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 17th April, 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

Welcome to Term 2. I trust that families enjoyed the Easter Break and the opportunity to take advantage of some fine weather before winter sets in.

A big thank you to families for coping with a pupil free day in the very first week of term! Our staff enjoyed a productive professional development day that has provided them with inspirational ideas for building on the work they have commenced in the implementation of the CAFÉ Reading Program. We also spent some time looking at effective teaching strategies to improve student skills in Writing. Having this day at the commencement of the term means that staff and students will get the full benefit of the program.

OSHC PROGRAM
Cardinia Shire has advised the school of its intention to transition out of OSHC services after a recent review found Council was no longer best placed to provide this program to schools.

The review found that with a range of external providers available to deliver a more specialist OSHC service – with potentially lower fees for families – the time was right for schools to choose a solution that best fits our individual needs.

Council will continue to work in partnership with the school and its own staff to look at the options available and to help identify and confirm future arrangements. Families who use our OSHC service can expect business as usual as Cardinia’s program will continue as normal during the transition period. The transition process is to be completed by the end of term two (27 June 2015) or as soon as new arrangements are confirmed.

Cardinia has said it will be doing everything they can to support a smooth transition, and to enable service delivery to continue with minimal impact on families. We are confident this will deliver a positive outcome for service users.

A facilitator, Sean Clarkson, has been appointed to assist the school during the transition period and yesterday I attended a meeting with Sean and the Principals of other schools impacted by the changes to discuss and consider our options. A further meeting has been arranged for Monday 27th April. At this
meeting a range of providers of OHSC services will be invited to present to the group. All schools are very mindful of the importance of maintaining their services and if possible ensuring that valued staff currently working in their services continue to be employed.

Council has already advised parents directly via letter and any queries can be directed to 1300 787 624 or to myself at the school.

Cardinia Shire Council acknowledges and thanks the contributions of its staff, who provide a quality service through their commitment to the children and passion and professionalism for the job.

NEW SMOKING REGULATIONS
Families need to be aware that new regulations, commencing 13th April 2015, place greater bans on smoking around all Victorian schools in both the government and non-government sector. Smokers caught lighting up on school grounds or within four metres of the entrances may face an on-the-spot fine of $147, enforced by Council Officers. The ban had originally been scheduled to start in July, but has been brought forward to coincide with the start of the school term. To conform with legislative requirements the school will display non-smoking signs at all entrances to the school grounds.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
This term we will commence the process of accepting enrolments of students for Prep 2016. This will include the offer for new families to participate in personalised school tours.

Existing families are encouraged to contact the office for enrolment forms. For effective planning purposes it is beneficial for us to know projected prep enrolments well in advance. We also need to be aware of students with special needs who may be eligible to receive extra support on their entry to school as there is an extensive application process. This process is best undertaken prior to the commencement of the school year, so that supports can be put in place to ensure a smooth transition to school for the student.

Families with queries about enrolment should contact the school administration.

Regards
Lynne Brenner
Principal

TOOLSHED NEWS
We would like to thank the Officer Football Club for its generous donation of the first aid kit for the tool shed.
Wayne the man in the tool shed is looking for SPC, Goulbourn Valley, or any other containers with plastic lids on them to store nails, screws etc.

SUBWAY LUNCHES
Wednesday April 22nd is the next Subway lunch day. Please have your orders in before the bell on Wednesday morning.
Envelopes are available from the office.
**PE/SPORT NEWS**

**Important Sporting Dates Term 2:**
Please mark these dates in your diary.

- House Cross Country - Friday the 17th of April
- Winter Interschool Sport Year 4, 5 & 6 - Weekly Beginning Friday 15th of May (9:00am to 11:00am)
- Officer District Cross Country - Friday 1st of May
- Officer District Winter Sport Lightning Premiership Day - Friday 12th June (9:00am to 3:00pm)

**Winter Interschool Sport**
The start of Term 2 means the start of the Winter Interschool Sports! Student preferences for winter sports have been recorded and teams will be announced next week. Permission notices will be sent home shortly so please ensure that you return them to classroom teachers by Friday 8th of May.

The fixture is as follows:
- Friday 15th May, 2015 - Officer Recreation Reserve, Cnr Starling Rd & Princes H'way, Officer.
- Friday 22nd May, 2015 - Maranatha Christian School, Rix Road, Officer.
- Friday 29th May, 2015 - Officer Recreation Reserve, Cnr Starling Rd & Princes H'way, Officer.
- Friday 5th June, 2015 - Officer Recreation Reserve, Cnr Starling Rd & Princes H'way, Officer.

**Active April**
We are just about halfway through Active April with 43 members registered to our Officer PS Active April team! Huge Congratulations to Elektra Stathopoulos, Lauren Potter, the Quinn and McDonald families for tracking heaps of their physical activity as well as Bailey McCarrrell for logging a massive 21 hours of physical activity so far this month! Make sure that you keep tracking any physical activity you do throughout April- the aim is to complete at least 30 minutes a day!
Congratulations
Student of the Week

Congratulations Y.C.D.I Students
Canakkale. Gallipoli. Lest we forget with Jan “Yarn” Wositzky

Gallipoli retold with Turkish and Australian song, poetry and story.

Çanakkale is what Turkish people call Gallipoli, and in ÇANAKKALE. GALLIPOLI. Lest We Forget storyteller Jan ‘Yarn’ Wositzky tells the tale from both sides.

Using both Turkish and Australian song, poetry, oral history, maps and political statements, Jan tells two sides of the Gallipoli story. The show is structured around four events: the April landing, the May truce, the August offensive and the December evacuation. The Australian material comes from poets CJ Dennis and Mary Gilmore, the ABC archives of Bill Harney, songwriters Ted Egan and Eric Bogle and traditional songs of the time. The Turkish material is drawn from poets Nazim Hikmet and Bülent Ecevit, traditional song, and from the words of Turkish hero, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. By bringing both sides together Canakkale. Gallipoli Lest we Forget presents the story of how enemy soldiers found respect for each other and how that respect led to the friendship that Australia and Turkey share today.

Narre Warren Library
Overland Drive
Fountain Gate

Sunday April 26
2:30pm – 3:30pm
No cost, bookings essential. Book online at http://tinyurl.com/cclcevents or Ph. 8782 3300.
Easter Bonnet Parade
Officer & District Community Association Inc.

invites the community to attend

The official re-opening of the Officer Memorial Gates

&

ANZAC Day Ceremony

Saturday 25th April 2015
9.45am
(ceremony will commence at 10am sharp)

At
Cnr Starling Road & Princes Highway, Officer
(parking in Officer Recreation Reserve, enter via Starling Road)

The Officer Memorial Gates have been re-located and enhanced thanks to:

Australian Government
Department of Veterans’ Affairs
Funding from the Australian Government’s Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program

State Government
Victoria
Department of Planning
Transport & Local Infrastructure Community Infrastructure Fund

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Cardinia Shire Council
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The Cook Book is here

Our Community Cook Book, filled with delicious recipes from our school community, including a Tim Tam Milkshake (Yum), is now available for pre-order.

This Cookbook is our 10th Anniversary 2nd Edition and makes a great keepsake of the time your children spent at Officer Primary School. It also makes a lovely gift to Mums, Dads & Grandparents. The children will be very excited to show off their name in print. A sample copy of the book is on display in the office.

These books are a community activity. However, any proceeds from these books will help with the Grade 6 graduation.

The Cook Books are $20 each. To order please complete the form below and return with money to the school office before 28th April. The book will be delivered approximately 1 week after placing your order.

Cut here---------------------------------------------------------------------------------Cook Book Order Form

Childs Name:

Childs Class:

No of Cookbooks @ $20 each Total Amount Enclosed $