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.

1. RESPONSIBILITY
2. RESPECT
3. RESILIENCE
4. 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 18th November, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARENTS

It is very important that the school has up to date contact details for parents and others listed as emergency contacts. From time to time when we need to contact a parent we find that the listed contact details are out of date. In cases of emergency or illness this can cause a great deal of anxiety for staff and for students involved. If your contact details have changed please ensure that you contact our office to have them altered on our system.

Families are also reminded that we cannot allow students to be picked up by persons who are not listed as emergency contacts, therefore if you change pick up arrangements you need to ensure that the person collecting your child is registered as an emergency contact.

PERSONAL SAFETY FOR CHILDREN – PARENT SESSION

Thank you to the families who attended this session yesterday evening. Although some of the content of the session was quite confronting, the parent feedback about the importance of children being taught protective behaviours both at home and at school was very positive.

Parents who attended the session received a booklet - ‘A Parent’s Guide to talking to children about safety’. If you were unable to attend the session but are interested in accessing information about the programs offered to parents and carers or some of the available resources, I would encourage you to visit the Child Wise website at www.childwise.org.au/wiseparent

The teaching staff have also been involved in the Child Wise training and the school has been given three resource kits containing ideas for age appropriate lessons and a set of story books that provide opportunities for child safe conversations. If you would like more information about how teachers will approach the teaching of child safety in the classroom please chat to your child’s class teacher.

POSITIVE PARENTING TELEPHONE SERVICE

The Department of Education and Training has recently announced that they have provided Gateway Health with funding for 12 months to deliver a Positive Parenting Telephone Service state wide. This program has been operating successfully in the Goulburn and Ovens Murray regions of Victoria for the past 17 years with particular emphasis on providing parenting programs for fathers, grandparents caring for their grandchildren, and rural families.

Participants in the program are supported by weekly 30 minute phone calls from a trained Parent Educator over an 8 to 10 week period in addition to completing written and practical tasks based on readings in a workbook or via online modules. The service is free and has daytime, evening and Saturday morning appointments available.
A flyer and brochure containing information and contact details is attached to the newsletter.

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather forecast for the weekend. It may not last!

Regards

Lynne Brenner
Principal

CSEF FOR 2017
If you are a holder of a Centrelink healthcare card you may be eligible for the CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund) payment. This payment is for people with these cards that are valid as at the 30/01/2017. Please call into the office to pick up a form. I will also need to sight your healthcare card.

SUBWAY LUNCHES
Our next subway lunch is Wednesday 23rd November 2016. Please remember to have orders into the office by 9.00am

FOR SALE
Officer Secondary College school uniform and Year 7 books for sale. Girls Winter and Summer uniforms. Call Kathy 0438 780 246 for more information

Christmas is almost here!
We need your help!
Do you run your own business or know someone that does?

We are seeking donations to make our Christmas Raffle bigger and better than ever and in return we’d like to support you and the Children of Officer Primary School.

If you can help us out please see Melissa Holden for more details.
Positive Parenting Telephone Service

This program is offered to parents, grandparents caring for their grandchildren & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years

Our free ten week program aims to assist you to:

* Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
* Encourage behaviour you want to see in your children
* Manage everyday behaviour problems
* Set rules & limits
* Teach new skills

This program is completed via a workbook or online modules which are supported by weekly phone calls with a trained parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

Interested?
For more information please phone

1800 880 660

ENROLMENTS TAKEN ALL YEAR ROUND

Enrol now and make a positive start last a lifetime

gateway health

VICTORIA State Government Education and Training
Hi Everyone. I Can’t believe that there is only 5 weeks left of school, the year has gone so fast. It was a short week with Monday being our curriculum day. This week the senior students have been focusing on report writing; AW have been writing information reports and YK have been learning about how to write a newspaper report. When these are finished they will become the fourth piece of writing included in the students scrap books. In Maths the students have been focusing on Money and Financial Maths; they have been learning how to calculate change, percentage discounts and best buys.

The students have worked very hard to complete their projects where they had to demonstrate the changes that occurred to the way Aboriginal people lived due to colonisation. Our students chose many different ways to demonstrate their knowledge such as Power Point presentations, detailed illustrations and dioramas. The students have then presented their work to the class, where they practice their skills of public speaking.

NP and B/C

Hi everyone. This week in maths groups we worked on number patterns, number sentences and equivalent number sentences. Next week we will start Data, Graphs and Probability in new Maths Groups. In English we will be studying compound words and we’ll be writing descriptive text about our indigenous learnings. The children are working on models of Aboriginal shelter which they will write about. We will also learn about weapons and tools. Our CAFÉ focus will be on making mental images and summarizing the text. Have a great week!

Reminders

Zooper Doopers: Zooper Doopers are for sale only on Tuesday during week 8, 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.

Biscuit Decorating

Students will be able to purchase a biscuit to decorate for $1
P-2 Thursday 24th Nov
3-6 Friday 25th Nov
LITERACY
The prep have been working on using their voice to read with expression. They have also been concentrating on using good punctuation in their writing. It has been wonderful to see the amazing recounts on Dinosaur world.

The grade ones and twos have been working on finding interesting words in texts and exploring their definitions. The topic of dinosaurs also provides the opportunity to work on Chunking bigger words into smaller chunks then making them whole words again.

In writing for the next few weeks, all the junior grades will be focussing on narratives. These are stories that are made up from our imagination.

MATHS
This week’s focus was telling the time to the half hour on both digital and analogue clocks. We have also been working on location and the language used when following directions. The preps are also consolidating their ability to double numbers and use number lines.

INQUIRY
Continuing on the theme of Dinosaurs, the Juniors have been comparing the past and present times. This includes how things have changed over time. We have found out why the dinosaurs are extinct.

Reminders
Zooper Doopers— Zooper Doopers are distributed by the grade 6’s on Tuesdays and Thursday. Cost 50c
BREAKFAST CLUB — Tuesday and Thursday – Booking folder is located in the office
**OSHClub News**
**Before School / After School Care Program**

**14th – 18th November 2016**

We’ve had a week full of dinosaur fun with children getting creative making dino book marks & fact books but our most popular & fun filled activity has been our awesome dinosaur dioramas! We’ve also enjoyed playing imaginary play with animals & dinosaurs & some fun challenges like Twister & Mobilo building together!

Officer OSHClub is licensed for 30 places, on some days we are now very close to capacity with some afternoons reaching up to 29 children, therefore it is a good idea to have bookings ready in advance.

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**Parent Information**

OSH program phone: 0438 566 988  
Coordinator: Susana Tapia  
Assistant: Ellen Fisher  
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](http://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.
The Cardinia Piranhas Swim Club Inc. (formerly known as the Piranhas Swimming Club of Pakenham Inc.) is a community based swimming club formed to promote swimming as a sport and activity to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle.

Since 1998 the Bicentennial Heated Pool had been the home of the Swimming Club and the pool served the club well during that time. A bigger future beckoned with the opening of the Cardinia LiFE YMCA and the club welcomed our new home from the 3rd July, 2006.

Cardinia Piranhas Swim Club wishes to become a highly respected organisation which encompasses the whole of the Cardinia Shire Community. Our swimmers range in age from ten year olds to late teenagers with various skill levels.

Web: www.cardiniapiranhas.com.au
Email: cardiniapiranhas@hotmail.com
Locate: Cardinia Life
        4 Olympic Way, Pakenham
INTERESTED IN JOINING?
Cardinia Piranhas Swimming Club promote and foster swimming as a recreational and competitive sport where members strive for excellence at both a personal and a club level.

Come down to Cardinia LIFE for a free try out with the Cardinia Piranhas, it's a great way to develop your swimming skills, meet new people and find out more about the club. Come along to any of our sessions for a free assessment to see if joining the Cardinia Piranhas is for you!

SESSION TIMES
Our session times are consistent each week all year around (check our website for training in school holidays).
• Monday 6:30pm – 7:30pm
• Wednesday 6:30pm – 7:30pm
• Friday 6:30pm – 7:30pm

CONTACT US
cardinapiranhas@hotmail.com we would love to hear from you!

Web: www.cardinapiranhas.com.au
Email: carдинapiranhas@hotmail.com
Locate: Cardinia Life
4 Olympic Way, Pakenham
Our final fundraiser for 2016

Officer Tennis Club

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday 3rd December

Celebrations will kick off straight after our Saturday seniors with Fun Family Tennis from 5pm. Members, Non Members, friends and family are all welcome to play organised sets and games.

Courtside Festivities from 5.30pm including Dub’s special Gourmet European Sausages. Raffles and games all evening.

$20 per adult, $10 juniors or $50 for a family
Includes Tennis, Dinner, & Soft drink
(the bar will be open at bar prices)

Forget cooking & bring your family & friends to Officer Tennis Club.

ALL WELCOME

Please confirm your attendance for dinner to assist with catering to officertennisclub@gmail.com, via Facebook or to Kate 0414 354 877