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 4th September, 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;
FATHERS’ DAY STALL
On behalf of our school community I would like to thank the PFA and their wonderful helpers for the most successful Fathers’ Day Stall they ran yesterday. There were many excited and satisfied customers. I hope that all of the dads enjoy receiving their carefully selected gifts and have a great day on Sunday!

CAFÉ READING PROGRAM
Yesterday we had a visit from our Senior Advisor, Peter Greenwell, and consultant, Lyn Watts to observe our teaching staff delivering the CAFÉ Reading Program in their classrooms. Both of our visitors were most impressed with what they observed and congratulated the staff on the wonderful progress they are making in implementing the CAFÉ program and establishing a positive learning environment for our students. The implementation of this program will ensure a consistent approach to the teaching of reading across the school and provide the students with a common language that they can use in articulating their learning. We are closely tracking our reading data and can already see benefits of this program in relation to student achievement.

LOST PROPERTY
Once again, our lost property basket is full to overflowing with items of school uniform. It saddens me to see how many items remain unclaimed at the end of each term. If your child has lost anything please come and have a look through what is there. It may save you having to purchase replacement clothing! To help us reduce the number of unclaimed items please ensure your child’s uniform is clearly named so that we can return it to them as soon as it is found.

Happy Fathers’ Day to all the dads and grandads! Hope you all get suitably spoilt!

Regards
Lynne Brenner
Principal
Pablo Picasso better watch out. The Preps have been flexing their creative skills in the computer lab.

Whilst it may just look like they are using some pretty colours on a computer, they are also working really hard to develop their skill in using a computer mouse. It may be a simple skill we take for granted as adults, but learning to finely control a mouse takes time and practice. The skills developed to create pictures with a mouse will be used all the time when working with a computer.

The Preps have been building their skills with the assistance of a drawing program called Tux Paint. The software is free to download and works on Windows, Mac and even iPads/Tablets. If you don’t have a drawing program at home already then you can get it from http://www/tuxpaint.org/download/
PE/SPORT NEWS

**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**
New permission notices (purple) were sent home during the week with the new District Athletics date. Please endeavour to get these back to the office by Wednesday the 10th of September.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

**FREE Girls Cricket Holiday Program**
In the school holidays, Cricket Victoria are running a 'girls come and try' day. I would encourage all Grade 4, 5 & 6 girls to give it a go and would be perfect preparation before our T20 Blast Cricket round robin in Term 4.

**FREE Berwick Indoor Sports Clinics**
Soccer, Basketball, Netball and Floorball clinics are running throughout the holidays for all students in Prep to Grade 6. Pamphlets have been sent home with this newsletter.
Parents & Friends News:

**Mystery Jars**

Unfortunately Mr Corbett was away on Monday to make the all important announcement at assembly of who won the Mystery Jar competition. An update to the School’s facebook page later that day saw Ms Harris’ class take out the prize with a tally of 386 jar. Congratulations, they will now enjoy a class party. A big thank you to all the students and parents that brought in jars. The response was truly amazing.

**Chocolate Drive**

Just a reminder, that Chocolate money is overdue. If you could return the $50 per box or any unsold chocolates to the office by Monday.

**Disco**

Don’t forget if you want your child to boogie on Friday 11th September, the permission form and money must be returned to the office by Tuesday 8th September. This is always a great night and a lot of fun for the kids.

**Hot Dog Lunch**

We will once again be holding our annual hot dog lunch in celebration of footy finals. Order forms will be sent home next week for the special lunch on Thursday 17th September. Please ensure they are returned by the due date as no late orders can be accepted.

**Show Bags for the Fete**

Our show bags for the Fete will be done on a pre-order basis. Look out for the order forms and a description of the show bags which will be sent home next week.

**Fathers Day**

The students enjoyed choosing their special gift at the Fathers Day Stall. I’m sure there will be much excitement on Sunday with the unwrapping of their gifts. 
To all the Dads we wish you a Happy Fathers Day.
**Program Update**

This week at Officer OSHClub children have made some very special gifts for father’s day. They have decorated some awesome ties, footy top photo frames & made beautiful cards.

Children have also decorated some old CD’s which we plan on hanging in our room to decorate it & reflect the sun. The nice weather has given us the opportunity to enjoy lots of outdoor games & sports.

Inside children have been into puzzles, working hard & concentrating & working in groups to complete some very tricky puzzles & jigsaws. Children have participated in a lot of role play, from restaurants to playing schools complete with naughty students & strict teachers! Role play also extended to cars, where children have made bases out of wooden pieces to create “homes” for their cars.

Challenging themselves to build some really tall towers out of wooden blocks has also been a big hit this week! Our grass heads & seeds are growing rapidly & doing well!

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**31st August - 4th September Activities**

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**Parent Information**

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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](http://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.