Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

CAFÉ READING PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Thank you to parents who attended the CAFÉ reading information session on Tuesday evening to learn about how class teachers are working hard with our students to achieve improved outcomes in reading. There was a great deal of interest in how teachers approach the teaching of strategies to decode and understand text and some good suggestions from parents who attended regarding information that they would find useful in supporting their children with their home reading practice.
Thank you also to Lynda Harris who presented the information for our parents and other staff members who attended the session and helped with childcare arrangements.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT DATA COLLECTION
All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lynne Brenner on 5943 2315 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see:
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND
Families are reminded that the closing date for applications to the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is 26th June. Application forms should be delivered to the school administration. A copy of supporting documentation such as a current means-tested concession card will be required to meet eligibility requirements. If you have missed the CSEF information provided with the newsletter last week please contact Julie Barrow at our office for information about this initiative.

RUBBISH CONCERNS
If you enter the school via the pedestrian gate closest to the school crossing you may have noticed that we are having some difficulties with birds removing rubbish from the bin near the gate. Frequently we are arriving at school to find the contents of the bin strewn across the ground. Picking up this rubbish has been made even more unpleasant than usual by the fact that we have someone in our community who is regularly using this bin to dispose of wet and soiled disposable nappies. This presents a health risk to our students and therefore I request that if it is necessary to dispose of nappies on the school grounds they are wrapped securely in a plastic bag and placed in one of the wheelie bins with a closed lid. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe!

Enjoy your weekend!

Regards
Lynne Brenner
Principal

CAR RAFFLE
Just a reminder the tickets for the car raffle were due back last week. Please send them to school now.
Remember we are accountable for all tickets, so they need to be sent back whether they have been sold or not.
Thank You

SUBWAY LUNCHES
Wednesday June 3rd is the next Subway lunch day. Please have your orders in before the bell on Wednesday morning.

Envelopes are available from the office.
Basketballers Wanted

Does your child love to play basketball?
Are they in Prep, Grade 1 or Grade 2?
Would they like to join a team that includes a couple of our Grade 1 boys that plays on Wednesdays at Berwick Indoor Sports Centre, Bemerside Drive Berwick? (first left after the Clyde Rd exit on the Monash freeway).
If you're interested in finding out more information, please contact Nicole Liddle on 0400 722 516

Parents & Friends News

**Pizza Lunch**

An error was made on the Pizza Lunch order forms (child's name & class was not included) that were initially sent home this week. We have resent them home now with all the details to be completed. If you would like your child to have some yummy pizza for lunch on Wednesday 10th June, can you please ensure the new forms are completed and returned by 9 am Friday 5th June with your child's name and class.

**Fun & Fitness Athon**

Our Fun & Fitness Sponsorship forms have been delayed until next week. We had been hoping to be able to do online fundraising, (where children set up their own fundraising page), with the event this year, however unfortunately this is not possible. We apologise for any inconvenience to parents by not having the online option available.

**Jeff's Main Street Meat**

Congratulations to Thomas Holden our last winner of the $20 meat voucher from Jeff's Main Street Meats. For your chance to win a $20 voucher answer the question below and place it in the Jeff's meat box in the office by 2.30pm next Friday. Winner will be drawn at assembly. A big thank you to Jeff for his continued support of our school in 2015.

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What day do the Pizza order forms need to be in by with your child's name & class details?

Answer:

Childs Name:

Childs Class
Congratulations
Students of the Week
The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.

CALLING ALL WOMEN...!

Young mothers, career women, ALL women who would like to join The Country Women's Association (CWA) in 11/6/15 6:30 pm.

CWA encourages the contribution of community service, friendship, awareness of social issues, personal development, leadership, crafts. Your new ideas and skills are needed to keep the dream and tradition of the CWA alive.

In return for your time, the CWA will deliver fun, friendship, and a feeling of belonging to Australia's leading women's organisation.

Come along to discover CWA and meet new friends.

ENQUIRIES: Karen Lewis 0431 096 147 for catering purposes.