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 7th August, 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;
What a challenging week with regards to the weather! It started with a tremendous hail storm right on 9:00am on Monday and continued for the whole week! Hopefully the sun will shine for us next Monday so that we can have our assembly and catch up on the awards.

LOST ITEMS OF CLOTHING
Lost property, particularly items of uniform continues to be a problem for us all. Every week a large number of clothing items, mainly jumpers and jackets appear in our lost property basket. If they are named it is a simple matter of returning the items to their owners, however, most items are not named and basket loads go unclaimed. I am worried that with the commencement of our whole school swimming program next week there will be more lost items to add to the pile. Please take some time to ensure that your child’s clothing items are labelled so that our staff can help children to keep track of their clothes. A permanent marker can be used to write on the clothing label or inside the clothes. This works well and takes just a few minutes to complete.

NAPLAN STUDENT REPORTS
We have been notified that the NAPLAN individual student reports will be sent to the school during the week beginning Monday 17th August. As soon as we receive these reports we will pass them on to families via the students.

PUNCTUALITY
One of the challenges we all face in the Winter is the motivation to leave our warm, cosy beds and get going in the morning. In recent weeks we have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving late for class. Late arrivals can be disruptive for the class and difficult for the student who arrives and needs to catch up with what is happening. The first session of the school day is often the most productive as students are fresh and ready to learn.
We usually focus on full day absences when we consider the impact of absence on student learning, however, chronic lateness can also be a significant negative factor. I have included some information that I have come across that provides an interesting overview of the cumulative impact that late arrival can have. It is worth a read!
HOOPTIME
Yesterday our students in Years 3 and 4 participated in Hooptime. Staff who attended reported that they had a fantastic time and the behaviour and sportsmanship of our students throughout the day was sensational. Well done to you all and a special thank you to Miss C for organising the activity!

Have a good weekend and keep warm!

Regards

Lynne Brenner
Principal

SUBWAY LUNCHES
Our next Subway lunch day is August 19th. Please remember to have your orders to the office by 9.00am on that morning. Envelopes are available from the office.

What sort of start is your child getting?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>He/She is only missing just....</th>
<th>That equals....</th>
<th>Which is.....</th>
<th>and over 13 years of schooling that's....</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10 minutes per day</td>
<td>50 minutes per week</td>
<td>Nearly 1.5 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly Half a year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 minutes per day</td>
<td>1 hour 40 mins per week</td>
<td>Over 2.5 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 1 year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Half an hour per day</td>
<td>Half a day per week</td>
<td>3 Weeks per Year</td>
<td>Nearly 1 and a Half years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 hour per day</td>
<td>1 hour per week</td>
<td>3 Weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 2 and a Half years</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!
**PE/SPORT NEWS**

**Important Sporting Dates Term 3:**
Please mark these dates in your diary.
- Swimming Program - Weeks 5 & 6 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)
- Officer District Athletics Carnival - Thursday, 27th of August, 2015.

**Swimming**
Our swimming program kicks off this Monday. Please ensure students wear bathers underneath their school uniform in the morning and have a towel, underwear and a plastic bag for wet bathers all clearly named (including school bag). The scheduled times for each grades lesson was distributed during the week so please check with your classroom teacher if you are unsure when your child’s lesson is.

**House Athletics**
Due to weather conditions throughout the week, our Field Athletics had to be cancelled, as our oval is too wet and muddy. We will schedule another day to complete the Athletics. It will not be possible to schedule this before the District Athletics day so times will be recorded within PE lessons to qualify.

**Hooptime**
Grade 5 & 6 - Congratulations to all students who participated in the 5/6 Hooptime on the 23rd of July, with special mention to the All Stars team coached by Braden who won overall! They will be continuing to the next level of competition- which is very exciting. Well done!

Grade 3 & 4 - On the 6th of August, all students in 3/4 had the opportunity to represent the school and did a fantastic job! Everyone learnt heaps, showed good sportsmanship and had lots of fun. Congratulations!
Football Clinic.

Over the last 4 weeks, the Prep - Grade 2 students have been becoming the next set of AFL recruits with Ash from AFL Victoria teaching them a couple of things about Aussie rules football. In most weeks it was rainy weather, we were forced to adapt activities to suit the Multi Purpose room but this didn't limit all grades from learning, improving their skills and most importantly having fun! Luckily enough I took some photos on the one beautiful sunny day we had.
Parents & Friends News

Chocolate Drive

We’ve had a great response for our Chocolate Drive. Just a reminder all monies are due back to the office by Friday 14th August.

Silent Auction

Don’t forget about our silent auction. We have the following great items up for bids:

1. Legends Showcase starring Mark Andrew
2. 6 Collingwood Tickets
3. 4 Collingwood Tickets
4. Mythical Coin Set
5. Stamps

If you didn’t receive the notice, information is available at the office. Bids close Thursday 13th August at 3.30pm Sharp.

The Melbourne Vs North Melbourne game is on this Sunday. All families receiving tickets have been contacted with the details. Meet between 12 -12.30 at Gate 3. Look for Michael in his red jacket. Should be a great day we have over 60 people from the Officer Community coming. Don’t forget your footy for a kick on the ground afterwards.

Jeff’s Meats $20 Voucher & Pakenham Fruit Plaza $15 voucher.

For your chance to win both of these vouchers, answer the question below and place the entry form in the box in the office by Friday 14th August. Winner will be drawn at assembly on Monday 17th August. Good luck. A big thank you to both Jeff’s Main Street Meats & Pakenham Fruit Plaza for their continued support of our school.

Cut here:........................................................................................................................................

Which class is running the Mystery Jar Stall? Hint, you may need to check out the Fete newsletter next week, or check your child’s notices next week.

Answer:

Childs Name:

Childs Class: