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 22nd April, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

CONGRATULATIONS!
Congratulations to all of our students on contributing to the creation of the Chinese Dragon for the Yackerboo Parade last weekend. The dragon was successful in winning a prize in the best connected to theme category and we received an impressive trophy that is on display in the foyer. Thank you to Angela Robertson, Duanne Corbett and Jeanette Ing for supporting our students who volunteered to participate in the parade as representatives of our school. It is great to see our school participating in these community activities.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE
Thank you to students who have volunteered to be a part of a group of students invited to sing the national anthem at the Dawn Service to be held at the gates to the Officer Recreation Reserve. It is a great honour for our school to be represented and it is most appropriate given that the school has been an important part of the community for 130 years.
It will certainly be an early start, with the service commencing at 6:00am, but I am sure that it will be worth the effort. If you are up early it would be great if you could join us!

SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE
Thank you to families who have provided positive responses to the increased emphasis on the implementation of our uniform policy. The decision to profile the importance of our students wearing the correct uniform came from parent concerns that standards were slipping.
As a staff we feel that the focus needs to be on ‘school pride’ and we will be encouraging the students to demonstrate their pride through the way in which we look after the school environment, our own belongings and our personal presentation. I am hoping that you have noticed the efforts staff and students have made to keep our school clean and orderly and showcase some of the work of our students.
It has been good to note that many parents with queries about the Uniform Policy have visited or contacted the office to clarify the situation rather than listening to some of the misinformation that was being shared in the playground and on social media forums.
The main concern of parents related to compliance with the guideline that shoes be predominantly black or white and whether this meant that they would need to rush out and buy their child a new pair of shoes by the next day. The shoe issues was discussed with all students and reiterated at
assembly, with the approach being that students with non-compliant footwear would be given a uniform infringement notice with the understanding that when new shoes were required they would be black or white. It was pointed out to some students that their existing shoes would comply if the bright laces were replaced with black or white laces. 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.

YEAR 6 MENTOR PROGRAM
This year we are trialling a mentoring program with our Year 6 students in an effort to ensure that the students feel supported and connected to school life. For students Year 6 can be both exciting and a little challenging, as they take on the responsibility of being the senior student role models of the school and prepare for the change ahead. The program involves each student being matched up with a staff member who will touch base with them regularly and hopefully become an adult that they can go to when they wish to share their achievements or discuss concerns. To mark the beginning of this program the staff mentors will provide a ‘special breakfast’ for the Year 6 students on Wednesday next week.

Both staff and students are excited about the program and we look forward to the positive outcomes it has the potential to bring.

LITERACY AND LANGUAGE SUPPORT PROGRAMS
Both of these support programs are now well underway and students involved are showing great progress.

The Literacy Support Program is focused on supporting students in Years 1 and 2 who need some extra help in mastering Reading and Writing skills. This program is managed by Lynda Harris who closely monitors the progress of students and sets the weekly tasks that are implemented during daily 1:1 sessions conducted by Education Support Staff.

The Language Support Program supports students identified as having needs in respect to their oral language development. This program is monitored by the DET Speech Pathologist who visits our school fortnightly. Once again our Education Support Staff are involved in delivering the 1:1 sessions with students.

STUDENT HEALTH ALERT
Yesterday we received confirmation of a case of ‘human parvovirus or slapped cheek disease’ (Erythema Infectiosum) in one of our Prep classes and another suspected case in Year 1. In children this disease causes a mild illness with little or no fever but a striking redness of the cheeks. There may also be a lacy pink rash on the trunk and limbs that fades within a week, but which may recur over several weeks on exposure to heat or sunlight. Headache, itch or common cold-type symptoms may also occur. In adults the rash is often absent. They may also have cold-type symptoms and sometimes painful or swollen joints lasting two or three days.

The incubation period varies from four to twenty days. The virus is transmitted by contact with infected respiratory secretions. Risk of infection can be minimised through standard hygiene practices such as hand washing and thorough cleaning of eating utensils.
Some groups of the population are at increased risk of developing complications if infected:
- Pregnant women, particularly in the first half of pregnancy
- Persons with haemolytic anaemia
- Immunosuppressed persons

These people should avoid close contact with children or adults in settings where parvovirus infection may occur such as schools, child care centres and health care facilities. If they are concerned about the potential risks they should seek advice from their medical practitioner.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
Over the past two weeks I have been very busy conducting school tours for families who are interested in enrolling students for Prep next year. There has been an increase in families coming from Officer which is reflective of the development in the area and it will be interesting to see how this will impact on our overall enrolment numbers.

As we are keen to establish how many Prep students to expect from our existing families I would ask that you get these enrolments in as soon as possible. All enrolment forms must be signed by both parents and be submitted with a copy of the child’s birth certificate (original to be sighted by our admin staff) and an immunisation certificate.

If you have any queries please contact or visit the school administration.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Regards

Lynne Brenner
Principal

Book club
Reminder last day for book club is:
Friday 29th April

SUBWAY LUNCHES
Our next subway lunch is Wednesday 4th May 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.
Prep LP **Vivienne.** A terrific start to Term 2. It’s great to see you so organised & ready to learn.

Prep RA **Ethan.** Making outstanding choices with completing work on time of high standards.

1 JDZ **Paige.** Showing improvement in reading & writing.

1 LH **Chayce.** His amazing maths results. Wonderful work!

1/2 JD **Jessie.** Great counting skills. Well done

1/2 DM **Luke.** A great start to term 2 & a fantastic start to OPS.

2/3 NP **Robert.** Always having a go with a fantastic attitude, even when things are hard.

3/4 BC **Tegan.** Exceptional effort engaging education enthusiastically, especially entreating extra edification.

4/5 AW **Brady.** His enthusiasm in building sentences and super typing skills.

5/6 YK **Tyler.** Making a fabulous start to term 2. Great work
Important Sporting Dates Term 2:
- Winter Interschool Sport - Friday, 29\textsuperscript{th} April v. BUPS at Home
- St. Margaret's Netball Competition - Wednesday, 4\textsuperscript{th} May
- District Cross Country - Friday, 6\textsuperscript{th} May
- Winter Lightning Premiership - Friday, 3\textsuperscript{rd} June
- Girls AFL Gala Day - Friday, 10\textsuperscript{th} June

Running Club Achievements
Congratulations to the following students on their amazing hard work and persistence throughout Running Club.

5km- Adam Bohn, Darcy Harfoot, Yusef Hassan, Chelea Martin, Lauren Potter, Lucas Halligan, Ella Teixeria, Angus Thomas, Cody Wilkinson, Kelly Young and Jack Young.

10km- Lachy Currie, Ella Defeu, Jorja Harfoot, Liam Harnett, Zachery Martin, Alex Mckenzie, Mitchell Mckenzie and Mitch Rook.

15km- Stuart Black, Lachy Currie, Ashley Defeu, Jack Liddle, Zachery Martin and Alex Mckenzie.

20km- Callum Black and Jack Liddle.

Winter Interschool Sport
We had a fantastic start to our Winter Interschool Sport on Friday morning, playing against Nar Nar Goon Primary School. We look forward to continuing to represent our school with pride next week against Beaconsfield Upper Primary School at home.
Parent & Friends News

Last week a flyer was sent home about the Mother’s Day Stall being held at school on Tuesday 3rd May. This year there is a whole new range of great gifts for Mum, Nan, or that someone special.

Gifts range from $2 to $5

Each child can purchase 2 gifts, a card & gift bag, more gifts can then be purchased at lunchtime or after school.

If you would like your child to purchase gifts, they will need to bring money on Tuesday 3rd May.

Last week we also sent home tickets for the Garry Warren Smith Car Raffle. We are very fortunate to be able to participate in this raffle once again and we hope you will support it by selling tickets. If you are unable to sell a whole book, whatever you can sell all helps towards our fundraising goal for the year of $12000. This year our fundraising will be utilised towards the maintenance of the playground.

All books must be accounted for therefore all sold and unsold books must be returned by Friday 6th May.

Don’t forget our Community Kickback’s with Amart Sports Fountain Gate. The school receives 5% of your total purchases as a kickback, this enables much needed sporting items to be bought.

It’s easy to participate, just sign up in store or online (only takes a few minutes), making sure you select Officer Primary School at each purchase and show your card.

Parent & Friends Meeting

Our next Parent & Friends meeting is on Tuesday 26th April at 9.15am. This meeting will incorporate our AGM. All new members are welcome.
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

18th – 22nd April 2016

It’s been an awesome week at Officer OSHClub. We’ve enjoyed many activities such as playing with slimy jelly baff and water beads & making sun catchers by melting beads in the oven & using colourful cellophane to decorate window pictures.

We also got to paint some super cute ready made sun catchers which will decorate our room. We’ve also enjoyed some yummy afternoon teas including our daily fruit & veggie platters as well as yummy soups & this week’s favourite mini quiches! Very soon we will be going through Assessment & Rating process, we would appreciate as much help from families possible, this can be done in the way of leaving us as much feedback & comments as possible. Whether they’re positive or negative it’s all welcome & used to further improve our program. Currently Officer OSHClub is at a rating of “working towards” this time we are aiming at hopefully achieving a rating of “exceeding”. We will be handing out feedback forms to families & it would be fantastic to get these back as soon as possible with all your feedback.

This week’s favourite recipe: Easy mini quiches

Ingredients
3 eggs
4 rashers of bacon, diced
1 small onion, diced
2 tablespoons of grated tasty cheese
Dash of thickened cream
3-4 puff pastry squares

Method
1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees
2. Lightly grease muffin trays
3. In a bowl mix eggs, bacon, onion, cheese, cream
4. Using a cup cut out circles on the pastry & place into muffin trays
5. Spoon mixture into pastry
6. Bake for approximately 20 minutes (makes 24)

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

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Coordinator: Susana Tabia
Assistant: Ellen Fisher
OSHClub Head Office: 03 8354 9000

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 all day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.