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 2016 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 12th February, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

PARENT INFORMATION/OPEN AFTERNOON
On Monday all families will receive an information pack from their child’s class teacher containing important tips regarding class programs, timetables and routines that have been established for each class. You will also receive an invitation to attend an Open Afternoon on Thursday 18th February between 2:30 and 3:15pm. This will enable students to show their parents their new classrooms and provide parents with the opportunity to meet the teacher and ask any questions they may have. This session will replace the getting to know you interviews that have traditionally been held early in Term 1.
Teachers will conduct interviews early in Term 2 when they will report on Term 1 progress and set goals for Term 2. A second round of interviews will be held early in Term 3 as a follow up to the mid-year reports and an opportunity to set goals for the second half of the school year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Our School Council Constitution allows for a total of ten representatives with five of this number being elected parent members, three being elected DET members and two further members being Community Members who are co-opted by the School Council.

Each member of School Council is elected for a two year term with terms for members finishing in alternate years. This year we have three Parent Rep positions and one Staff Rep position open for election.

A further two Parent Rep positions are available for co-option to fulfil casual vacancies created by parent members who have left the school in the middle of their two year term. One Community Member position will also be available for a co-opted member.

School Council Members whose term is up are:
Parents: Michael Ball, Kelly Polyhrondis, Gavin Rogers.
Staff: Duanne Corbett
The timeline for the OPS School Council election process is as follows:
Friday 12th February    Notice of elections and call for nominations.
Friday 19th February    Close of Nominations
Monday 22nd February   List of candidates and nominators posted
Monday 29th February   Prepare ballot papers and distribute (if required)
Monday 7th March       Close of ballot
Tuesday 8th March      Declaration of poll
Wednesday 16th March   Council Meeting to co-opt Community Members
Wednesday 16th March   First meeting of new School Council

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for School Council, nomination forms are available from the School Administration and must be returned to the school by 4:00pm on Friday 19th February.

Attached to this newsletter you will find further information about the role of the School Council and how you can become involved. If you have further questions please contact me at the school.

Enjoy the warm weekend!

Regards
Lynne Brenner
Principal

CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund)

Yesterday the CSEF application form was sent home, if you have a Centrelink Health Care Card please fill this form in and send it to the office.
A copy of your Health Care Card needs to be provided also.
The funding can only be used for Camps, Sports and Excursions throughout the year. It is specifically for the child. If it is not all allocated during the year it will be carried over to the next year.
If you have any queries please contact Julie in the office.

SUBWAY LUNCHES
Our next subway lunch is Wednesday 24th February 2016. Please remember to have orders into the office by 9.00am

BOOKCLUB
Bookclub is due back next Friday 19th February 19th
**PE/SPORT NEWS**

**Important Sporting Dates Term 1:**
- Senior Summer Interschool Sport - February 19th VS. Chairo (away)
- District Swimming Carnival - Wednesday, 24th of February

Grade 4-6 Summer Interschool Sport permission notices and payment due **TODAY**

**FREE Hot Shot T-shirts**
We still have an enormous amount of FREE Hot Shot T-shirts available from last year so if you are interested in another T-shirt please let Miss C know what size and colour you would like.

**Active April**
Last year our school was involved in Active April, which is a Victorian initiative to encourage all Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity daily. Registrations have now opened and we are seeking more students and families to join our team! The idea behind Active April is to log our physical activity online each day and try and be as active as possible.

Everyone that registers for Active April online will receive:
- 15% discount on purchases from Sportsmart
- 10 free passes to a YMCA or participating local government facility
- one free Get into Cardio Tennis session
- one free hour tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
Once you register online, find our Officer Primary School team by searching 'OfficerPS'. If you are unable to use the internet at home, let Miss C know that you are interested and she will be able to register you at school. If you have any problems registering or questions regarding Active April please do not hesitate to ask☺

Parents & Friends News

Our 1st meeting was held this week and it was great to see some new parents join the committee. If you were unable to make the meeting but would like to help out with our events, or just find out what the Parents & Friends is all about, we would love to see you at our next meeting on Tuesday 8th March at 9.15am.

Term 1 Activities
- Easter Raffle
- Family Night celebrating our 130 Year Anniversary Friday 18th March.
- Bunnings BBQ Sat 19th March

This year we are aiming to raise $12000 to contribute towards playground maintenance and improvements along with our community contributions of ribbons & medals for Cross Country Sports Day, Stage Hire for the Christmas Concert and Signature Bears for the graduating Grade 6 students.

More details of our term 1 activities will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Have a great weekend

Melissa Ball
Parents & Friends President

CALL NOW 9707 4922

WE TREAT ALL CHILDREN’S FOOT DISORDERS
- Flat Feet
- Growing Pains
- Ankles Rolling Inward/ Pronation
- Heel Pain / Severe’s Disease
- Knocked Knees/ Bowed Legs
- Skin and Nail Fungal Infections
- Warts and More
- Orthotics, Footwear Assessments

WE ALSO TREAT THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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2016 HOUSE CAPTAINS

STARLING
Riley & Piper

HICKS
Liam & Lachy

MCMULLAN
Mckinley & Ayesha

LECHY
Ethan & Ciara
Congratulations

Student’s of the week

Prep LP  Zooey Belle  Coming to school organised and ready to learn each day.

Prep RA  Baylie.  Amazing listening and friend.

1 JDZ  Ashlee  Showing great persistence in your reading.

1 LH  Stuart  Wonderful start to the year. Welcome to OPS.

1/2 JD  Thomas  Working hard in maths and independently completing tasks.

1/2 DM  Blake  Showing persistence and continuing to work amongst distraction.

2/3 NP  Rylan  Hard worker and excellent role model in class.

3/4 BC  Zac  Consistent cool calm collected conduct.

4/5 AW  Celsea  Impressive writing and showing kindness by helping others.

5/6 YK  Joseph  Amazing way he works with his prep buddy.
Program Update

This week we have been sharing the love making Valentines Day cards & gifts for someone special. Most children made a Valentine butterfly for brothers, sisters or parents. Children have also spent lots of time using their imaginations, creating their own craft experiences such as box construction, masks, Minecraft paper crafts and nature pictures. Mostly children have had fun building robots & vehicles out of K'Nex, Lego & Mobilo & making a tiny village out of sand & paper people. There is also been lots of fun & laughter from role play with children dressing up, pretending in the home corner & making cubbies.

8th - 12th February Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0438 566 988  
Coordinator: Susana Tapia  
Assistant: Megan Harvey  
OSHC Club 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.
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School Council Election 2016 - Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- An optional Community member category - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term I each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.
Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.
Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of

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Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on 19/02/2016 (insert date and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 7/03/2016 (insert date and year)

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Lynne Brenner
Principal