Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

PARENT INFORMATION/OPEN AFTERNOON
It was great to see so many of our families and extended families take the opportunity to visit their child’s classroom yesterday afternoon. Our students clearly enjoyed showing visitors their new classroom and explaining class routines and activities that they take part in daily. Our staff appreciated the efforts made by family members to attend and enjoyed the opportunity to chat with visitors.

Families are reminded that Parent Teacher Interviews will be offered in the last week of Term 1, Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd March, when teachers will discuss how students have settled into the school year and their goals for Term 2.

Please remember that the staff are happy to meet with parents as the need arises. This can be arranged by contacting the class teacher to arrange an appointment. Meetings can be held face to face or over the phone if parents cannot manage a visit to the school. The staff are generally very accommodating with regard to availability, but do need to work around their yard duty and meeting commitments.

STUDENT SECURITY
We are fortunate to have secure fencing around our school including child safe access gates to ensure that young children cannot leave the school grounds unsupervised. Recently we have observed that some parents and older students have developed the habit of propping open the gates before and after school, thus providing free access into and out of the grounds. Whilst we realise that this may be more convenient for some, it presents a danger to children who may wander onto the street without adult supervision. Please help us to keep our students safe by keeping the gates securely closed.

Parents also need to be aware that young students need to be accompanied to the gate in the mornings so that they can safely enter the grounds in a timely manner.

STUDENT HEALTH
This week we have had a reported case of chicken pox in 3/4BC. Students who contract chicken pox are excluded from school until all blisters have dried. This is usually five days after the rash appears
in unimmunised children, but may be less in immunised children. There is no need for contacts to be excluded. Any child with an immune deficiency (for example, leukaemia) or receiving chemotherapy should be excluded for their own protection.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Families are reminded that we have a total of six vacant positions for our School Council this year and are very keen to welcome new parent members who would like to contribute to our school community by becoming a member of School Council. Nominations for the elected parent positions close today at 4:00pm.

A further three positions, two one year casual Parent Member vacancies and a two year Community Member vacancy are also available. Please contact me at school if you are interested in taking up one of these positions.

Enjoy your weekend!

Regards
Lynne Brenner
Principal

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

LOST UNIFORM
Maddie Edwards has misplaced her size 10 bomber jacket. It is clearly named, could families please check if it has accidently ended up in their washing basket and return it to the office.
We often have lost uniform with no names; it is hard to give back to your children with no names. Please check that your child’s uniform is named.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER
Do you find yourself asking “How was your day today?” only to be met with the response of, “good/ok.” You are not alone!

Here are 10 TOP TIPS FOR AFTER SCHOOL CONVERSATION STARTERS:

- What was the funniest thing you heard all day?
- What was your favourite thing that happened today?
- What was something new you learnt at school today?
  - What rule was the hardest to follow today?
- When did you feel most proud of yourself today?
  - What challenge did you overcome today?
Which area of the school did you play in today? Who did you hang out with?
  Who made you smile today?
  Tell me something you learned about a friend today?
  What is the most important rule in your classroom and why?

GROUP KEYBOARD, GUITAR AND DRUM LESSONS

Enrolments are being accepted for group keyboard, guitar and drum lessons which will recommence on Thursday 25th February.

These lessons are held during school on school premises and cost $13.00 for a 30 minute group lesson.

If you would like to enrol your child in keyboard, guitar or drum lessons, please obtain an enrolment form from the school office or contact Excel Music, (03) 9801 8991.

OPEN AFTERNOON 18/02/2016
Important Sporting Dates Term 1:
- Senior Summer Interschool Sport - February 26th VS. Chairo (away)
- District Swimming Carnival - Wednesday, 24th of February
- Touch Football Clinics - Tuesday and Thursday for the next 3 weeks.

FREE Hot Shot T-shirts
Keep bringing in the Hot Shot T-shirt orders- still PLENTY left 😊

Swimming Carnival
Over the last 2 weeks, we have had a few students training before school to represent Officer Primary School at the Officer District Swimming Carnival. Ethan Rogers, Mitch Rook, Jack Liddle and Piper Cooper have demonstrated fantastic dedication, motivation and enthusiasm at trainings and we are so proud of their efforts so far. We wish them all the best of luck at the Swimming Carnival!

Touch Football Clinics
Starting next week, all students will be involved in Touch Football clinics delivered at the school by Sporting Schools Victoria coaches. The sessions will run for 3 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 45 minutes each. Below are the days that each class will have their clinic on.

Hockey Clinic
On Wednesday, a few PE classes were lucky enough to be treated with a special Hockey clinic delivered by coaches from Hockey Victoria. The students learnt basic skills and safety with equipment through fun inclusive activities and really enjoyed themselves!
Hockey Clinic Photos...
Congratulations

Students of the week

Prep LP  Cohen. Having such a positive attitude & being willing to try new things even when they're tricky.

Prep RA  Sophie. Being brave and having a go when things get a little tricky. For always bringing her smile to school.

1 JDZ  Ryder Setting an example in our classroom by always putting in 110% into every task.

1 LH  Tayah Always having a go at writing. You are a really hard worker.

1/2 JD  Sophie Always working hard & having a lovely smile.

1/2 DM  William Consistent effort and having an “I can” attitude.

2/3 NP  Charli For excellent contributions to class discussions, especially about seasons.

3/4 BC  Jacob An excellent start to the school year and applying himself so diligently.

4/5 AW  Maddelynn Being motivated, focused and ready to learn.

5/6 YK  Lachy Demonstrating a very positive attitude towards his work and great effort in maths.
Parents & Friends News

A flyer was sent home this week asking for volunteers to help run the BBQ at Bunnings, Pakenham Store, on Saturday 19th March. To enable the BBQ to run efficiently we require 4 helpers at all times. If you can offer some help on the day, please complete the form sent home and return to the office. If you did not receive the flyer, they are available from the school office.

Save the Date
This year Officer Primary School celebrates its 130 year Anniversary. We will be holding a birthday celebration after school on Friday 18th March. More details will follow next week.

Who loves a Bargain and wants a day out Shopping at some of the best warehouses in Melbourne?

Saturday 15th October
$55 including lunch!

Warehouses may include Ladies and Children’s fashion, Toys, Manchester, Homewares, Christmas and more! We need 36+ people to make this happen, maybe bring a friend! Please fill out the Expression of Interest below and return it to school by Friday 4th March. We are required to pay a non refundable deposit so we need to ensure we have enough interest for this to run.

OFFICER PRIMARY SCHOOL SHOPPING TOUR FUNDRAISER EXPRESSION OF INTEREST!

Name:

How many people:
Program Update
This week children have participated in different activities such as Minecraft paper crafts & paper dolls, role playing in the home corner & dressing up, making different things out of plasticine, playing different board games & lots of outdoor play. Children made up their own games using animals in the doll house to have a party while others made kites out of paper & flew them outside. We've enjoyed lots yummy afternoon teas with our daily fruit & veggie platter & specials such as pasta salad & pumpkin soup with garlic bread!

15th - 19th February Activities

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Parent Information

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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.