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 2nd December, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

ORIENTATION MORNING
On Tuesday our current students, Preps for 2017 and new students for Years 1 to 5 will have the opportunity to participate in our Orientation Morning. The purpose of this experience is to provide all students with the opportunity to mix with their new classmates, spend some time with their teacher for 2017 and familiarise themselves with the location of their 2017 classroom. Current students will begin their day in their 2016 class and then move to their 2017 class to participate in orientation activities between 9:20am and 1:30pm. They will return to their regular class following the lunch break. The 2017 Prep students will attend between 9:30am and 12:30pm. Our staff are looking forward to meeting their new classes!

STUDENT REPORTS
Over recent weeks our teaching staff have been busy compiling the Student Semester 2 reports. A great deal of time and effort has been put into compiling an individual report for each student that will reflect the progress they have made across the year. I am in the process of reading all of these reports and so far have been very proud of what our students have achieved under the careful guidance of the teaching and education support staff. These reports will be distributed to students on Friday 16th December.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Have you seen the great range of prizes that are on offer to those who participate in the annual PFA Christmas Raffle. I am sure that many or our students have their eye on the top prizes (the Xbox, iPad Mini, Scooter and Helmet or the remote controlled boat), however there are at least 16 additional prize packages overflowing with goodies for the whole family. Additional ticket books are available at the office if you wish to increase your chance of winning. You have to be in it to win it!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Families are reminded that our Christmas Concert will be held on Monday 12th December. If the ground is dry we will have the stage set up on the oval and families will be able to picnic on the grass. If it is wet under foot we will set the stage up on the hard court area at the front of the
school. Adults may like to bring a fold up chair for their comfort. Students will be gathered in their classes for the duration of the performance.
A vendor will be available on site selling food, coffee, cool drinks and icy poles. Please be mindful that alcoholic drinks and smoking are not allowed on school premises.
We are looking forward to a great family celebration of the school year!

Parents are reminded that Term 4 ends on Tuesday 20th December at 1.30pm!

Lynne Brenner
Principal

The special 2016 Victorian State Schools Spectacular broadcast will air on Channel Seven on Saturday 3 December at 7-9pm.
It will also be simulcast via livestreaming on the PLUS7 app and be available on the PLUS7 catch-up website for 30 days from the broadcast date.

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
Congratulations
Students of the week

Prep KS

Darcy: for always trying so hard with your writing. You should be super proud of yourself.

Prep RA

Addie: for using amazing, astonishing and exciting words when writing her story “When a terrifying dinosaur came to Officer Primary.”

1 JDZ

Samantha: for trying her best in all aspects of her learning and completing her work to a high standard. Keep up the great work!

1 LH

Tayah: for being an extremely hard worker who always tries her best in class.

1/2 JD

Summer: for always being a great classmate.

1/2 DM

Tate: for an excellent effort in class last week. Well done and keep it up.
Selma: for helping others when building their Aboriginal Shelters.

Abbey: for a fantastic effort with her descriptive writing about aboriginal shelters and weapons.

Jack: for his exceptional effort in Writing. Keep up the good work!

Pavish: for always taking great pride in his work and always putting in effort- Great Job.
On Thursday the 1\textsuperscript{st} of December the grade 3/4 students enjoyed a Wurundjeri Indigenous Cultural Education session. Here are some of their thoughts;

\textbf{Selma} - Today I learnt how to throw a boomerang and to play Aboriginal games. It was hard but fun! Uncle Bill let me touch his coat and his coat was made from 12 possums! We even played a music game. I really enjoyed the session with Uncle Bill and I learnt a lot about Bill's ancestors.

\textbf{Temperance} – A man called Uncle Bill talked about lots of things but I was most fascinated in his ancestors. I really wanted to know who my ancestors were, so I asked him and he told me to just ask my dad. I learnt about all the different games Aboriginals played and about weapons and a lot of other things.

\textbf{Brock} – Today a man called Bill taught us how to throw a boomerang and a spear. I learnt that you could kill 120 ducks with the boomerang. I learnt the Dreamtime dance. I liked the boomerang throwing, the spear game and Aboriginal piggy in the middle.

\textbf{Brodie} – A man called Uncle Bill came to talk to us. I learnt about his ancestors and we did an Aboriginal dance. My favourite activity that we did was to throw the boomerang and a lot of people did really good throws. At the end of it the teachers had a throw and Mr. Corbett had a shot and it nearly hit me!

\textbf{Charli} – Today we had a man called Bill come to OPS. I learnt to throw a boomerang and I liked it.

\textbf{Mia} – Uncle Bill visited OPS and I liked when we did the dance, it was funny. I learnt a spear game.

\textbf{Cameron} – Today a man called Uncle Bill taught us how to dance like Aboriginals. I liked when he taught us how to throw a boomerang. Thanks Uncle Bill!

\textbf{Rylan} – I met a man named Bill and he talked about Dreamtime stories. I learnt how to do an Aboriginal dance. I liked throwing the beanbag at the rolling ball.

\textbf{Rhiannon} – Uncle Bill was an Aboriginal man. He knew all about Aboriginals. I liked when we did the Dreamtime story dance. I learnt how to throw a boomerang.

\textbf{Mackenzie} – In our Wurundjeri Indigenous Cultural session Bill, the man who came to talk to us, told us about Aboriginal spirits and how they would hunt. My favourite part we did was learning about Aboriginal culture, the dance and the games. I enjoyed it.

\textbf{Cruz} – We met a guy named Bill. We learnt that stories were told by dancing. My favourite part was when we got to throw a boomerang.

\textbf{Robert} – Uncle Bill showed us how to throw a boomerang and I liked the spear throwing because it was fun.

\textbf{Isla} – Today a man named Bill came to school and talked to us about Aboriginals. Something I learnt was that they got a special blanket when they passed the initiation test. I liked when we did a Dreamtime story dance and when we played outside and Bill taught us the games that Aboriginals played.

\textbf{Ashley} – Uncle Bill taught me how to throw a boomerang. I liked how you had to stand in a line and another group had to stand in a line and people went in the middle and then you had to throw the ball to the other group.

\textbf{Kiara} – Today Bill came to talk to us about Aboriginals. We threw boomerangs. I loved that when you threw the boomerang you had to throw it medium because if you threw it high the food that you wanted would run away.

\textbf{Alex} – I learnt about catching food with spears and hunting boomerangs. I liked throwing the boomerang because it is cool how it spins and comes back.

\textbf{Jayda} – I learnt during the lesson that Aboriginals used possum skin to keep warm during winter for the adults. They would use 12 possums to keep the adults warm and for the babies they would use 1 possum. My favourite thing was doing the Dreamtime dance and playing games outside.

\textbf{Callum} – I liked throwing the boomerang because I liked how I threw it. They used them for hunting. I learnt about throwing the boomerang. If you are left handed you throw it with your left hand and if you are right handed you throw it with your right hand. I enjoyed it very much.
LITERACY
We are going to write our letters to a certain someone in the North Pole soon. We hope that everyone has been trying to be good. We might even put in a wish list for the things that we would like. We are continuing with home reading for the next two weeks.

MATHS
We are finishing our work about making fractions, making halves and quarters and fractions of groups and learning fractions are equal parts. Next week we are moving into revision.

THEME WORK
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the gallery. Our activities will be centred around Christmas celebrations around the world.

Reminders
Transition - Whole School 9.15 a.m. to Lunch Time. We will go into our classes for 2017 to meet our new teacher and classmates. HOW EXCITING!
Zooper-Doopers - Zooper-Doopers are distributed by the grade 6's on Tuesdays and Thursday. Cost 50c
Raffle tickets: please return the booklets and money as soon as possible.

We have seen a few naughty elves hanging around Officer Primary School.
Senior News Week 9

What's On

YK and AW

Hi Everyone,

Can't believe that there are only two weeks left until the end of the year and 23 days until Christmas. This week the students have been looking at writing recounts for their scrap books. They have been learning how to use different language features to make their writing more interesting.

For Maths we have been focusing on patterns and algebra where the students have been learning how to solve number sentences finding the unknown quantity. Next week we will be starting our new unit on mapping. For our unit topic the students have been researching white settlement and continuing to watch the Australian Story. The class rooms are all starting to look very Christmassy making everyone very excited.

NP and B/C

Hi everyone. The Wurundjeri Indigenous Cultural Education session yesterday was fantastic! The children learnt a lot and had a great time. Next week will be our last week of Maths Groups. These have been very successful and the children have really enjoyed them. The last two weeks of term will revolve around revision and Christmas themed activities. We have no more homework this term. On Tuesday we have whole school transition. The children will move to their new grades for 2017—very exciting!

Have a great week!

Reminders

Zooper Doopers: Zooper Doopers are for sale on Tuesday and Thursday, all money raised goes to the 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.

State School Spectacular

State School Spectacular will be televised this weekend on channel 7 at 7pm Saturday 3rd December

Don’t forget to watch!!!!!!
Christmas Raffle
So Many prizes
Tickets $2 each
Drawn Christmas concert
Plenty tickets available
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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