From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing holiday break and found some time out of your busy schedules to enjoy some quality time with your children. I was very fortunate to enjoy a relaxing break in a warm climate with my husband and adult children. All classes have settled in very well and the whole school swimming program has got off to a positive start, thanks to the hard work that Emily Christodoulou has put into the organisation.

We have a very busy term ahead with many important dates on our calendar. In just two weeks – Thursday 21st October - we will celebrate the school’s 130th birthday with our current families and community members. The activities will commence at the end of the school day and culminate in the cake cutting and sharing at 5:30pm. A variety of games and activities will be offered for children and a sausage sizzle and drinks will be available. The local historical society will also be represented with a display focused on the history of the area. Please come and enjoy the celebration with us!

ICT News

Over the last 18 month we have been working hard to increase the accessibility of digital devices for students and staff to use in classrooms. An important achievement was the purchase of a laptop trolley and 20 new laptops funded through the efforts of the PFA and our community in 2015. This year we have utilised school funds to build upon this with the purchase of 10 more laptops and five interactive screens, four of which were installed in classrooms during the holiday break. It is our intention to work towards the installation of these screens in all classrooms and we are keen to update the computers in our lab and purchase additional portable devices for student use. Families will be given the opportunity to support our efforts in this area by making a voluntary contribution to the Digital Technologies Budget at the commencement of 2017. Every dollar helps!

Planning for 2017

We have commenced the task of planning for 2017 and are busy confirming our staffing needs for next year. We currently have 49 Prep students enrolled to commence school and are receiving daily enquiries about enrolments for other year levels. To ensure that we are able to cater for all of our students it is important that we have a clear indication of students who may be leaving our school. For this reason, teachers have been asked to make contact with families who have not yet replied to our requests for enrolment confirmation.

Enjoy your weekend!

Regards

Lynne Brenner
Principal
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 12th October 2016. Please remember to have orders into the office by 9.00am

Discover a NEW and exciting festive event for all the family this December at Gembrook Railway Station. Meet Santa and Mrs Claus, then depart Gembrook for a 1 hour return ride. Returning to receive* a present from Santa. Even the adults receive some festive treats from Santa’s helpers. Start a new family tradition on this fun filled day for all generations.

2016 Santa’s Special adventures are on:
Saturday 3 December | Sunday 4 December
Saturday 10 December | Sunday 11 December
UNIFORM SHOP

Please take note of the flyer attached to this newsletter. The uniform shop will no longer be operating at the school after next week (13th October). It will be 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.

Tyler in Prep KS has lost a t.shirt at swimming yesterday, so please check that laundry basket.

Connor from LH has lost his track suit pants also.

Thank You
Senior News  Week 1

What’s On

YK and AW

Hi All,

Welcome back to term 4, I hope everyone enjoyed the school holidays and are well rested for a busy term 4. We have had a very full week 1 with the start of the swimming program and Division Athletics. All students have enjoyed the swimming and have learnt so much. Our students did extremely well at Athletics with Lachy, Liam, Charli and Harry all making it through to the next level. We wish them good luck for next week.

Those students not swimming have been working hard back at school working on their Travel Projects. In Maths the students have been focusing on statistics and probability where we have been learning about chance. In Literacy the students have been learning to reflect on their own lives through the writing of autobiographies. In CAFE the students are working on developing the skills to make connections with what they are reading, themselves, the world and other texts.

This term the students will be working on creating their own scrap books reflecting on either their family (grade 5s) or the seven years of schooling (grade 6). The students will be required to write a number of different pieces using a range of genres. At the end of the term the students will have a scrap book of work that they can treasure.

Reminders

Swimming: Swimming continues in week 2 from Monday to Thursday

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

Lightning Prem—Notes and payments for Lightning Prem need to be returned to school by Monday 10th please
What's On

LITERACY
We are working on our holiday recounts for the next two weeks. Many of our students did lots of interesting things. In CAFÉ reading time we are working on our fluency. Looking for punctuation and using expression.

MATHS It is all about place value for the next few weeks. Talk to your child about how numbers are made up are made up of thousands, hundreds tens and ones.

INQUIRY
We are focusing on water safety and swimming rules this week and next.

LOOK OUT FOR EXCURSION NOTE COMING HOME FOR DINOSAUR WORLD

ZOOPER DOOPERS-Keep a look out for notices coming about Zooper Dooper days this term.

BREAKFAST CLUB—Tuesday and Thursday—Booking folder is located in the office. Breakfast Time is strictly from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. Please attend if you have booked in as this helps with catering.

Weekly Timetable
Timetables have changed to accommodate swimming for the next two weeks. You may want to check with your teacher.

Junior Sport — During the next two weeks we may not be holding Junior Sport as we are all very Worn out from swimming!

Well done on your first week of swimming, we are all very proud of you.
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)
PE/SPORT NEWS

Important Sporting Dates Term 4:
- Swimming Program
  Week 2: Mon 10/10, Tue 11/10, Wed 12/10, Thur 13/10
- Officer District Summer Lightning Premiership - Friday, 14th October
- Grade 5/6 T20 Blast Cricket - Friday, 28th October
- Grade 3/4 T20 Blast Cricket - Friday, 18th of November

SWIMMING PROGRAM
The start to our Swimming Program has been a great success. The first session on Tuesday commenced with all students being assessed on their abilities to ensure that they were placed in the appropriate skill-level group. Within 10 minutes, the lessons had begun and students started learning all the important things such as how to get into the pool safely, breathing bubbles, floating, kicking and practicing different strokes. Being around the water is a new experience for lots of students and can be quite daunting for some. We had a few nervous and anxious children prior to getting into the pool but after a few moments of getting used to the water, all the nerves were settled and everyone started to enjoy themselves- which was amazing to see!

DIVISION ATHLETICS
It was a very windy day but our Division Athletics finally went ahead on Wednesday. We had 13 students represent the school who all did a fantastic job in their events. Congratulations to Lachy C, Harry H, Liam H and Charli L who received a 1st or 2nd place in their event and will be competing in Regional Athletics next week on Thursday. We wish them all the best!

SUMMER SPORT LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP
On Friday the 14th of October all students in Grade 4-6 will be representing the school in our Summer Lightning Premiership. Students have chosen either Basketball, Softball or Tennis to be involved in on the day. Could we please aim to have forms and payment returned to the office by Monday. Thank you 😊
Survivor A-thon

Don’t forget your sponsorship for the Survivor Challenge that we will be running in November.

All forms and sponsorship money are due back by 9am Friday 14th October. If you did not receive your form, more are available from the office. The highest fundraising student will win an MP3 player and highest fundraising class will win a class party.

All children that collect sponsorship can also select from the prizes in the flyer sent home.

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

130 year celebration

Over the holidays our advertising boards were put up thanks to the sponsorship by parent Craig Currie from OBrien Real Estate. Craig has been a great supporter of the school, and was happy to be able to help us out again. Hopefully you all have marked in your calendars Friday 21st October as our very important 130 Year Celebration afternoon. The event will be running from 3.30pm until 6.30pm. There will be old fashioned games for children, the local historical society will have a display, a treasure hunt for a gold coin donation and sausages & drinks for sale. Jumping castles for the children free of charge are proudly supplied by Deb from Casey Castles. We will also be having a cake cutting ceremony at 5.30pm. We are very excited to be celebrating this great milestone.

A flyer was sent home this week with all the details of the afternoon together with a helper request. If you have some time and would like to help out on Friday 21st please complete the form and return to the office by next Wednesday.

We look forward to seeing everyone on this important day.
Mini Working Bee

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 were 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.
BOOK CLUB

Book Club is here. You can order online with LOOP or send money and order back to school.

Orders for Issue 7 are due 9am 21st October 2016

Mrs Ing and Wendy.
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Officer Primary School

Your uniform is on the move!

Your school uniform will be ending trade at PSW Hampton Park store close of business Sat 15 Oct 2016. From Tues 18 Oct 2016 your uniform will be available from PSW Officer.

During the transition from PSW Hampton Park to PSW Officer, your uniform will be unavailable either in-store or Online.

407 Old Princes Highway, Officer VIC 3809
Phone: (03) 9768 0382

EXTENDED TRADING HOURS**
MON 7 NOV 2016 TO SAT 11 MAR 2017
Mon to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sat: 9:00am - 1:00pm

REGULAR TRADING HOURS**
Tues to Fri: 9:00am-5:00pm
Sat: 10:00am-1:00pm