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 19th August, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

REMINDER:
CURRICULUM DAY – MONDAY 22ND AUGUST
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

OFFICER PRIMARY SCHOOL OLYMPICS
Our students are very busily preparing for this special event and the excitement is building as the students participate in learning activities about the country they will represent. We are hoping for good weather so that we can hold the activities outdoors including our opening and closing ceremonies. Parents are welcome to attend if the weather is fine, however we will not be able to accommodate parents if we have poor weather and have to hold the activities indoors. It is expected that the Olympics will operate in the morning as per the timing in the Physical Education report. Let’s hope that we have a beautiful sunny day!

NAPLAN REPORTS
Today families of students in Years 3 and 5 who were involved in the NAPLAN testing in May will receive their individual reports. When reading these reports parents need to keep in mind that the assessment is a ‘snapshot’ of their child’s performance based on a single test and may not provide the total picture of their child’s ability. Parents with questions or concerns about their child’s NAPLAN results should contact the class teacher for clarification.

It is worth noting that overall there has been considerable improvement in the performance of our Year 3 students in the areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy and of our Year 5 students in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. The measurement of growth in student performance from Year 3 to Year 5 was also very impressive, with most students showing medium or high growth across all areas. The teaching staff are very excited with these results as they are a reflection of the focused work they have done on implementing improved practices in teaching and learning over the past eighteen months.
In coming weeks our staff will be closely analysing this data to ensure that future planning will continue to deliver improvement in student outcomes.
Congratulations to our staff and students for their great effort!

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS
Parents and carers, students and staff all share responsibility for ensuring that Officer Primary School is a positive, respectful and safe school environment. We are all responsible for sustaining a positive culture within our school community and for treating each other with dignity and respect at all times. Everyone
should be mindful of the manner in which they conduct themselves in and around the school, noting that we are the role models that impressionable students look to.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contribute to the positivity and productivity of our school community each and every week. Though I cannot thank each of you individually, I wish to assure you that your efforts do not go unnoticed.

This is also an opportune time for me to emphasise that my door is always open to discuss any concerns you may have, simply contact the office to schedule an appointment. There is an appropriate avenue to raise any grievances or concerns. It is extremely disappointing to hear of efforts to undermine our positive school culture by way of spreading gossip, inaccurate and potentially defamatory statements rather than addressing concerns respectfully via appropriate avenues. Thankfully, such instances are very rare.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and effort put forth by the majority of parents and carers of Officer Primary School.

FEEDBACK RE CYC CAMP
Yesterday I was delighted to receive this email from one of the guides who took our students around the Victoria Market last week. It made me very proud and I would like to share the content with you.

Hello,

Last Friday, I had the privilege of taking your students on a tour of the Queen Victoria Market. It was a terrific experience as all of the students were so polite and engaging. It is always fun to have children visit the Market but it is even nicer when they are such a pleasurable group.

Thank you for supporting the Market and coming on a tour.

Cheers,

Bettina de Chateaubourg

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.
**PE/SPORT NEWS**

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

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**
We have started our Jump Rope for Heart unit in our P.E sessions. It would be great to see as many students registered on the website as part of our Officer Primary School team. A notice went home during the week with information on how your child can be involved.

**OFFICER OLYMPICS**
Our Olympics are fast approaching! Below is the details on the timing of events for the day if parents would like to come and support:

- 9.30 - 10.00: Opening Ceremony
- 10.00 - 11.00: 5 Rotations of activities
- 11.00 - 11.30: RECESS
- 11.30 - 12.30: 5 Rotations of activities
- 12.30 - 1.30: Medal Ceremony and Closing Ceremony

* Please note that these times are approximate and could vary on the day.

**DISTRICT ATHLETICS**
Thank you to those who have already returned their Athletics payments and permission forms. It would be great for these to be finalised next week so please aim to return forms and payment as soon as possible 😊
LITERACY
The preps have been focusing 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.

The grade ones and twos will spend this coming week identifying thick and thin questions in texts. In writing we will look at poetry and creating String poems. The phonic focus will be on words that have an “oa”

In writing this week, all the junior grades will be concluding our focus on Procedural Writing. We have already been working on how to write procedures for four weeks, including a procedure on “How to Brush Your Teeth”. Next up- POETRY!

MATHS
The preps are consolidating their ability to count forwards and backwards to 20. The grade ones and two will be focusing on subtraction.

INQUIRY
In the lead up to RIO 2016, the students have been learning all about the Olympics. This week we will be exploring aspects such as the Olympic Torch/Medals and their significance to the games. We will also learn about the various events at the Olympics and the symbols that are used to represent these.

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

Monday is a Curriculum Day

Bring a bloke night is on Tuesday evening from 6-7pm.

Officer Olympics is on Friday.
Hi All,

I would like to start by congratulating all the 3 to 6 students who attended camp on their wonderful behaviour. We had a fabulous time and got to see many of the famous sites of Melbourne. It was great to see the students demonstrating resilience and perseverance when learning to ice skate (and some of the teachers).

Week 7 is a busy week starting with a curriculum day on Monday, we also have the district athletics for many of the senior students on Thursday. I wish all those students good luck in their individual events. On Friday we have our Olympics day; students are encouraged to dress up in their assigned countries colours.

This week in CAFÉ we are continuing to work on stating opinions about texts and giving evidence to support them. We start our unit on poetry which is always fun and interesting. Many of our students often display an amazing talent for writing poetry and enjoy this topic immensely. In Maths we are focusing on shapes and continuing to work on our Travel Projects.

NP and BC

Hi everyone. Next week in CAFÉ we will be looking at how we use clues in the text such as punctuation to help with fluency. Our focus in maths is still on 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. In Design, Creativity and Technology we have started our next project and the children are creating their designs using plastic bottles. If you have plastic bottles of any size we would love to have them—clean and dry please! The children will be using these designs to write procedural texts over the coming weeks.

Reminders

**Hot Chocolates**—There will be NO hot chocolates during week 7 as many of the seniors will be attending district athletics.

**Breakfast Club**—Breakfast club is Tuesday and Thursday, the booking sheet can be found in the foyer of the office. All are welcome.

**Olympic Day**—Students need to come dressed in the colours of their assigned countries.

Biscuit Decorating

A huge thank you to all those people who supported the Grade 6 Graduation by buying a biscuit to decorate. Both days were a huge success.
Parents & Friends News

Chocolate Drive

Just a reminder, payment for the chocolates was due today. If you still have not yet returned your payment, it would be great if you could have it back to the office by Monday morning.

Fathers Day Stall

Our annual Father’s Day Stall is being held on Tuesday 30th August. Please see attached flyer for all the details.

Silent Auction

We have 3 great items up for grabs in our mini silent auction. All details and a bid sheet was sent home today. If you did not receive a copy more are available in the office.
Father’s Day Stall

Our Father’s Day Stall is being held at school on Tuesday 30th August.

Students will initially have the opportunity to purchase up to 2 items and a card & gift bag for that someone special. Once all the classes have had an opportunity to shop, the students may then purchase extra gifts.

Gifts range from $2.00 to $5.00 each

The stall may be open at the end of the day for any siblings that wish to purchase a gift.
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.

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Bedbugs
Are Wicked Witches always bad?
It all depends on your perspective!
By Leah Genuoio, and produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado

Starring Chelsea as Bibbidi

Performances on September 10th at 9pm and 3pm at The Gem Community Arts Centre, 63 Kilvington Drive, Emerald
Tickets $5 each

Tickets on sale on August 17th, 2016. Please email bedbugstix2016@gmail.com to book.