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 2015 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 20th February, 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Our teaching staff were very pleased with the levels of attendance at Parent Teacher Interviews this week. They have enjoyed the opportunity to meet the families of their students and share information. A strong relationship between home and school is vital in supporting our children to reach their personal and academic potential. I would encourage all families to maintain this contact throughout the year. If it is difficult for you to visit the school personally, you can maintain contact through the student diaries, by phone or email. Our teaching staff will welcome the opportunity to answer your queries or concerns and share information with you.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to the following senior students who have been selected to the 2015 House Captain roles.

Lecky: Breena and Ben
McMullen - Ayesh and McKinley
Starling - Taylah and Blake
Hicks - Jack and Jemma

We hope that you will proudly represent the students who have elected you to these important roles.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS
On Wednesday evening we had our first School Council meeting for 2015. Some of the following information discussed at School Council may be of interest to you:

- With the wonderful success of the Christmas Raffle, the PFA were in the position to recommend that School Council approve an additional $2,000 towards the purchase of a class set of laptops and a laptop trolley. This will be added to $13,500 previously committed to this purpose. Quotes for the supply of this equipment are currently being sourced and it
is hoped that the equipment will be available for student use by the beginning of Term 2. This is a sensational outcome!

- School Council approval was given for Years 3 to 6 students to attend Camp Manyung. The camp will operate from May 6th to 8th and cost approximately $236 per student. A payment plan will be offered to support families in managing payments. Students in these year levels should have received camp notices yesterday. A camp information evening will be held early in Term 2.

- Officer Primary School has missed out on a place in State Schools’ Spectacular for 2015 with the reason being that it is necessary for other schools to be given the opportunity to participate. Teaching staff are currently investigating other options for our students to participate in programs or activities with a Performing Arts focus.

- The school has been successful in securing an ICT grant of $4,000 that will be put towards the purchase of a new server for our Curriculum Network. This will replace our ailing server and provide us with increased capacity to support our growing student and staff population.

- School Council gave approval for the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee to hold the first working bee for 2015 on Saturday 21st March. A list of maintenance, refurbishment, and enhancement tasks has been identified for the working bee. Please place this date on your calendar. We would love to have your support.

- A report from the Tool Shed Working Party was delivered to School Council. This team is made up of a small group of parents who are working hard to ensure that the Toolshed will be OH&S compliant and ready for some classes to commence in Term 2.

If you have any queries about School Council please approach myself or one of your School Council representatives.

BERWICK SHOW ART DISPLAY
This weekend Officer Primary School will have an Art Display at the Berwick Show. As our beautiful Milo (the cow) is the feature of our display, it should be easy to spot! If you attend the show please make sure you visit the display to see Milo and the photos showing the story of her creation. Thank you to Angela Robertson for organising the display and Jeanette Ing for providing transportation for Milo.

Enjoy your weekend!
Regards

Lynne Brenner
Acting Principal
Officer PS introduces

The CAFE Reading Program encourages and motivates students to read. CAFE stands for Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding Vocabulary. These are four areas of reading skills that our students work on throughout the year. During CAFÉ Reading teachers teach whole class lessons, small group lessons and lessons with individuals to work on these reading skills.

Below is an outline of some of the COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES that competent readers utilise when reading:

- Ask...Does this make sense?
- Remember what was read
- Monitor meaning and “Check for Understanding”
- Summarize the text
- Retell the story
- Use text features to help understand text
- Ask myself...Do I have any background knowledge about the book?
- Make connections to what was read
- Predict what will happen, use the text to confirm
• Ask questions while reading
• Make a picture or mental image
• Infer using prior knowledge and the text, support with evidence
• Determine importance using theme, main ideas and support with evidence
• Recognize and explain cause and effect relationships
• Recognize literary devices (simile, personification, humour, metaphor, idiom, imagery, exaggeration and dialogue) explain how they make the story more interesting
• Determine authors purpose and support with text
• Analyse and draw conclusions based on evidence from the text
• Use monitoring strategies of reread, look forward and word recognition to gain meaning

As your child progresses with their reading they will be taught these strategies, beginning with simple strategies such as ‘Does this make sense?’ and moving on to the more complex strategies as their competency develops.

Have a great weekend!
Regards
Lynne Brenner
Acting Principal

You Can Do It!

You Can Do It! Education’s main purpose is to support communities, schools, and homes in a collective effort to optimise the social, emotional, and academic outcomes of all young people.

Its unique contribution is in identifying the social and emotional capabilities that all young people need to acquire in order to be successful in school, experience wellbeing, and have positive relationships including making contributions to others and the community (good citizenship).

YCDI’s mission is to realise, through the following beliefs and actions:

• The building of social, emotional, and motivational capacity of young people rather than on their problems and deficits.
• The encouragement of prevention, promotion, and intervention efforts (school, home and community) in order to build the social and emotional strengths of young people.
• The development of a strength-building approach, where YCDI seeks to build the capabilities of adults (community, school, home) associated with positive outcomes in young people.

The 5 Keys of YCDI Education
Our core purpose is the development of young people’s social and emotional capabilities, including:

1. Confidence (academic, social)
2. Persistence
3. Organisation
4. Getting Along, and
5. Resilience.

Central to the development of these 5 Key Foundations is instilling in young people 12 Habits of the Mind, including:
1. Accepting Myself
2. Taking Risks
3. Being Independent
4. I Can Do It
5. Giving Effort
6. Working Tough
7. Setting Goals
8. Planning My Time
9. Being Tolerant of Others
10. Thinking First
11. Playing by the Rules, and
12. Social Responsibility

All classes will be working through the five keys on a weekly basis. This term we will be focusing on 'Organisation' so be sure to talk at home about how the children can be better organised. For example; getting ready for school, completing homework and making sure bags are packed. You Can Do It!

**SUBWAY LUNCHES**
Wednesday February 25th is the next Subway lunch day. Please have your orders in before the bell on Wednesday morning. Envelopes are available from the office.

**UNIFORM SHOP**
The uniform shop is open each Thursday morning from 8.45am to purchase any uniform items.
Otherwise you can put an order in at the office with the money and it will be processed on the Thursday when the shop is open. The uniform will then be available from the office that afternoon.

**BERWICK SHOW**
Don't forget this weekend is the Berwick Show and we will be displaying Milo in the local schools art exhibit. If you get a chance drop in and have a look.
The term is moving fast, week 4 already. It was great to see all our existing members and some new faces at the Parent & Friend Meeting. It’s not too late to join in the fun. We are busy planning our activities for the year, with a School Fete in October as the highlight.

This year we are working towards raising enough money to buy new reading books for the children in class, development of the early learning area in the Prep/Grade 1 block, a new interactive whiteboard, as well as general maintenance around the school. Of course we continue the tradition of contributing to the community, via the school concert at Christmas, ribbons & medals for the Cross Country and the Grade 6 graduation.

Last year we raised enough money to buy a full set of class laptops. Currently our Principal, Mrs Brenner & Mr Corbett are working together to source the best technology for the school.

We look forward to an exciting year and planning some fun activities for the children.

We are going to kick off the year with a BUNNINGS BBQ and we are putting the call out for helpers. See attached flyer.

World Cup Cricket Jump in quick for the free tickets for the game next Thursday. Collect them from the office. Limit of 5 per family.

Fete Donations are already coming in fast. Amart Sports Fountain Gate have again jumped on board with a significant contribution. More details to be announced closer to the fete. If you are looking for a bargain, there are some fantastic savings on bicycles this weekend. Have a look at the flyer. Make sure you let them know you’re from Officer Primary School.

Jeffs Main Street Meats Pakenham 1st Winner for 2015 is Cleah Ryal from Grade 1. Congratulations.

Melissa Ball &
Parent and Friends Committee.
AMART SPORTS

2 DAY BIKE CLEARANCE!
150 bikes must be cleared!

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd Feb

KID'S BIKES - SAVE UP TO $60

SAVE $20
Flight Tough Trike
REG $44

SAVE $60
Super tough steel frame provides safety & durability
Flight Deluxe Trike
REG $149

STAGE 1
STAGE 2
STAGE 3

WOMEN'S BIKES - SAVE UP TO 50%

SAVE $70
Kona 700C
Nostalgic Vintage Bike
REG $149

HALF PRICE
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MOUNTAIN BIKES

SAVE $400
Flight Trail DS Expert Mountain Bike
REG $1699

BMX BIKES

SAVE $50
Flight Revolve L1
BMX Bike
REG $199

URBAN BIKES - SAVE UP TO 50%

HALF PRICE

50% OFF

$249.50
Fujis Absolute 2.5
Road Bike
REG $499

ROAD BIKES

End of Season
Boardman
& Flight
Road Bikes
must go!

Clearance
Helmets from $15

Clearance
Cycling Jerseys from $20

Cheapest in Australia or we'll beat it by 10%!
Bunnings BBQ

Saturday 14th March

Our first fundraising activity for the year is the Bunnings BBQ we are having at the Pakenham Store.

Our BBQ’s last year made us approx $1500 profit each so they are a great fundraiser for 1 days work.

I am asking for volunteers to help on the day. We need 4 people at all times from 8.15am to 5pm to run efficiently. If you can offer 1 or 2 hours on the day or even help longer, please nominate your time and return the provided slip to the office by Thursday 5th March or contact myself directly on 0408303773.

We have a lot of fun on the day, and it’s a great way to meet and get to know other parents. Also for those of you new to the school we have a 1 day raffle which is drawn that afternoon. More details to follow in the coming weeks of the prizes.

Please return the cut off slip to the school office.

Thanks for your support

Michael Ball, Committee Member.

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Bunnings BBQ

Name: Contact No:

I can help between ____________ to ____________

I am a great sausage cooker Y/N (Please circle)