Date: Friday 26th June, 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

STUDENT REPORTS
Today all students will bring home their mid-year reports. In the majority of cases, I think that you will be happy with your child’s progress. Our teaching staff have put a great deal of thought and effort into ensuring that these reports are an accurate and comprehensive record of each student’s work over the first semester. I would encourage all parents to spend some time discussing the report with their child, with a focus on acknowledging their strengths and considering the areas for future improvement. Early next term parents will be offered the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss your child’s progress. Booking forms will be distributed in the first week of Term 3.

PUBLIC SPEAKING PRESENTATIONS
On Monday evening our Years 5 and 6 students celebrated the culmination of the eight week Public Speaking Course they have been involved in this term by participating in a presentation night for their families. The audience was awed by the confidence and professionalism shown by the students who presented prepared speeches and ‘off the cuff’ speeches and officiated professionally over the proceedings. The evening was a fine example of how our students can rise to the occasion when high expectations are set for their learning. Whilst we did have special awards for those who excelled, all students can be commended on their impressive efforts. I am certain that all involved have learnt skills that will stand them in good stead for their future schooling and life beyond school. We are so very proud of you all!

JUNIOR SCHOOL HEALTHY LUNCHES
On Wednesday our junior classes enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate their Term 2 Health unit by participating in a healthy lunch day where they had ‘hands on’ experience in making their own fresh sandwiches. The children enjoyed buttering their own bread and selecting from the range of healthy sandwich fillings on offer. I am sure that many of the children tried some new combinations that they have not had before. Hopefully they will be keen to help you with the sandwich making at home!

TOOLTIME PROGRAM
Our Tool Time program is now well underway with our Year 6 students completing their first project in the tool shed this week under the careful guidance of Wayne Jones. Planning for the next project has commenced and classes will continue next term with the hope that we can expand the involvement to other year levels.
A big thank you to all involved in getting the tool shed up and running!
Time has flown by and we are already at the end of term. Thank you to students, parents and staff for an enjoyable and productive Term 2. Enjoy the holiday break with your family and we look forward to welcoming you back at school on Monday 13th July!

Regards

Lynne Brenner
Principal

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS
Congratulations
Students of the Week

Congratulations
Buddy Award
**PE/SPORT NEWS**

**Important Sporting Dates Term 3:**

Please mark these dates in your diary.

- Fun & Fitness-athon - Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} of July (11.30am to 1.30pm)
- HoopTime Year 5&6 - Thursday 23\textsuperscript{rd} of July (8.50am to 3.00pm)
- House Track Athletics - Friday 31\textsuperscript{st} of July (9.00am to 1.30pm)
- HoopTime Year 3&4 - Thursday 6\textsuperscript{th} of July (8.50 to 3.00pm)
- House Field Athletics - Friday 7\textsuperscript{th} of July (9.00am to 1.00pm)
- Swimming Program - Weeks 5 & 6 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

**P.E Points**

The winner of the P.E Points for Term 2 is...

PREP LP!!!

**Swimming Program**

We are still waiting on permission notices for the Swimming Program next term. If you do not want your child to attend Swimming, can you please let us know as we are starting to allocate students into groups.

Please ensure that payments are being made regularly and the full $75 is paid prior to week 5.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday break. See you all back in Term 3 😊
Basketballers Wanted

The Rangers, a basketball team made up of Officer Primary School Students, still needs another player. They play on Wednesdays at Berwick Indoor Sports Centre. If you have a child in Prep to Grade 2 and would like to know more information, please contact Nicole on 0400 722 516.

PARENT & FRIENDS NEWS

Fete
If you would like to hold a market stall at our School Fete on Sunday 25th October, please register your interest with Karen Lewis at lwkaren5@iprimus.com.au by Friday 3rd July. After this date we will be seeking expressions of interest from the general public.

Fun & Fitness Athon
Thank you to all the families that returned their sponsorship forms. The event will be held on Friday 17th July (weather permitting). Prizes will be given out on the day the event is run. Highest fundraising student & class will be announced at the 1st assembly after the event.

Don’t forget if you are out shopping on the holidays to visit Amart Sports in Fountain Gate. They have been a great supporter of the school and donated lots of goodies for the Fete. The school receives 5% in community kickbacks so make sure your registered (only takes a minute at the register) and Officer Primary School is your chosen team.

The Parents & Friends would like to thank families for their continued support of our activities.
Schools with Students Participating in the Spectacular 
Newsletter Template

Victorian State Schools Spectacular – Get your tickets!

We are proud and excited to have some of our students participating in the 2015 Victorian State Schools Spectacular: What’s Your Story?

This year’s Spectacular will be held at Hisense Arena on Saturday 12 September, with two shows at 1pm and 6:30pm. Channel 7 will film the three-hour Spectacular for broadcast.

For a fun, family entertainment experience, and to cheer on our students from the audience, be quick to secure discounted tickets.

Talented young circus performers, skaters, musicians, dancers and singers will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

This program, run by the Department of Education and Training, helps to develop each student’s performance skills, discipline, perseverance, cooperation and confidence under the training of industry professionals.

Discount Early Bird tickets for the Spectacular will be available for one week only from 10am on Monday 13 July. Standard ticket prices will apply after then.

It has been suggested that the best seating for OPS students is: Option A Section 7, 30 and 55 Option B Section 8, 31, 56

Early Bird tickets – available for one week only from 10am on Monday 13 July
Adult – $38
Child Under 15 – $20
Concession – $33

General Admission tickets – available from 9am on Monday 20 July
Adult – $44
Concession – $33
Child Under 15 – $22

To purchase tickets visit www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular or phone Ticketek on 132 849.

For more information about the event and program, go to the Spectacular Facebook and website page:

https://www.facebook.com/performingartsunit

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/Pages/spectacular.aspx
Saturday, 25th July 2015
10am - 5pm
Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre
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Preston, Victoria 3072
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Our Sponsors:
To all Prospective Pakenham Heights Kindergarten Families

We wish to invite you to a special Morning Tea at

Pakenham Heights Kindergarten

3 Irving Road
Pakenham VIC 3810

On Wednesday 29th July
Drop in between
10:00am and 11:30am

Come along for an informal morning to meet some current committee members, have queries answered by a Kinders Together employee and have a tour of the kinder. We will have some activity tables for children set up in our brand new foyer, the kettle boiled, morning tea, $1 children’s lucky dips and Father’s Day raffle tickets for sale.