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 25\textsuperscript{th} November, 2016

\textbf{FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK}

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

\textbf{PLANNING FOR 2017}
Grade Structure and Specialist Programs
As the current school year draws to a close, there is much excitement, anticipation and curiosity around the arrangements for next year. As always the planning process involves careful consideration of how we can utilise available physical and human resources to best meet the needs of our students. Often this is a bit of a balancing act as we try to predict the numbers we will start with and cater for other factors that may come into play as a result of the growth in our local area. With this in mind we have opted for a 10 grade structure that ensures reasonable class sizes across the school and provides a number of options at most year levels for placement of current students and to cater for new students that may arrive during the year.

\textbf{Junior Team:}
Prep \hspace{1em} Rebecca Andrew \hspace{1em} Prep \hspace{1em} Luisa Prendergast
Prep/1 \hspace{1em} Julian DeZilva \hspace{1em} Year 1/2 \hspace{1em} Lynda Harris (0.8) & Caroline Hodge (0.2)
Years 1/2 \hspace{1em} Jen Dyt \hspace{1em} Years 2 \hspace{1em} Danielle Macreadie

\textbf{Senior Team:}
Years 3/4 \hspace{1em} Nicole Peachey \hspace{1em} Years 3/4 \hspace{1em} Laura Beck (0.5) & Duanne Corbett (0.5)
Years 4/5 \hspace{1em} Alex Woskoboenko \hspace{1em} Years 5/6 \hspace{1em} Yolande Kerin

\textbf{Specialist Team:}
Art \hspace{1em} Angela Robertson (0.5)
Physical Education \hspace{1em} Emily Christodoulou (0.6)
Digital Technologies \hspace{1em} Duanne Corbett (0.5)
AUSLAN \hspace{1em} Corrina Vogel

\textbf{Support Programs:}
We plan to continue to offer both the Literacy Support and Language Support Programs for students in need of support.
STUDENT SAFETY
We are very fortunate at OPS to have secure fencing around the boundaries of the school and pedestrian gates with child safe latches. The purpose of these gates is to ensure that our younger students do not leave the school grounds without adult supervision. This is especially important when our families are leaving at the end of the day and negotiating the busy traffic conditions in Tivendale Road. Recently I have noticed one or other of the pedestrian gates has been propped open therefore providing the opportunity for students to leave without their parents or carers. There is also a tendency for some students to scale the gates or fences to open the gates, often with their parents watching them. This practice leads to damage of the hinges and latches which impacts on the operation of the gates and leads to maintenance costs. 
Please help us to keep everyone safe by ensuring that the gates are securely closed and that children are discouraged from climbing to reach the latches.

HOOPTIME STATE FINALS
Congratulations to the OPS Team who participated in the 3/4 Hooptime State Finals yesterday. They finished within the top 20 teams in the state which is a great achievement given that the competition commenced with 744 teams. Our students tried very hard and the scores were very close! The team was made up of Rylan 2/3NP, Blayden 3/4BC, Kade 3/4BC, Ella T 3/4BC, Jack 4/5AW, Molly 4/5AW, and Chelsea 4/5AW. Thank you to the parents who transported the children to and from the event and remained throughout the day to support the team. Thank you also to Braden and Miss W for their coaching support.

Have a great weekend!

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 last Subway lunch for this year is Wednesday 7th December 2016. Please remember to have orders into the office by 9.00am.
## December 2016

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**HOOPTIME**
Our 'Officer Oilers' basketball team competed at their state finals day yesterday at Dandenong Stadium. The team made it up to the elimination finals, with 2 wins and 1 loss. Unfortunately they didn’t progress past this final in an excitingly close game. However, this achievement has meant the team is ranked in the top 20 Hooptime teams state wide. This is an amazing accomplishment and we are so proud of their efforts. Thank you to Miss W and Braden for attending the day as well as the parents for their support.

**T20 BLAST CRICKET**
Well done to our Grade 3/4's who were Cricket superstars on Friday the 18th of November. We had 6 teams compete against other schools and all students showed fantastic sportsmanship and improvement in their Cricket skills throughout the day.
Senior News Week 8

What’s On

YK and AW

Hi Everyone. I can't believe that there is only 3 weeks left of school, the year has gone extremely fast. This Monday the students from 5-6YK participated in the last Harmony Day for 2016. It was held at St Brigid’s Primary School in Officer and although it was a very hot day the students enjoyed catching up with the other students from the local schools that they have now forged friendships with.

The students are continuing to work on their scrapbooks and they are really coming together. Each individual student has been putting in some truly wonderful work. In Maths the students have been focusing on patterns and Algebra. Following on from the students projects on the changes that occurred to the way Aboriginal people lived due to colonisation we have been watching the television movie the Australian Story. This will be completed early next week.

Yesterday the 3/4 students represented our school at the regional finals in Basketball. A very big congratulation to all those that participated, it was a fabulous effort to make it that far.

NP and B/C

Hi everyone. This week in maths groups we worked on gathering and interpreting data. Next week we will identify questions and construct suitable data displays in new Maths Groups. In English we will be studying adding 's' or 'es' and will continue to write descriptive text about our Indigenous learnings. Our CAFÉ focus will be on reading with expression. On Monday our grades will combine to do our Assembly presentation. On Thursday we have the Wurundjeri Indigenous Cultural Education Session. Don't forget permission slips and money is due back by next Tuesday. 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

A big thank you to all those students who came along with their $1 this week.

Our fundraising for the Grade 6 graduation for 2016 is coming along nicely.
**What’s On**

**LITERACY**
The preps have continued to be working on using their voice to read with expression. They have also been concentrating on using good punctuation in their writing. We look forward to reading lots of our dinosaur stories.

The grade ones and twos have been working making connections to what we know, trading and guessing new words, using talking marks and using pictures, diagrams and illustrations. They are writing narratives about dinosaurs. The topic of dinosaurs also provides the opportunity to work on chunking bigger words into smaller chunks then making them whole words again.

**MATHS**
This week’s focus is making fractions, making halves fractions of groups and learning fractions are equal parts

**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.

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**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

**Raffle tickets**— these went out this week.

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**Week Nine**
Monday 28th November – Friday 2nd December

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**Weekly Timetable**

**PREP RA**
- Art – Monday
- P.E. – Tuesday
- ICT – Tuesday
- Signing – Tuesday

**PREP K1**
- Art – Monday
- P.E. – Monday
- ICT – Tuesday
- Signing – Tuesday

**1 JDZ**
- Art – Friday
- P.E. – Monday
- ICT – Tuesday
- Signing – Friday

**1 LH**
- Art – Friday
- P.E. – Monday
- ICT – Wednesday
- Signing – Wednesday

**1/2 JD**
- Art – Thursday
- P.E. – Friday
- ICT – Monday
- Signing – Tuesday

Junior Sport – Friday

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**We had a visit from Mr De Zilva this week. He is really missing his grade and trying to recover. Keep Smiling Mr D. we miss you!!**
Congratulations
Students of the week

[Image of a group of students holding certificates]

Prep KS

Robbie: for your wonderful recount about our excursion to the Dinosaur Park. Well Done!

Mitchell: for showing you can take responsibility for your learning and making good choices.

Prep RA

Ethan: for persisting when things get tricky and for not giving up with his writing.

1 JDZ

Josh: for consistently beginning your writing pieces with creative “sizzling starts!” Keep up the good work!

1 LH

Jayden: for an amazing effort in class. You have been working very hard! Well Done!
1/2 JD
Samantha: for always trying her best and being friendly and caring classmate.
Chelea: for always trying her best and making great improvements in her reading for understanding.
Jorja: for showing great improvement in the understanding of what she has read.

1/2 DM
Tayla: for always being a helpful and dependable member of our grade.
Maya: for an excellent effort towards all areas of work.

2/3 NP
Mia: for showing great sportsmanship at T20 Blast Cricket.
Selma: for helping others when building their Aboriginal Shelters.

3/4 BC
Layla: for fantastic effort on her writing and explanation of Aboriginal Shelters and weapons. Well Done!

4/5 AW
Brady: for determination and exceptional participation during T20 Blast Cricket.
BOOK CLUB – Last minute ideas for Xmas 2016

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

Orders for Issue 8 are due 9am Wednesday 30th November 2016

Mrs Ing and Wendy.
21st – 25th November 2016

This week we have been enjoying various indoor activities such as board games, card games, reading, drawing & role play. Mostly we have had lots of fun playing with play dough & fake snow that we made ourselves & enjoying the texture of sand play. We also received some very exciting news! We received our National Quality Standards Assessment & Rating Report & we have achieved an overall rating of **EXCEEDING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS**! We are very happy & excited about our result, it’s been a great achievement for us as educators & as a service! We look forward to continuing to provide an exceeding quality program to children & families! For the next 3 weeks I (Susana) will be away on leave, I will however still be coming in during the day to complete administration tasks & pop in for visits sometimes, during this time Ellen will be acting coordinator with Amy as an assistant.

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0438 566 988
Coordinator: Susana Tapia
Assistants: 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 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.
Christmas Raffle

Hi Everyone,

The Officer Primary School Elves are hard at work putting the finishing touches on some fantastic prizes.

The Tickets are 2.00 each and it will be drawn at our Christmas Concert. If you would like any extra books please see Julie at the office.

Keep an eye out in the office over the next few days for just one of the many prizes to be won.
If anyone has anything they would like to add please drop it into the office.
Have a Merry Day. Xx
We would like to say a massive thank you to the companies below. Without your support we would not be able to raise much needed funds for our school.

Sidco
Bryant Builders

Lunar Drive In

Cardinia Life

The Original Taco Bill

The Pancake Parlour

Lovely

Enchanted

Avon
Katie Lithgow Avon Rep

Melbourne Star
Observation Wheel

Phillip Island
Nature Parks

Neil Bateman – Instructor

Berwick Potteries Officer
Summer School Holidays
Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.
Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

Summer school holiday dates:
- Week 1: Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th} January 10am –4pm
- Week 2: Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} Tuesday 17\textsuperscript{th} Wednesday 18\textsuperscript{th} January 10am –4pm
- Week 3: Monday 23\textsuperscript{rd} Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} January 10am –4pm

Cost: $65.00 per day, or $175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).
Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited
Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Phone 5978 7935
Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au
Open daily between 10am and 5pm
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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