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 28th August, 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

STEP INTO PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM
This week we commenced our Transition Program for our 2016 Prep students with the first of five
sessions planned over the next few months. This session focused on ‘Getting to Know You’ was well
attended by students enrolled for next year. It was great to see so many happy faces and witness
the ease with which the children handled separating from their parents. The next session is
scheduled for Tuesday 15th September (11:15am to 12:30pm). While students participate in a
classroom session with a ‘Numeracy’ focus, parents will be invited to stay for a ‘Welcome Morning
Tea’ hosted by our PFA and hear about school life.

If you have a child for Prep next year who is not yet enrolled I encourage you to contact our
administration to complete the enrolment process and secure a place for next year. This will also
ensure that your child has the opportunity to be involved in the Transition Program.

ENROLMENTS AND TRANSFERS FOR 2016
In coming weeks we will commence our planning for 2016 and to ensure that we are able to cater
for all students it is essential that we have a clear understanding of student numbers at all year
levels. To gather this information we will be sending home a form for each family requesting
enrolment information for 2016 for students currently in Years Prep to 5. Please support us in
gathering accurate figures by completing this form and returning it to school as soon as possible.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM
Over the past term and a half our School Chaplains have been involved in working in classrooms
along-side our teaching and ES staff, responding to individual student referrals, supporting some of
our families and interacting with students in the playground. Now that our chaplains, Kerry and
Monty, are familiar with our students they are keen to work with our teaching staff to run social
skills programs for some of our students. For these programs to be most successful they need to
include both students who would benefit from activities to build their competencies and others
who will act as good role models. It is for this reason that we will be seeking permission from all
parents in our Years 3 to 6 classes to be considered for involvement in these groups. Students
selected for these activities will be withdrawn from class for short periods of time a maximum of once per week. Only students who return a signed consent form can be included in the program. If you have any queries or concerns about your child being involved please contact us.

Individual referrals to the program can be made at any time by contacting your child’s class teacher or myself. Chaplaincy can provide support for children who need help dealing with grief and loss, divorce, fears, behavioural problems, low self-esteem and relationship issues. The Chaplains can also provide support to families experiencing hardship or crisis.

Regards

Lynne Brenner
Principal

CURRICULUM NEWS – ‘PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TEAMS’

At our last meeting of School Council, Nicole Peachey (Middle School PLT Leader) presented a report outlining how our class teachers work together as Professional Learning Teams. The establishment of this structure came about as a result of recommendations from the School Review Process conducted last year.

Nicole has put together this overview of her report for your information:

‘Each week the teachers at OPS meet in Professional Learning Teams (junior school, middle school and senior school teams). During these meetings the teams specifically look at assessment; we moderate work samples, analyse data and look for trends. We have a schedule which is shared amongst the teams enabling us to look at the same things on the same week therefore giving us a snapshot of the results of the entire school at the same time.

This term we have looked at results in reading, number, spelling, writing, measurement, poetry writing, CAFÉ, Reading Journals and procedural writing. By regularly analyzing data we are able to identify students who are not showing adequate growth and intervene. We can determine trends and pinpoint gaps across levels which enables us to modify our teaching to ensure students are receiving the instruction they require.

When we analyse data it flows on to our planning where changes can be reflected in our term and weekly planners at point of need rather than waiting until the end of term to look at results. During our meetings we also participate in professional dialogue regarding the best way to move the children forward and how best to give them the experiences they require in all areas of the curriculum.’

Although we are still very much at the beginning of our journey in developing and refining the work of PLT’s we can see benefits for improving teacher practice and informing planning for effective teaching and learning.

Student of the Week
Important Sporting Dates Term 3:
Please mark these dates in your diary.

- Officer District Athletics Carnival - Wednesday, 16th of September

Important Sporting Dates Term 4:

- Cardinia Division Athletics - Friday, 9th of October
- Senior HoopTime Regional Finals - Monday, 12th of October
- District Lightning Premiership (Summer Sports) - Friday 16th of October
- Grade 5-6 T20 Blast Cricket - Friday, 30th of October
- Grade 3-4 T20 Blast Cricket - TBA

District Athletics
The weather continues to be an issue for our Athletic events this term as we were forced to cancel the District Athletics due to the track being under water. Please make note of the new date (Wednesday, 16th of September) at Cranbourne Athletics Track, Casey Fields. Parents are welcome to come and watch or if you would like to offer some assistance on the day that would be much appreciated.

SUBWAY LUNCHES
Our next Subway lunch day is September 2nd. Please remember to have your orders to the office by 9.00am on that morning. Envelopes are available from the office.
Program Update

It's been an exciting week at Officer OSHClub, we are pleased to let all the families know that our licence has now been increased, this means that any families waiting for a place at After School Care can now book in without any issues! We also ask families that if your child/ren won't be attending on an afternoon if you could please let us know as searching for missing children at After School Care can be very time consuming. A quick call or a text to the number below would be of great help to the educators.

Our OSHClub children have been busy creating lots of paintings to help make the room look bright & beautifully colourful!

Our grass head family is very quickly growing lots of hair, which means time for a haircut soon!

Children have also been doing lots of planting, we’ve planted flower seeds, capsicum, lettuce seeds & now it’s time to wait, water them & watch them grow.

Dinosaurs are still popular visitors at Officer OSHClub, children have made a Jurassic Park play area on the floor where there’s a lot of role play, storytelling & collaboration.

Dress ups are also a big hit every afternoon with girls & boys getting into the fun of pretend play.

24th - 28th August Activities

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Parent Information

Officer OSHClub program phone: 0438 566 988
Coordinator: Susana Tapia
Assistant: Megan Harvey
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Parents & Friends News:

Hats off to our Principal

Today is Principal’s day. It is a day started by the Victorian Principals Association to recognise and celebrate all the work that is done by our principals.

We would like to say Happy Principal’s Day to our principal, Lynne Brenner, who works tirelessly to make our school the best it can be.

We appreciate all the hard work Lynne does.

Mystery Jars

Wow, what an amazing and overwhelming response there was to our Mystery Jar Drive. The final tally will be announced by Mr Corbett at assembly on Monday including which class won the class party. A big thank you to all parents who sent in jars.

Fathers Day Stall

A flyer was sent home this week about the Fathers Day Stall. It will be held next Thursday 3rd September. All classes will have an opportunity to visit the stall to purchase gifts for that someone special. Gifts range from $2 to $5. Cards and gift bags will also be available for purchase. The stall will then be open after school should any siblings wish to make a purchase.

Disco

Get ready to boogie. Our school disco is on Friday 11th of September. This is always a great night of fun had by the students. Please return permission forms and monies to the office by Tuesday 8th September.