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 15th May, 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Café Reading Program
On Wednesday evening we had our May meeting of School Council. The meeting commenced with a Curriculum Report focusing on the CAFÉ Reading Program that we are currently implementing presented by Lynda Harris our English Leader and asked many insightful questions. We are proud of our progress with this program and have invited all parents to attend a presentation about this program on Wednesday 26th May after school. If you would like to increase your understanding of the reading program and how you can best support your child at home, please consider attending this presentation.

OHSC Program
School Council were presented with a comprehensive report of the process that has been undertaken between a group of local schools and the Shire of Cardinia to secure a suitable provider to take over the OHSC and School Holiday Program services previously offered in our area.
Throughout the process high priority was given to ensuring that services would continue to provide families with access to the same service hours as they currently have at each of the schools and that fees would remain at or below the current schedule. The quality of the program and potential employment opportunities for the existing staff were also important factors. I believe that we have achieved a great outcome and School Council has given their approval for the Shire of Cardinia to proceed with the process of transitioning our program to OSHClub in readiness for Term 3. In coming weeks families will be provided with further details. If you have any queries please give me a call.

ICT LAPTOPS PROPOSAL
School Council were presented with proposals for the purchase of a laptop trolley and laptops for use by our students. The funds for the purchase of these laptops come from the 2014 fundraising efforts of our PFA. We hope to have these in use in our classrooms very soon!
Buildings and Grounds Projects
Sandpit Retaining Wall
School Council are passionate about improving the school environment for our families. A project that we would like to undertake is the construction of a retaining wall around the low side of our sand pit. It has been suggested that we have families with trade links who may be willing to provide materials and labour to undertake this project. We would welcome contact from any families who feel that they could assist us with this project.

Community Garden Working Party
Karen Lewis presented a report from the Working Party that is investigating the possibility of establishing a community vegetable garden. Karen has put in a lot of work into sourcing support for this project in terms of commitments to provide resources and labour for the project. School Council will continue discussions about the Community Garden at our next meeting.

STUDENT SAFETY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL
At OPS we are fortunate to have secure fencing and child proof gates as added protection for our students. Unfortunately, we are finding that people entering and leaving the grounds are not diligent in ensuring that the gates are properly closed, especially during the busy times at the start and end of the day. If the gates are not secure we risk some of our little ones taking the opportunity to leave the grounds without adult supervision. Whilst we recognise that some families have arrangements for older students to meet them outside of the school grounds, we encourage our younger students to remain in the playground until they are collected by their parents. This is difficult for us to supervise if gates are left open. Please support us to ensure the safety of all students by closing the gate after you enter or exit.

Families are reminded that the yard is supervised by our staff in the mornings from 8:45am to 9:00am and after school from 3:15pm to 3:30pm. If families require care outside of these times they are encouraged to access the OHSC services to ensure that they are safe.

GRANDPARENTS MORNING TEA
Our students and staff are looking forward to welcoming grandparents and other special persons to our book character parade, book fair and morning tea next Wednesday morning. Hopefully the weather will be favourable!

Enjoy your weekend!

Regards
Lynne Brenner
Principal
Camp Manyung 2015
On a cold, damp Wednesday morning I arrived at school and said my last goodbyes to my mum and dad. We were all filled with joy and excited about leaving for camp. The bus arrived and we hopped on and got ready for our journey to Camp Manyung. On the way to Camp Manyung we found out who was in our cabin, I was with Emily, Charli, Calina, Mia, Ciara and Willow. I was really stoked with the cabin choices. We also found out who we were in with for the activity groups. I was with Calina, Aiden and Tyson, our activity group was called the Seahorses.

As we arrived, I smelt the cold, fresh air go up my nose. First we had a quick snack then put our suitcases and luggage into our cabins. After we got settled in we had lunch then went straight into our first activity.

By Jemma Timewell  accomplished

Later on, once we had done everything to do with our cabins we went on to our first activity, the flying fox! We headed down to the flying fox and got our harnesses on, then all of a sudden the rain started pouring down and we had to sprint to the recreation hall. When we got to the recreation hall, we played a few games then when the rain stopped we went back out to the flying fox. Because we already had our harnesses on, when we got back to the flying fox all we had to do was decide the order we would have our turn. I went first. While I was going down the flying fox I felt awesome, it went so fast, the only bad thing about it was that it was only 120 meters long. After the flying fox we had some morning tea then our group went to our next activity geo caching.

By Jake Wright

For our first rotation my group, the Sharks, did geo caching which is a GPS tracking game. The GPS leads us all around Camp Manyung finding certain points and hidden trinkets. For our second rotation we did the giant swing, I got really nervous on the way up as I got higher and higher. I yelled out ‘Stop!”, I was nearly to the top, I pulled the rope and it jolted and went down.

After the giant swing, we went down for tea, we had a delicious meal. It was fish with crumbs on top served with potato wedges and corn. For supper we had a scrumptious chocolate mousse. I ate it all up. Then we went back to our cabin and talked for a bit and then went to sleep.

By Emily Allan

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**SUBWAY LUNCHES**

Wednesday May 20th is the next Subway lunch day. Please have your orders in before the bell on Wednesday morning.

Envelopes are available from the office.

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**OFFICER PRIMARY SCHOOL COOKBOOK**

Cookbooks are still available to order, come into the office if you wish to purchase one.

Cost: $20.00. Any profit will go towards Grade 6 graduation and Big Day Out.
FETE HELPERS WANTED.

To help with our planning we need to secure helpers whether it be yourself, family or friends who would like to be involved on the day Sunday 25th October.

Helpers are wanted between 10.30am to 1pm OR 1pm to 3.30pm.

Please fill out the cut off slip below and return it to the office.

DONATIONS

Currently we are seeking new items or services for our silent auction or raffles.

Any new sponsors for the day are also welcome. Please contact Michael Ball on 0408 303 773.

Thank you from the fete committee

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Fete Volunteer

Name:
Contact No:
Childs Name:
Childs Class:
I can help (please tick) between 10.30-1   or 1-3.30   
I am unable to help between those times but can help between ___________________________________