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 9th December, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

ORIENTATION MORNING
On Tuesday our current students and new enrolments for 2017 took part in our Orientation morning. The day began with a strong mood of anticipation as we welcomed 15 new students from Years 1 to 6 and 51 Prep students to our school community.
Our current students were quickly organised into their 2017 grade groupings and settled to the task of familiarising themselves with their classmates and teachers. Staff reported that the morning went well with lots of excited and happy faces. New students were made to feel welcome and old connections from past years were renewed.
The 2017 Preps also settled quickly and enjoyed a range of classroom activities including an opportunity to meet with their senior buddies.
On behalf of our staff I would like to thank families for supporting our decisions around class placement of their children. A great deal of time and effort goes into compiling the class lists and it is encouraging for staff to see that families trust the decisions they have made.

COMPOSITE CLASSES
I was surprised this week to hear about some misconceptions in our parent community regarding composite classes and how students are selected for the different classes. The concerns seem to be around the placement of the Year 1 students where we have a blend of Prep/1 and 1/2 classes, with some parents thinking that those students placed in the Prep/1 classes are those operating at a lower academic level than those chosen for the 1/2 class. This is not true at all. All grades are made up of a blend of students, with different personalities and academic abilities. Teachers give a great deal of consideration to the placement of each of their students and are passionate about ‘getting it right’ for each student.
I would like to reassure families that no matter what class your child is allocated to, composite or straight grade, they will be catered for both socially and academically at their individual point of need. All classes are made up of students with a range of abilities and teachers are required to differentiate the curriculum to ensure that all students are catered for. If you need further clarification of how composite classes operate I would encourage you to come and have a chat with myself or a staff member.
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Christmas Raffle tickets were due back today, however, I am sure we will be able to accept late returns on Monday morning. We will have some tickets available for sale on Monday evening at the Christmas Concert but it would be best to have your tickets in early to ensure that you are in with a chance. Many of the children are very excited about the prizes and have been approaching me in the yard to tell me which prize they would like to win. I hope that we will be able to please some of them!

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Concert on Monday! (5:30 to 6:30pm for family picnic on the oval and 6:30 to approximately 8:00pm for performances). See you there

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

Lynne Brenner
Principal

FOR SALE
Officer Secondary College Uniform

I have a jumper, two white blouses, the Sport tracksuit pants and the soft shell sports jacket that I only want half price for.

My daughter is only a very small build

Contact Julie Smith mobile 0416 262 689
What’s On

YK and AW

Hi Everyone,

I hope that you have all had a fabulous week. This week the senior students have been madly working on their scrap books. They were able to select a genre of their choice in which to write a piece on either their family or 7 years of schooling. Their scrap books are all coming together and are looking fabulous. In Maths we began looking at mapping and coordinates; the students enjoyed applying their knowledge of plotting coordinates with creating Christmas pictures. For our Unit Inquiry topic the students have been researching how different people were effected by colonisation. All the students have been working hard at practicing their Christmas Concert routine. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Concert on Monday—fingers crossed for lovely weather.

DC and NP

This week the students have been reading and discussing different Dream Time stories. For their Unit Inquiry topic the students have been completing their short projects focusing on Aboriginal History. In Maths the students have been learning about and creating Venn Diagrams. The students will be growing candy canes with crystals.

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.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas concert is on Monday 12th December.

Picnic 5:30-6:30

Concert 6:30 onwards
What's On

This coming week the students will be revising what they have learnt this term.

LITERACY
We will be revisiting our CAFÉ Reading strategies and checking that we know the most effective ways to apply these in our reading!

The students have been very enthusiastic writing their letters to Santa this week. Next week we will be consolidating our letter writing and making sure we include lots of detail and include all the features of a letter.

MATHS
In maths, we will be completing revision on various strategies we have been working on this term to consolidate our understanding.

INQUIRY
We will wrap up the year continuing to look at how Christmas is celebrated differently around the world!

BIG DAY IN!

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER
Next Friday, we will be celebrating the end of year in style! Every student will be given one free sausage in bread for lunch. There will be jumping castles as well as class parties which students may bring in a plate of food for!

*If you feel that one sausage will not be sufficient for your child, please send additional food for them to eat!

Weekly Timetable

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ZOOPER DOOPERS
Zooper Doozers are distributed by the grade sixes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost 50c

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Monday 12th December
The students have all been working hard to prepare their class acts for the Christmas concert. They look and sound great and are all looking forward to showing you what a great job they have done!

Picnic on the lawn - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
CONCERT - 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Congratulations
Students of the week

Prep KS
Naite: for being so enthusiastic and trying so hard sounding out words with your writing.

Prep RA
Link: for editing his own writing and then being able to improve his own story with exciting words.

1 JDZ
Ryder: for persisting with his work, even when he found the task challenging. Great Job Ryder. Keep up the great work.

1 LH
Maddie: Always trying her best at everything she does and always with a smile.

1/2 JD
Summer: for wonderful improvement in the neatness of her handwriting.
1/2 DM

**Bailey:** for a fantastic effort with reading this year with well over 200 nights of reading.

2/3 NP

**Callum:** for his Great attitude towards his work last week.

3/4 BC

**Ella T.:** for a fantastic improvement with her handwriting and obtaining a pen licence. Well Done!

4/5 AW

**Lachlan:** for being a kind and caring class member and always helping out those in need.

5/6 YK

**Clara:** for her fabulous work on her scrapbook, it looks amazing!
Come one, come all to the
Officer Primary School
Christmas Concert

When:    Monday the 12th of December
Where:   The oval
Time:    5.30pm – 6.30pm for a picnic tea
         6.30pm – 8.00pm concert

Bring a picnic tea, a blanket or some folding chairs and enjoy our end of year Christmas concert. Hot and cold drinks, sausages in bread, ice-creams and fairy floss will be available to purchase. Raffle tickets will be on sale too! All grades will be performing and the whole school will perform a signing song. Drawing of the Christmas raffle and a special visitor too!
3 sleeps to go till the Christmas hamper winners are announced.

Will it you be one?
Tickets available at the office and at the Christmas Concert.
Coffee, Cake and wrap!!!

The OPS Elves will be wrapping the hampers on MONDAY 12\textsuperscript{th} at 9 am in the old Iris room. (next to the after school care room). If you would like to pop in share cuppa some festive giggles and maybe lend a hand to wrap, please feel free to drop in.
Christmas Hamper Update
The Elves have been working extra hard to bring you some fantastic gifts, and with the help of some exceptional people within our school community we are now able to tell you about the exciting prizes in no particular order ....

Xbox
Remote control boat
Home decor hamper
I pad
Garden hampers
Toy hampers (lots of them)
Pancake hampers
Scooter
Avon hamper
Hot chocolate hamper
Picnic hamper
Cake hamper
Christmas Survival day hamper
Pakenham Tennis Club
Open Day

Saturday 21 January 2017: 11am to 2pm

ADDRESS: Anderson St Pakenham

FREE entry for all with a variety of on court and off court activities including:

⇒ Tennis coaching for children and adults
⇒ Cardio Tennis sessions held throughout the day
⇒ Modified courts
⇒ Jumping Castle
⇒ Ball machine
⇒ Speed serving radar
⇒ BBQ
⇒ Prizes/giveaway

*Lots of fun for the entire family

*All equipment provided including tennis racquets

Enquiries contact Paul Osborne 0413 594 633 or email pakentamtc@gmail.com