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 29th April, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

ANZAC DAY SERVICE
Thank you to families who supported our school’s participation in the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Officer Recreation Reserve last Monday morning. Our students did a great job of representing our school by leading the National Anthem and laying a wreath at the memorial gates on behalf of our school community. Thank you to Julian DeZilva for preparing the students for their performance. Thank you also to other staff members who gave their support by being present at the service.

HEALTH ALERT
This week we have had confirmation of a case of Hand, Foot and Mouth disease in Year 1. This disease occurs mostly in children under ten years of age and in young adults. Human hand, foot and mouth disease is unrelated to the foot and mouth disease of animals. The symptoms consist of sore throat, fever and blisterly lesions on the cheeks, gums, sides of the tongue and on the skin of the palms, fingers and soles of the feet. Occasionally lesions may also appear on the buttocks. The incubation period is from three to seven days, with transmission occurring by contact with the fluid from the lesions or direct contact with nose and throat discharges or the faeces of an infected person. The symptoms and lesions usually persist for seven to ten days and infected students are excluded from attending school until the blisters have dried. Spread of the illness can be controlled by good hand washing, cleaning and disposal of soiled articles such as tissues etc.
If your child presents with symptoms of hand, foot and mouth disease you are advised to seek medical advice and we request that you notify the school.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)
Today all students in Years 3 and 5 will receive an information flyer explaining this national assessment program that will be administered to students at these year levels on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May.
This testing program is conducted annually for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students are expected to participate in the tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.
Teachers will conduct the tests with their students and have undertaken activities to familiarise students with test formats and the test conditions they will experience. Individual student NAPLAN reports will be forwarded to the school for distribution to families later in the year.
If parents have any concerns or queries about the testing program they are encouraged to contact their child’s class teacher.
EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES
This year we plan to celebrate Education Week by conducting our annual book fair and a book character dress-up day to coincide with a morning tea for grandparents or special persons. The theme for the dress-up parade is story book monsters, villains or scary characters. Families are encouraged to commence planning costumes for this day so that all children can participate in the whole school parade. Further information and invitations will be sent home in coming weeks. Please note that the date for the book parade and Grandparents Morning Tea is Wednesday 18th May.

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR
Recently the school was contacted by a representative from the Australian School of Performing Arts regarding the establishment of a new venue in Narre Warren for the Australian Girls Choir. The school was invited to host an assessment workshop for girls in Years Prep to 4 who are interested in being involved. The workshop will be held at the school on Friday May 6th during school hours. If you would like your daughter to participate in the group workshop please complete and return the slip on the information flyer to school by Thursday 5th May.

BREAKFAST CLUB
This week Jeanette Ing and I met with a representative from Foodbank regarding the possibility of setting up a School Breakfast Clubs Program at OPS. This is an initiative of the Victorian Government in partnership with Foodbank Victoria. The meeting was most productive and provided us with lots of ideas regarding how a program could be implemented during Term 3.

Our initial proposal would be to operate the Breakfast Club two days per week. Success of the program will rely on community support as we will need volunteers to assist with food preparation and will be seeking to source foods to supplement the basic provisions supplied by the Foodbank organisation. We strongly believe that participation in this program has the potential to achieve improved physical, social and emotional wellbeing outcomes for our students. We also know that happy, healthy students are well placed to make the most of their schooling! If you are interested in helping us get this program underway please come and chat to Jeanette or myself.

YEAR 6 MENTOR BREAKFAST
On Wednesday morning staff mentors hosted a special breakfast for our Year 6 students to launch our Senior Mentor Program. The students were very excited at the prospect of joining staff for breakfast in the staffroom and they enjoyed a sumptuous spread. It is hoped that this program will provide these senior students with enhanced links with staff and a high level of support as they face their transition from primary to secondary school.

ATTENTION ALL DADS!!!!!! - 'MOTHERS' DAY STALL'
Dad’s are reminded that the PFA Mothers’ Day Stall will be held next Tuesday, 3rd May. Our dedicated PFA members have been very busy sourcing and packaging a range of special gifts priced at $2 to $5 for students to purchase at the Mothers’ Day Stall. Initially students will be able to purchase two items each but may have the chance to purchase more when all classes have had an opportunity to shop. Students are encouraged to bring their money in a named envelope to avoid loss and confusion.

Have a great weekend!

Regards
Lynne Brenner
Principal
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 and on the school website.

SCHOOL CROSSING
Please use the crossing when crossing the road before and after school. I have had another call from one of the schools down the road. They nearly hit one of our precious toddlers that ran out onto the road. The crossing is there for the safety of our students, parents, siblings and families.

MILO
The Grade 6 children will be selling warm Milo through Term 2 as part of their fundraising for graduation at the end of the year.
The children will collect the money on a Monday and Tuesday. The Milo will be delivered to the classrooms on Thursday.

NO MONEY WILL BE TAKEN AFTER TUESDAY.
Our Mothers Day Stall is on Tuesday 3rd May.
Gifts range from $2 - $5 each
Gift Bags & Cards 50 cents each.
Students will each have a turn to shop at the stall and may initially purchase 2 items as well as a gift bag & card.
Once all the children have had a chance to shop, they may return during the lunch break to purchase extra gifts.
There is a fabulous new range of gifts this year.
Something to please every Mum, Nan or Somebody Special.

Tickets sold or unsold in the Garry and Warren Smith Community Car Raffle are due back by next Friday 6th May.
Officer Primary School receives 100% of the profits from the tickets that our families sell. So even if you can only sell a few tickets it all helps contribute towards our fundraising target of $12000 for the year. These funds will then help with the maintenance of our playground.
Extra books are available from the office.
25th – 29th April 2016

This week has been a week of making and having fun. Children have enjoyed using their imaginations at the craft table and making lots of cool stuff with Lego, Mobilo and even the Marble run equipment. Children enjoyed the beautiful sunny weather playing lots of game outside, favourite being markers up!

Ingredients:
1 cup rolled oats
1 cup plain flour
2/3 cup brown sugar
2/3 cup desiccated coconut
125g butter, chopped
2 tablespoons golden syrup
½ teaspoon bicarbonate soda

Method:
1. Preheat oven to 160, line baking trays with baking paper
2. Combine oats, flour, sugar, coconut in a bowl. Place butter, syrup & 2 tablespoons cold water in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir for 2 minutes or until butter has melted. Stir in bicarbonate soda. Stir butter mixture into oat mixture
3. Roll over tablespoons of mixture into balls. Place on trays 5cm apart. Flatten slightly. Bake for 10-12 minutes until light golden. Stand on trays for 5 minutes. Cool & serve. Makes 24

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0438 586 988
Coordinator: Gusana Tapia
Assistant: Ellen Fisher
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.