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 19th September, 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENTS AND STAFF
Over the past week many of our students have participated in activities that have taken them outside the school. A group of senior students performed at the weekend in the State Schools Spectacular, our junior classes visited the Melbourne Zoo, and a group of students competed at the Division Athletics. In each of these cases we received very positive feedback regarding the good behaviour and friendliness displayed by the children. Thank you to staff and parent helpers who have supervised students in attending these activities. We should all be very proud!

STUDENT SAFETY
As part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling has been installed at our school.
The labels remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school’s asbestos register.
Asbestos - which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition.
The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe. Children’s safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution.

END OF TERM 3
What a busy term it has been! I have greatly enjoyed getting to know the Officer Primary School staff, students and families over the past ten weeks and would like to thank you all for making me feel so welcome. At this stage I am fairly confident that I will continue in my role here next term and am looking forward to working with you all.

I wish all families a safe and enjoyable holiday break!

Lynne Brenner
Acting Principal
Officer District Athletics Carnival

Recently our school participated in the Officer District Athletics Carnival. 30 students attended the athletics carnival and all can be proud of their efforts and attitude on the day.

Many of the students competed in up to 4-5 events for the day and gave 100% for the school. Thanks to Mitch McKenzie who stepped up to the next age group at the last minute and competed admirably. The team did a lot of lead up practice and this held them in good stead on the day. Many of the students won first, second and third ribbons on the day and/or competed in events for the first time. Thanks to the staff and parents who assisted on the day.

Cardinia District Athletics Carnival

Eight students were selected in the Officer District team that competed on Wednesday 17th September in the Cardinia District Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to Chester Cameron, Yuri Skipwith, Taylah Curd, Ayesha Perry, Liam Harnett, Jake Wright, Lachlan Currie and James Bell on their selection. Unfortunately due to illness not all of our team members were able to attend the event while others competed under duress. The students can all be proud of their achievements to reach this stage and participate.

Well done on our 9/10 boys relay team with their 3rd placing and Yuri Skipwith with her 3rd placing in the hurdles. Liam Harnett has been selected to compete at the regional level in Long Jump and the 100m after finishing 2nd in both events.

YK Newsletter Item

Grade 4/5YK have been looking at Australian history during term 3. The students chose an area of Australian history in which they were interested in. They then researched information about their topic using different sources. From this they have written information reports and presented these in either a poster or Power Point form and then completed an oral presentation to the class. These are summaries that the students have written about their chosen area of study.
Ned Kelly
I have found out that Ned Kelly died on November 11th 1880. Ned also left school after his father died to help out around the farm. I also found out that Charli Lawler's mother was related to the late Ellen Kelly (Which was also Ned's mother).
Jack Young

Western Australian Gold Rush
This term I researched the Western Australian gold rush. The population in WA in 1891 was 49 784 and by 1859 it had doubled to 100 515. Then by 1901 it was 184 124. The town named Tom Cue in the mid-west region is named as such because Tom Cue was one of the first people to discover gold in Western Australia. Western Australia is one of the richest areas for gold at the present time.
Benny Power

Ballarat Gold Rush
I researched the Ballarat Gold Rush. Australia produced one third of the world's gold and by the end of the 18th century was the largest producer of gold in the world. The basic equipment to find gold is a pick, shovel, frying pan, tent, clothing, food and a horse or bullock.
Breena Hansen

Australian Gold Rush
In Australia the gold rush began in 1851, 400 people started digging for gold within a week of it beginning. A prize of 200 guineas was offered to the first person who found gold.
Charli Lawler

Darwin bombing
This term I researched the Darwin bombing. The Japanese forces mounted two air raids on Darwin on the 19th February 1942. There were 54 land based bombers and 188 attack craft launched from four Japanese aircraft carriers in the Timor Sea. The first attack begun just before 10am, the Harbour and town were bombed. The second attack was at Parap and 243 people were killed.
By Jared Leighton

The First Fleet
This term I researched the First Fleet. The First Fleet is a group of ships that brought convicts to Australia. Convicts committed crimes like stealing for survival. They brought convicts to Australia because all the jails were full. The American government said to Captain Arthur Phillips that he cannot bring convicts to America anymore.
By Mia Teixeira
Aboriginals
This term I learnt about how Aboriginals lived. They ate honey pot ants, berries and different leaves. They would hunt animals for meat. They would carve wood into sharp knives to use as weapons to hunt for food. They created axes from stone and spears from wood. They would wear animal skins, leaves and bark to make basic clothing.
By Libby Matthews

The Australian Gold Rush
This term I learnt about people digging for gold in 1852. In February 1872 a man called Hargraves found gold that weighed 286kg.
By Lily Brown

Western Australian Gold Rush
I researched about the Western Australian Gold rush and this is the information I found out. Western Australia is the wealthiest place for gold in Australia at the moment. The western Australian gold rush started in 1890. The town named Tom Cue in Midwest region is named Tom because he was one of the first people to discover gold in Western Australia. By the late 1890’s the alluvial gold was running out. By 1902 deep underground mining was necessary to reach the gold 1500 feet below the surface.
By Jake Wright

Captain Arthur Phillip
I did my project on the first fleet. Captain Arthur Phillip was in charge of the people on board. I researched that there were 1500 people as part of the first fleet. 722 were convicts including 17 children on the ship. Captain Arthur Phillip named the area Sydney Cove when they settled.
Eduardo Ramos

The Gold Rush
I researched the gold rush in Victoria, the Victorian gold rush started in 1851. The gold rush produced one third of the world’s gold. By the end of September 1851 there were about 10 000 people digging for gold near Ballarat. The gold miners worked hard day after day, they never even had enough time to by good food or clothes. People came from China, Europe and America to mine for gold in Victoria, arriving in Melbourne.
Joseph Mahoney

First Fleet
I did my project on the first fleet. I learnt that there were 11 small ship, 10 Royal Naval ships, 6 convict ships, and 3 store ships for supplies. The first fleet set sail on the 13th of May 1787 from Portsmouth, England.
Dylan Barkwith
Gold Rush
People came to look for gold in Australia; it was called the gold rush. Gold is found in caves, rocks and in the ground. Edward Hargraves made the first official discovery of gold in 1851.
Jack Lothian

Gold Rush
I researched the Ballarat gold rush. Gold is found in rocks deep under the ground. Small amounts of gold were found in NSW during the early days of the colony but the authorities hushed it up. By the end of September 1851 there were around 10 000 people digging for gold near Ballarat. By 1852 the news of gold had spread to England, Europe, China and America and boat loads of hopeful diggers were arriving in Melbourne headed for the goldfields.
Mckinley Hayes

Ned Kelly
I researched Ned Kelly, he was born in June 1854 and he died in 1880. His dad’s name was John Kelly and his mum was Ellen Kelly. Ned Kelly was a bushranger and he shot police officers.
Riley Sykes

The Gold Rush
I researched about the Gold Rush. People found 3 million kg of gold. The Australian gold Rush produced 1/3 of the world’s gold. Gold is found in caves rocks and in the ground. The gold miners didn’t buy licenses anymore as they were too expensive.
By Kyle Payne

Ned Kelly
Hi my name is Aaron, I’m doing my project on Ned Kelly. Ned Kelly shot 3 police officers, stole 2 horses but claimed that he borrowed them. Ned left school when his dad died to help out on the family farm. He was sent to jail for 3 years, Ned Kelly is a very famous bush ranger.
Aaron Lewis

James Cook
James Cook was an 18th century navigator who mapped the Pacific, New Zealand and Australia. James Cook travelled on a ship called the Endeavour, during an expedition Cook travelled past Australia and claimed it for Britain.
Liam Harnett

Ned Kelly
Ned was born on June 1855 and died on November 11 1880 at the age of 25. He was executed by hanging. Harry Power taught him how to be a bushranger. His dad died from a disease, his dads
name was John Kelly but most people called him Red Kelly. Ned’s mum was Ellen Quinn, also known as Ellen Kelly. He had 8 brothers and sisters. Their names were Jim Kelly, Dan Kelly, Annie Kelly, Kate Kelly and Maggie Kelly.
Jai Mclean

Aboriginals

This term I researched how Aboriginals lived, they used to eat all types of food like honey pot ants, berries, plants and animals. They made weapons such as spears, boomerangs and clubs.

Taylah Curd
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