Date: Friday 12th August, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

CURRICULUM DAY – MONDAY 22ND AUGUST – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Parents are reminded that there will be no school for students on Monday 22nd August. On this day our Education Support Staff will be involved in First Aid Training and our teaching staff will be undertaking professional development focused on the new Victorian Curriculum that is to be implemented in 2017.

Dates for the curriculum days were included in our newsletter early in the year but it is possible that some families may not have made note of these. The final Curriculum Day will be in Term 4 on Monday 14th November. Please note this in your calendar.

YEARS 3 TO 6 CITY CAMP
Yesterday I had the pleasure of joining our staff and students who were attending the three day City Camp. When I arrived early in the morning the students were breakfasted and ready for their second day of adventure. Staff reported that the students had slept very well in their comfortable accommodation, after a busy day on Wednesday visiting the Art Gallery and the MCG.

The program for yesterday included exploration of the Docklands area including a tour of Etihad Stadium, a ride on the Melbourne Star and a session of ice-skating. The highlight for both students and staff was definitely the Melbourne Star where we enjoyed great views of Melbourne and surrounding areas. I was very impressed with the behaviour of all students and congratulate them on the way they looked out for each other. Well done!

Our campers will return to Officer by train tomorrow afternoon. I would like to extend a big thankyou to our staff who have worked tirelessly to plan and offer this camp program to our students. The staff on camp have given up a great deal of personal time and worked very hard over the three days and two nights. Contrary to popular belief, they do not receive any extra remuneration for their efforts but give their time so that the students can have this experience. Please remember to thank them when you pick up your children as they will be very weary and will appreciate your kind words.
CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Luisa Prendergast and her partner Craig on the arrival of their beautiful new daughter Harper Gray Sinclair who was born on 11th August weighing a healthy 3.17kg. All are reported to be doing very well. We will look forward to meeting Harper soon.

Have a great weekend!

Regards
Lynne Brenner
Principal

SUBWAY LUNCHES
Our next subway lunch is Wednesday 17th August 2016. Please remember to have orders into the office by 9.00am

Hot Chocolate
Don’t forget to order your hot chocolate. Hot chocolate must be ordered and paid for on Monday and Tuesday and will be given out on Thursday of every week. Cost for hot chocolate is $1.00.

Parents & Friends News:
Reminder
Thank you to families who have returned their money for sold chocolates. Final payments of Chocolate Money are due on Friday 19th August at 9am.

PE/SPORT NEWS

Important Sporting Dates Term 3:
- Officer Olympics - Friday, 26th of August
- District Athletics - Thursday, 25th of August
- Girls AFL Gala Day - Friday, 2nd of September

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
In our Physical Education sessions, we have just finished our Dance unit in which all students had a blast! We are moving onto our Skipping unit and in doing so our school is completing the Jump Rope for Heart Program. A letter was sent home during the week with information about this program. The program emphasises the importance of regular physical activity and the importance of healthy eating for a healthy lifestyle. Whilst completing the program, our students can support and help to raise money for the Heart Foundation by getting sponsored by family and friends. It is not compulsory but would be awesome to have as many students registered as possible. There is a notice going home next week with information on how to register ☺️
Mitchell is our Aussie of the month for July as he has demonstrated many of the qualities expected of those in the senior school. Over the first half of the year Mitchell has demonstrated to be very reliable and trustworthy when completing tasks outside of the classroom. Mitchell always demonstrates good sportsmanship and is a team player. When outside the school Mitchell represents Officer Primary School with great pride. Mitchell works hard to be a positive role model to both his buddy and those around him. These qualities make him an excellent member of the Officer Primary School community and a worthy recipient for our Aussie of the month.
**LITERACY**
The preps will be continuing to work on the Questioning Owl CAFÉ strategy. Questioning Owl teaches us to ask the questions Who? What? Where? When? And Why? as we read to help us understand the story. We are also working on letter formation and writing on dotted thirds.

The grade ones and twos will spend this coming making connections to themselves, rereading sentences, recognising and talking marks in the text and identifying, pronouns, nouns, adjectives and verbs. The phonics focus will be on words that have an "ow" as in bow.

In writing this week, all the junior grades will be commencing our focus on Poetry Writing. Beginning with the Acrostic poem.

**MATHS**
This week's focus is shape. The preps are working on addition, groups of 10 and friends of 10 and the grade ones will be working on the names of 3D shapes and the grade twos will be identifying the features of 3D shape.

**INQUIRY**
This week's focus is on the events of the Olympics. The students will explore how many events there are in an Olympics and what some of them are. They will also learn about the symbols that represent the various events. These symbols change for each Olympics.

**Reminders**
**HOT CHOCOLATES** – Hot chocolate money is collected by the grade 6's on Mondays and Tuesdays. The cost of a hot chocolate is $1 and are these are distributed on Thursdays.
**BREAKFAST CLUB** – Tuesday and Thursday – Booking folder is located in the office.
What’s On

**YK and AW**

We are having so much fun at camp that we completely forgot about the newsletter! Not to worry though, we have loads to do, everything is planned and ready to go!

**NP and BC**

Hi everyone. Next week we will welcome our campers back to school and we can’t wait to hear about all of their adventures in the city! In CAFÉ we will be looking at cause and effect in texts and parts of words such as prefixes and suffixes. Our focus in maths will be on 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. Last week our Design, Creativity and Technology groups presented their models to both grades. Next week we are back to the drawing board designing for the next challenge. This will lead into our next writing genre of procedural text.

Have a great week!

---

**Reminders**

- **Hot Chocolates**— Money for hot chocolate is collected on Monday and Tuesday. Drinks delivered to classrooms on Thursday.
- **Breakfast Club**— Breakfast club is Tuesday and Thursday, the booking sheet can be found in the foyer of the office. All are welcome.
- **Swimming**— Please send swimming notices back to school ASAP.

**What’s On...**

- **Tuesday 16th August** - Family Life for the grade 5 & 6s
- **Thursday 18th August** - Grade 6 Biscuit Decorating fundraiser
- **Friday 19th August** - Grade 6 Biscuit Decorating fundraiser
Congratulations
Students of the week

Prep KS Emily. Having a red hot go with your writing and being so persistent sounding out your words.

Prep RA Brody. Always being a wonderful friend and making good choices completing your work on time. Amazing!

1 JDZ Peyton. Always being a positive member of our class and consistently putting 100% effort into all of your work.

1 LH Elektra. Always trying her best in class. Keep up the great work.

1/2 JD Lucas. Working hard at his reading using the CAFÉ reading strategies to help him.

1/2 DM Tate. A more consistent effort in class and having a go at new tasks. Well done!

2/3 NP Rhiannon. Making a great start on her Olympics project.

3/4 BC Bamden. A great effort with his handwriting. You worked really hard to improve your neatness!

4/5 AW Molly. The outstanding generosity she shows towards others and her persistence to improve her reading.
Want to earn your School a free iPad?

Nicola Parreira at Barry Plant Pakenham has created a special offer for Officer Primary School families. If you mention this add and List & Sell your home with Nicola Parreira she will generously donate an iPad to our School.

Nicola Parreira
Sales Consultant
M 0407 921 332 T 03 5941 1977 F 03 5941 6877
E nparreira@barryplant.com.au W barryplant.com.au/pakenham
16-18 Station Street, Pakenham 3810

Want to earn your School a free iPad?

Nicola Parreira at Barry Plant Pakenham has created a special offer for Officer Primary School families. If you mention this add and List & Sell your home with Nicola Parreira she will generously donate an iPad to our School.

Nicola Parreira
Sales Consultant
M 0407 921 332 T 03 5941 1977 F 03 5941 6877
E nparreira@barryplant.com.au W barryplant.com.au/pakenham
16-18 Station Street, Pakenham 3810