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 10th October, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WELCOME BACK
I hope that all families had the opportunity to spend some quality time with their children during the holidays and enjoy some of the lovely spring weather. As you can see, I am back this term and can now confirm that I will be in the role of Acting Principal for Term 4 of this year and Term 1 of 2015. Sue Nelson has notified DEECD that she is relinquishing her Principal position at Officer Primary School and this will mean that the process for selecting a substantive Principal for the school will occur during Term 1 of 2015, with a commencement date as of the first day of Term 2.

I am sure that this decision has been a difficult one for Sue and one to which she has given careful consideration. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Sue for her many years of hard work and dedication to Officer Primary School. I am aware that she is highly respected and loved by the staff, students and community of Officer Primary and that she will be missed by many. I would like to wish Sue all of the best in her future endeavours. In the coming weeks, staff, in consultation with School Council, will consider an appropriate thank you for Sue for her years of service to the school.

Yesterday the staff hosted a birthday morning tea for Sue and she took the opportunity to visit classes and say hello to the very excited students. We have included a letter to families from Sue in the newsletter this week.

I feel very privileged to be given the opportunity to continue in the role of Acting Principal and am excited to be able to work with you all as we move forward as a school community.

ENROLMENTS AND TRANSFERS
In the coming weeks we will be commencing our planning for 2015, including our staffing and grade structure. For this purpose it is imperative that we have accurate enrolment information to ensure that we can cater appropriately for all students. Class teachers have been asked to follow up families who have not yet returned the form sent home requesting enrolment confirmation for 2015. We would also like to be certain of our numbers for Prep next year and ask that families with a child eligible to commence school next year make sure that they have completed and lodged enrolment forms.

PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM
This term we have three more sessions scheduled for our Prep Orientation Program. The next session is Wednesday 15th October. During their visit to school the children will participate in Phys Ed and Library
activities while the parents will meet some of our current PFA members who will explain their role in the school and then provide an opportunity to socialise over ‘a cuppa’ and some nibbles. The following session is on Thursday 6th November when the students will meet their Years 5 and 6 buddies for an activity. The parent session will provide information about uniform and parent payments and include an opportunity for parents to purchase or order uniform from our uniform supplier. The arrangements for the final session, on Tuesday 9th December, have changed from the original plans with a much longer morning session being offered. This will fit in with a whole school orientation day where all students will be able to experience their new classes for 2015. The details of this will be outlined in a letter to families but it is expected that the new prep students will attend between 9:45am and 1:15pm.

WORKING BEE
The Building and Grounds Sub-Committee of School Council have a working bee scheduled for tomorrow morning, Saturday 11th October, between 9:00am and 12:30pm. We have a list of jobs to be undertaken including the topping up of the playground soft fall, mulching of gardens and general garden maintenance. If you have some time to spare we would greatly appreciate your support.

Lynne Brenner
Acting Principal

Thank You to Kelly Polychronidis, Karen Lewis, Bree Potter, Kim Lawler and of course all the kids for the fantastic job that was done cleaning out the tool shed. Hopefully it will be open again really soon.

CARDBOARD CHALLENGE – Thursday 13th November

Dear Parents,

This term to coincide with our Unit topic of Design, Creativity and Technology students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will be participating in the Cardboard Challenge. This program celebrates the creativity of children and the role communities can play in fostering it. This November, students are invited to build anything they can dream up using cardboard, recycled materials and their imagination.

We are currently asking for any donations of smaller items from the school community. This can include: bottle caps, stick tape rolls (used or unused), small bottles, paper/plastic plates and cups. In the coming months we will be requesting some cardboard boxes but at this stage we are only after smaller items that can be collected over the coming weeks and be stored.

Please feel free to watch the following link to learn more about the Cardboard Challenge and see what how exciting this experience will be for all involved.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=falFNkdq96U
CONGRATULATIONS
Term 3
You Can Do It Winners

A NOTE FROM MRS NELSON

Hello to all the students and parents of the beautiful Officer Primary School,

Firstly I want to thank you for the great get well card with everyone's name on it! It really did cheer me up. I've been unwell for a while but I'm much better now and Murphy and I are getting out and about for great walks. We're also doing quite well with our dog training. Murphy loves to show off the things he has learnt but he's still quite naughty at times.

I'm writing to let you all know that I am standing down as Principal of O.P.S. It's pretty sad for me after 14 years in the position but I'm sure it's time for the school to find a new leader, to plan and do new things as the school grows to be the best it can be. I really love the school but for my own health and happiness I need to do something new and different.

Officer Primary school's motto is "Learn to live, live to learn." That's a great message! I've thought about that a lot so next year I'm going to go back to University and learn a new skill, Speech Pathology.

I really hope that Murphy and I can visit and help with classroom activities and other things around the school. I miss the children daily and wish the very best for the Grade 6 kids heading off to secondary school as well as everyone else. I hear there's a stack of new preps for next year so that will keep all the teachers busy!

All the very best wishes and love from Sue Nelson.
Paper Craft for Kids
Paper and other crafts. All materials included.
Day: Tuesday
Dates: Commencing 14 October for 8 weeks
Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Cost: $80

Kids in the Kitchen
A fun interactive cooking class. All ingredients included.
Day: Tuesday
Dates: Commencing 14 October for 6 weeks
Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Cost: $85

Guitar for Kids
Group lessons. Tuning, basic chords.
Day: Tuesday
Dates: Commencing 14 October for 6 weeks
Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Cost: $95

Contact: Outlook Community Centre, 24 Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham. Phone 5940 4728 or communitycentre@outlookvic.org.au
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WITH 1 DAY RAFFLE
TICKETS $1 EACH OR 3 FOR $2
DRAWN 4.30PM

1st Prize – Rapid Tune Car Service Package including 3 minor services & Extras. Total savings over $850

2nd Prize – Fighting Fit Gym. 6 Month All access membership value $600

3rd Prize – Marshere Dance Studio. Adult and children lessons. Value $100+

4th Prize – Pakenham Tyres. $100 voucher

5th Prize – Berwick Potteries $50 voucher plus DVD player

6th Prize – Berwick Potteries $50 voucher plus Taco Bill $25 voucher

7th Prize – Kids pack including Canadian Maple Skateboard, Boogy board & Beach Cricket Set.

Bonus Offer.

Everyone who buys a sausage gets a free all access visit pass to Fighting Fit Gym Pakenham. (Limit first 300 customers) including martial arts.

So come down, join the fun and share with family and friends.
MONDAY 27th OCTOBER
Open until 9.30pm

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or a 400mm x 500mm canvas.

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5x 4x6 prints, 2x 5x7 prints, 1x 8x12 print and 2 wallet size prints and
A choice of either a 300mm x 600mm canvas or a 400mm x 500mm canvas.

Pick a Background:

A -
Gold
Sparkles

B -
Red,
Green &
Gold
Sparkles

C -
Blue
Bubbles

D -
Winter
Wonderland
(suitable for
ONLY 2 children)