Date: Friday 11th September, 2015

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

**SCHOOL FETE HELPERS**
Yesterday notices were distributed seeking helpers to run the class stalls for the fete on Sunday 25th October. Please consider volunteering some time to assist your child’s class in running their stall. The fete is our major fundraiser for 2015 and we need the support of our community to ensure that it is a success!

**STATE SCHOOLS’ SPECTACULAR**
The senior students have been practising hard for their performance this Saturday and have attended rehearsals in at Hisense Arena all day today and yesterday. We congratulate the students and staff on their commitment and wish them all the best for the two shows. I am looking forward to watching them perform on stage tomorrow afternoon!

**BENDIGO BANK SWITCH TO SAVE**
Recently our school was approached by the Bendigo Bank, Beaconsfield Branch, to invite us to be beneficiaries of their ‘Switch to Save’ Program. Through this program home owners and businesses in our community can have their halogen downlights replaced with more efficient LED downlights free of charge (minimum of eight downlights). For every downlight replaced under this program the school will receive a donation of $1 to fund a sustainable project. The bank has commenced promotion of this initiative with their customer base and are keen to involve the wider community to promote energy efficiency and at the same time provide a benefit to our school. This program has the potential to provide significant funds towards a project of our choice. I am certain that we will have no trouble finding a worthy project to utilise the funds raised. We have included a flyer with the newsletter about this program for your information.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP US?**
Keeping up with the general maintenance of our grounds is a constant battle. Whilst our beautiful trees provide the benefits of visually enhancing our environment and creating welcome shade from the summer sun, they also constantly shed leaves, sticks, acorns and catkins. Our gardens also
need a regular tidy up and playgrounds benefit from having the soft fall raked. If you know of someone who would be willing to volunteer some time to help with some sweeping, raking or gardening please let us know. We would be grateful to receive their help. The only requirement would be that they would need to hold a current Working with Children Check.

Enjoy the spring weather predicted for the weekend. Hopefully it is a sign of things to come!

Regards

Lynne Brenner
Principal

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Student of the Week

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Subway Lunch
Our next subway lunch is Wednesday 16th September. Please remember to have orders into the office by 9.00am
Scienceworks!

On Tuesday this week the Prep – 3 students enjoyed a visit to Scienceworks and the Planetarium to conclude our Term 3 topic on Science.

Students were taken on a journey through the galaxy at the Planetarium and had a great time exploring all the hands on activities that Scienceworks has to offer.

A great time was had by all and the whole day was summed up beautifully by one of our Preps: “Science rocks!”
Program Update
This week children have been finishing off their CD dreamcatchers & decorating them beautifully with lots of shiny sequences & glitter.
Children have also made lots of fossils using clay & small dinosaurs, once the clay is dry, children will have the opportunity to paint them & decorate as they like!
Cultural puzzles have kept children busy with most children taking on very challenging puzzles & working hard to complete them!
This week was also time for our grassheads to get some groovy hair cuts, some even got cool Mohawks!
Dress ups & role play once again has been a popular activity with most children participating in “shops”, “restaurants” & “schools”.

7th - 11th September Activities

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Parent Information
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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.
**Disco**

Tonight is the night. Officer Hall will be rockin' with all the tunes that the kids love. Prep to Grade 2 will be on from 6pm to 7.30pm and I’m sure we’ll see some awesome dance moves. Grade 3 to Grade 6 will then rock on from 8pm to 9.30pm.

**Hot Dog Lunch**

Don’t forget hot dog orders need to be in by 9am Tuesday 15th September. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted. If you need an order form please collect one from the office.

**Show Bags for the Fete**

Show bag pre-order forms were sent home this week. Remember to guarantee availability of a show bag all orders need to be returned with money by 9am Friday 18th September. More order forms are available from the office.

**Fete Volunteers**

This week a flyer was sent home to all students detailing their class stall activity at the fete. If you didn’t receive the form please collect one from your teacher. We still need many volunteers and helpers on the day.

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**FOOTY DAY**

On Thursday 17th September come dressed in your clubs footy colours to celebrate footy finals.

Weather permitting there will be a great game of footy for the students to watch. Staff vs Grade 6 students.