
Congratulations
Students of the Week

One that was missed at the start of the term – sorry!
COFFEE, CHAT, CRAFT

Every Thursday morning from 9.00am to 10.30am.

Bring your sewing machine, knitting, scrapbooking, embroidery, or even your laptop if you're doing a family tree.

Whatever you do bring it along and spend time enjoying what you do with other people and a coffee.

Gold coin donation for your cuppa/s.

Toddlers welcome but please be very mindful that they are to be supervised at all times as there will be needles, scissors and no doubt some very delicate projects being done.

If you are not crafty, come along and have a cuppa and try something new.

See you Thursday mornings in the Art room at 9.00.

Sign in at the office first

Karen the crafty crossing lady (Ha, Ha)
WE NEED YOU

Volunteers are needed to help at the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 19th October. So far we have 3 volunteers, but need another 6 people to run this event.

The BBQ must run from 8.15am until 4.30pm, so if you are able to offer 2 or more hours please complete the slip below and return to the office by Friday 19th September. Please note Bunnings stipulate children under 16 cannot be in the BBQ area.

Our last BBQ made over $1500 so it’s a great way to fundraise, but we can’t do it without support.

We are calling on Mums, Dad’s, Grandparents or friends to help on the day.

Thanks for your support

Michael Ball
Committee Member

Bunnings BBQ

Name: __________________________ Contact No: __________________________

I can help between ______________ to ______________

I can cook sausages Y/N