Mini Working Bee

This Sunday 16th Oct

9am to 11am

It’s our SCHOOLS time to SHINE.

In preparation for our 130 year celebrations we will be having a sweep, weed and clean up around the school and we’re putting all the SPIDERS on notice that no COB WEB’S will be left unturned.

Our Centenary Garden is currently having a transformation and revegetation in readiness for the BIG occasion. Star News will be doing a Pictorial spread on this momentous achievement and we need help to have our school looking its best.
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 14th October, 2016

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

SWIMMING PROGRAM
Staff, parents and students have provided positive feedback regarding the swimming program that students have participated in over the past two weeks. Teachers have reported that the sessions have run efficiently and students have both enjoyed and learnt new skills through the lessons. Overall we have been very proud of the behaviour of students and the independence they have displayed in being organised for swimming. Thank you to Emily Christodoulou for organising the swimming program and to families for supporting their child’s participation. Water safety and confidence are very important life skills and the ability to swim opens up a range of recreational options in adult life.

STUDENT SAFETY
Members of our community have approached me with concerns about students and families who are crossing Tivendale Road directly in front of the school during the busy drop off and pick up times. This is a very unsafe practice that has the potential to result in a serious accident and is also poor role modelling for our younger students. Please ensure that you and your children make use of the supervised crossing to cross the road safely. It may take a little longer but it is much safer.

PREP TRANSITION
The second of our Prep Transition sessions is scheduled for next Thursday (20th October) at 12:00pm. The students will participate in a classroom experience with a Literacy focus while parents will be invited to stay on in the multi-purpose room for an information session and a morning tea provided by the Parents and Friends Association. I am looking forward to meeting and welcoming new families to our community. The transition of new students to our school is always an exciting time!
SCHOOL COUNCIL WORKING BEE
In preparation for our Family Night to celebrate the 130th year of our School Council are having a working bee on Sunday morning to ensure that our grounds are looking their best for this special event. We need lots of help with sweeping, weeding, trimming and mulching. If you can spare some time please come along between 9:00am and 11:00am to give us a hand!

Enjoy your weekend!

Regards
Lynne Brenner
Principal

PAKENHAM GAZETTE
Today you would of received the newspaper. Every family has received this because our school is featured on page 30, promoting our 130 year birthday celebration.

HATS HATS HATS
Big reminder Term 4 is compulsory hat time. Hats are available from the uniform shop, the cost is $15.95 for a slouch hat and $12.95 for a bucket hat. Students need to wear a sunsmart hat outside at all times during playtime, lunchtime, PE and games outside as a class. If your child doesn’t bring a hat they will be required to sit under the oak tree outside the staffroom.

SUBWAY LUNCHES
Our next subway lunch is Wednesday 26th October 2016. Please remember to have orders into the office by 9.00am
**UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop is now operating at a real shop on the Princes Highway in Officer. This is good for the parents as you will be able to go into the shop and buy off the shelf, at times suitable to you. It will even be open on Saturday mornings.

**LOST UNIFORMS**

We have had a lot of children losing their uniforms at swimming. If everyone could please look through their laundry over the weekend and check if your child may have mistakenly picked up another child’s pants, jumpers, t.shirts, bomber jackets or jocks. If everyone could please make sure the uniforms are named clearly so they can be returned.

Thank You
LITERACY
In reading, we are focusing on making connections between ourselves and the text by relating it to our personal experiences. We are also practicing scooping words into phrases and checking to see if words look and sound correct!

In writing this week, the students have been continuing on with recount writing. Many students have written fantastic recounts about something special they did on the holidays, while some classes have also been recounting their swimming experiences from week one!

MATHS
Our focus for the start of the term is number and place value. The preps are revising their numbers to 20, while the grade ones and twos are developing their counting by 10’s, counting and sorting using bundling and strategies to identify one more and one less.

INQUIRY
Our Inquiry topic for the first few weeks is safety. We have specifically focused on water safety for the first two weeks to coincide with our swimming program. The students have learnt about why we need to be safe around water and what the best ways to be safe are!

SWIMMING
The swimming program wrapped up this week and all of the students had a great time developing their swimming skills. They all especially loved jumping in the pool in their clothes as part of a water safety unit and had a ball running across the inflatable obstacle course on our last day!

Of course, the teachers also thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to throw buckets of water at the students as they ran across the obstacle course!
What's On

YK and AW

Hi All. What a fabulous two weeks of swimming—everyone learnt so much and had fun doing so. I would like to congratulate our 4 senior students who represented our school at Division Athletics on Thursday—Lachy, Liam, Charli and Harry. You all did an amazing job to get this far in the competition, you represented our school with great pride and sportsmanship—Well Done. The senior students participated in Lightning Prem today (Friday), everyone did their best and had a wonderful time (thanks to some nice weather).

Week 3 sees the start of a new maths topic where we will be focusing on measurement. This terms unit topic focuses on history and the colonisation of Australia. The students have been learning how colonisation effected the Indigenous people of Australia. In Literacy the students have completed their first piece of writing an autobiography and next week will begin working on poetry. In CAFÉ students will be looking at how texts are often written from different perspectives. Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

NP and B/C

Hi everyone. A big congratulations to all of our swimmers who did an exceptional job over the past 2 weeks—you rock! Next week in CAFÉ we will be looking at the author’s purpose—is it to entertain, inform or persuade? Our focus in maths is still on division. In history we are focusing on the history of OPS. On Wednesday we are having a whole school presentation from some past students and on Friday we are having the OPS 130th Birthday Celebration from 3.30—6.00pm. We have lots of activities planned for kids both young and old so come along to share the fun! Have a great week!

Reminders

Zooper Doopers: Zooper Doopers are for sale on a Tuesday and Thursday to raise money for Grade 6 Graduation. They are 50 cents each (one per student) and will be sold each week during term 4.

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

130th Birthday Celebration—OPS 130th Birthday Celebration is on Friday 21st after school

OPS 130th Birthday Celebrations

OPS is turning 130

All are invited to our 130th Birthday Celebration on Friday 21st October at 3:15. There will be activities for all and even a birthday cake. We would love to see you there!!
**PE/SPORT NEWS**

**Important Sporting Dates Term 4:**
- Grade 5/6 T20 Blast Cricket - Friday, 28th October
- Survivor Challenge - Friday, 4th November
- Grade 3/4 T20 Blast Cricket - Friday, 18th November

**SWIMMING PROGRAM**
Our Swimming Program has been a great success with all students learning vital skills and information about water safety and how to swim, most importantly all our students had a positive experience. We were praised by staff on how well behaved and well-mannered our children are which is something to be really proud of! Well done to everyone involved, with special thank you to staff for being flexible with timetables and ensuring each day ran smoothly.

**T20 BLAST CRICKET GALA DAYS**
As we approach the summer months, the game of Cricket will be the unit of focus for our students in Grades 3 to 6 in P.E sessions. In addition to practicing the skills in class, our school will also be involved in the T20 Blast Cricket Gala days. There will be a day for the 5/6’s to be involved as well as a separate day for the 3/4’s.
Permission notices and payment information will be distributed in the coming weeks so please ensure you take note of the due date and return what is required to the office. This will be the last sport outing for our senior students in Grade 4-6, who have been so lucky with their opportunities including Lightning Premiership, Interschool Sport, Athletics and other gala days. Looking forward to what is always a fantastic day, where our students can put what they’ve practiced in P.E lessons into gameplay whilst proudly representing the school.
Term 4

Grade 6 Fundraising

This Term the Grade 6s will be selling Zooper Doopers on a Tuesday and a Thursday at lunch time. They grade 6s will come around to each class before lunch time for students to make their purchases.

The Cost is 50c (one per student)
Parents & Friends News

Survivor A-thon

Thank you to all the students that obtained sponsorship for the Survivor A-thon. Miss C has organized some great survivor challenges that students will be participating in on Friday 4th November, weather permitting. The event will run from 9am to 11am and parents are most welcome to stay and cheer on the “tribes”.

The winner of the highest fundraising student and highest fundraising class will be announced on the 1st assembly after the challenge. Prizes that the students have chosen for obtaining the sponsorship will be delivered on the day of the challenge.

All profit from this activity will go towards the maintenance that is needed for the playground.

130 year celebration

Our 130 year school birthday celebration is only 1 week away.

Next Friday 21st October between 3.30pm to 6.30pm we have a range of activities for the children to enjoy. There will also be a sausage sizzle and drinks to purchase for an easy Friday night dinner.

At 5.30 we will be having a cake cutting ceremony with some important guests and local identities attending. Past teachers, families and students will also be coming and we hope you can join us to make this occasion memorable.

Proud to always support the Officer Primary School.

Craig Currie
0417135075

A Local Family – Your Local Agent.

O'Brien Real Estate
OSHClub News

Before School / After School Care Program

3rd – 14th October 2016

Very soon Officer OSHClub will be going through the Assessment & Ratings process. We are expecting it will be end of October or beginning of November. When we receive a date, we will notify families.

We would appreciate as much help from you as possible. This can be done in the way of as much feedback & comments from you & the children who attend Officer OSHClub.

Your feedback is greatly appreciated & it is always used to improve our program. Officer OSHClub is currently at a rating of “Working Towards” & this time we are aiming to reach an “Exceeding” rating.

You may have noticed some dinosaur eggs on the windows above the shelves where the children leave their bags. The top half of the eggs have a brief description of how we as educators feel that we meet each quality area. The bottom half of the eggs are empty. This is so that you as parents & the children can add feedback & comments under each quality area.

We do have feedback sheets that you can take home & fill out & send back with your children & we will stick those up on the eggs.

Alternatively, leave us some comments on the parent feedback book on the sign in & out table, use the leaves on our feedback tree, use the colorful sticky notes on the sign in / out table or simply shoot us an email on oshclub.officer@gmail.com with your comments & feedback.

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National Quality Framework

When the NAP is ready for use, Educators will use it as a tool to reflect on their practice and to see how they can improve. The tool will also be useful for Educators to gather ongoing feedback and to see where they have strengths and areas for improvement.

Benefits for Families

- Increased professionalism and coordination of practice.
- Improved quality and consistency of care.
- Better informed and engaged families.
- Increased parent involvement.
- Educators can identify areas for improvement.

National Quality Standard

1. Child Wellbeing
2. Learning Environment
3. Supportive Staffing
4. Effective Leadership
5. Quality Improvement
6. Parental Involvement
7. Safe Practices

Significant Improvement Results

Educators that achieve the Significant Improvement results will be advised in writing of the results, and the corrective action plan required to address the non-compliance.

We acknowledge the National Quality Framework.

www.acecqa.gov.au/families

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0438 566 988
Coordinator: Susana Tapia
Assistant: Ellen Fisher & Amy Dunlop
OSHClub 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.
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