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 15th April, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;
Welcome to Term 2. I trust that families enjoyed the Easter Break and the opportunity to take advantage of some fine weather before winter sets in.

A big thank you to families for coping with a pupil free day in the very first week of term! Our staff enjoyed a productive professional development day that has provided them with inspirational ideas for building maths programs focused on deepening student understanding of the key concepts through explicit teaching, strengthening skills through maths games and providing students with opportunities to apply their knowledge to solve maths challenges. Teaching staff also spent time planning the maths program for this term while ES staff worked on making maths resources for students to use in the classroom. Having this day at the commencement of the term means that staff and students will get the full benefit of the program.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Families will recall that late last term we sent home a copy of the School Council endorsed OPS Uniform Policy with our newsletter and notice that we would commence enforcement of this policy in Term 2. As of next week students who are out of uniform, without written explanation from their parents, will receive an infringement notice. On Monday all class teachers will discuss the uniform policy with students and clarify any queries they may have.
Staff have observed that the most common issues with non-compliance with our uniform policy relate to footwear choices and some items of clothing, such as netball skirts, that have become a popular choice for some of students.
If you are having difficulty providing uniform for your child please come and see me as we may be able to assist you in accessing uniform items from our second hand uniform supply or through the State Schools Relief services.

PARKING CONCERNS
Some of our families have raised concerns regarding parking around the school and in the carparks of the hall and SJD. It is important that drivers observe the parking restrictions in Tivendale Road so that the traffic can flow smoothly during the peak busy periods. It is also helpful if drivers consider others when parking in the available carparks by ensuring that they park in a manner that maximises the space available to others and avoid ‘blocking in’ other cars.
Families are also reminded that the staff carpark is for staff vehicles only and should not be utilised as a drop off or pick up point at school times or when accessing the OHSC program. Some near accidents have been caused by unauthorised vehicles using the staff carpark, particularly at busy times when staff are coming and going. Please help us to keep everyone safe by implementing safe practices.

**PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017**
This term we will commence the process of accepting enrolments of students for Prep 2017. This will include the offer for new families to participate in personalised school tours.

Existing families are encouraged to contact the office for enrolment forms. For effective planning purposes it is beneficial for us to know projected Prep enrolments well in advance. We also need to be aware of students with special needs who may be eligible to receive extra support on their entry to school as there is an extensive application process that can take several months to complete. This process is best undertaken prior to the commencement of the school year, so that supports can be put in place to ensure a smooth transition to school for the student.

Families with queries about enrolment should contact the school administration.

*We have had a great start to the term and look forward to busy and exciting times ahead!*

Regards  
*Lynne Brenner*  

**ANZAC DAY BADGES**  
We are selling Anzac Day badges, wristbands and bag tags for the Pakenham RSL in the office.  
*If you would like to purchase any please drop in and get some.*  
The price range is $1.00-$4.00

**HELP WANTED**
We have a family that lives near McGregor Rd that need help with getting their daughter to school. If you can help out at all, even just a couple days a week, please call Julie in the office.

**SUBWAY LUNCHES**
Our next subway lunch is Wednesday 20th April 2016. Please remember to have orders into the office by 9.00am

**NEWSLETTER**
As of the 6th May the newsletter will be emailed to families, I will be using the email address that I have. If you think that your email address may have changed please send a note to the office. If you don't have email the newsletter will be available in the office each week for you.
SCHOOL CROSSING
Just a reminder the school crossing is manned from 8.20am-9.05am. Before or after these times please supervise your children over the road. On Tuesday we had a close call with one of our students. Remind your children that if the flags are not displayed it is not a school crossing.
Thank You

Book Club
Book Club is due back Friday 29th April

ART NEWS

Have you seen the mushrooms growing in our garden?

The SPORE Project is an awareness program to support creativity and art education by constructing and planting mushrooms simply made from brown paper lunch bags. Developed in 2005, the SPORE Project expanded into a world wide effort to spread the message of the importance of creativity and art education. Ten of thousands of paper bag mushrooms have been constructed and planted by hundreds of individuals, students, businesses and organizations around the world. Paper bag mushrooms have been planted in every continent of the world.. including Antarctica!
PE/SPORT NEWS

Important Sporting Dates Term 2:
- Winter Interschool Sport - Friday, 22nd April v. NNG at Home
- St. Margaret’s Netball Competition - Wednesday, 4th May
- District Cross Country - Friday, 6th May
- Winter Lightning Premiership - Friday, 3rd June
- Girls AFL Gala Day - Friday, 10th June

Running Club Achievements
Due to my absence in the last week of Term 1, I was unable to hand out our Running Club certificates at the final assembly. These certificates will be handed out at our next assembly as we have lots of great running achievements to be recognised.

Winter Interschool Sport
Permission notices were distributed at the end of last term and are due back with payment by TODAY. Round 1 is next week against Nar Nar Goon Primary school at home so it’s important that these notices are returned promptly.

District Cross Country
Congratulations to all students that competed in our House Cross Country last term! Those who will be competing at the District level on Friday the 6th of May have been notified and should have received the required information.
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INFORMATION DAY
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ACCELERATED PATHWAYS PROGRAM (APP) INFORMATION EVENING:

Thursday 28th April, 7pm
Grade 6 students with academic aptitude and a passion for learning are invited to apply.

INFORMATION DAY:
For Grade 6 Students: Thurs 5th May

INFORMATION EVENING:
For Parents of Grade 5 & 6 Students: Thursday 5th May, 7pm.

Parents will be able to tour the College in small groups. You will see our classrooms, facilities and presentations about the college learning programs. You will also have the opportunity to talk with teachers, students and other parents.

Contact: Mrs Ashti Mullen. Email: mullin.ashti.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone 5625 1002 or visit our website: www.drouinsc.vic.edu.au
Positive Parenting: a balanced approach to raising children
12 May 2016

The Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria, Inc presents an Information Session on Positive Parenting for parents, carers and teachers

It’s challenging being a parent. We receive mixed messages from other parents, family and the media. So what is the best way to parent our children in a positive way and to feel positive about ourselves as parents? Positive Parenting will focus on two aspects:

1. how to deal with our children in a respectful, positive, proactive way
2. how to nurture ourselves and not spend our quality time with our children feeling exhausted and guilty.

Parenting is about being in touch with our children’s needs, and treating them with the respect that they deserve.

About the presenter

Sally-Anne McCormack is a clinical psychologist with private practices in Blackburn and Burwood East in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, Victoria. She is a registered psychologist, media commentator, former teacher, wife and mother of four. She has extensive experience dealing with a broad range of mental health disorders especially depression, anxiety and sleep, as well as parenting and educational issues. In addition, she became an author when her first book - “Stomp Out The ANTs - Automatic Negative Thoughts” was launched in 2010.

Date: 12 May 2016
Time: 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm
Location: Dandenong Civic Centre
Boardroom 1 & 2
Level 2, 225 Lonsdale Street
Dandenong

Cost: $15 Standard fee
$10 ADAVIC members

Bookings: Phone: ADAVIC (03) 9853 8089
Email: adavic@adavic.org.au
Website: www.adavic.org.au
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! Monies non-refundable (no credits available)

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This event and associated information resources are supported by the Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation.
The Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria, Inc presents an Information Session for parents, adolescents and teachers with clinical psychologist, Dr James Collard.

Overview

Depression is one of the major mental health problems affecting all communities with 8 to 12% of people suffering depression in their lifetime. In this presentation Dr Collard will discuss the underlying factors that contribute to an adolescent suffering from depression. The different forms that depression might take, detailing symptoms and presenting issues will also be explained. This will include a focus on explaining the relationship between depression and self-harming behaviour, including suicide. Dr Collard will then also explain the most effective interventions for the treatment of depression and present ideas as to how to handle this condition.

About the presenter

Dr James Collard is a clinical psychologist. He has worked in mental health for over 10 years, with experience in both the private and public sectors, including hospitals and community health settings. He is also a member of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) and its Clinical College.

Dr Collard has expertise in areas of both clinical and health psychology and has completed advanced training in cognitive behavioural therapy. In his clinical practice Dr. Collard has experience working with people of all ages. He has worked with people experiencing a range of psychological and behavioural difficulties including depression, anxiety disorders, personality disorders, trauma and stress response disorders, anger issues and addictive behaviours. He also has experience working with people on relationship issues, behavioural problems, grief and chronic illness management. In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Collard is also a lecturer at the Caulimnlar Institute.

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