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 17th February, 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

WELCOME BACK AFTERNOON TEA
Thank you to families and extended families who took the opportunity to visit their child’s classroom on Monday afternoon. Our students clearly enjoyed hosting their visitors and showing them around the different areas of the school. Our staff appreciated the efforts made by family members and enjoyed the opportunity to informally chat with their visitors. I am sure that families will join me in thanking the staff for providing afternoon tea snacks for all who attended.

Families are reminded that Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for next Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st February, when teachers will discuss how students have settled in and provide parents with the opportunity to share information that may assist the teacher in catering for their child’s needs. Appointment slips confirming times for these meetings were distributed via the students this week. If you have requested a time and have not yet received notification of your appointment please contact the school office.

Please remember that the staff are happy to meet with parents as the need arises. This can be arranged by contacting the class teacher to arrange an appointment. Meetings can be held face to face or over the phone if parents cannot manage a visit to the school. The staff are generally very accommodating with regard to availability, but do need to work around their yard duty and meeting commitments.

STUDENT SECURITY
Parents are reminded that the yard is supervised by staff between 8:45am and 9:00am before school and 3:15pm and 3:30pm in the afternoon. If students are in the yard outside of these times they must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Our OHSC program operates from 6:30am to 8:45am in the morning and from 3:15pm to 6:30pm in the evening to support families who need care for their children outside of school times.

Information on the OHSC program provided by OSHCLUB is available from our school office or online at www.oshclub.com.au

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Families are reminded that we have two vacant positions in the Parent Category for our School Council this year and are very keen to welcome new parent members who would like to contribute
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to our school community by becoming a member of School Council. School Councillors need to be able to attend monthly meetings of School Council and be prepared to be an active member of a School Council Sub-committee. Nominations for the elected parent positions close today at 4:00pm. If more than two nominations are received a ballot process will be conducted to determine the successful applicants.

A further two Community Member vacancies are also available and will be co-opted by the School Council. At the February meeting of School Council on Wednesday evening the decision was made to offer one of the Community Member positions to a representative of the PFA. The second position is open for another member of the community. If you are interested in this position please come and have a chat with me.

SCHOOL COUNCIL WORKING BEE – SATURDAY 4TH MARCH
At the School Council Meeting on Wednesday evening a Term 1 Working Bee was scheduled for Saturday 4th March. We have a range of jobs to be completed and would greatly appreciate the support of our families to ensure that our school grounds are in good condition for our children. The tasks to be undertaken include the clean out of the shipping container at the back of the school in preparation for its removal, clean out of a storage area near the toilet block, clean up of the area beside the senior portable, wash down of some external walls and general clean up of the gardens and playground areas.
If you have some time to help us on this morning it would be greatly appreciated!

Enjoy your weekend!

Regards
Lynne Brenner
Principal

HEAD LICE

We have had a case of head lice reported in Prep LP
This is the time of year that they love to hang around with us.
Please check your child/ren’s hair regularly to keep these bugs at bay.
Once the child has been treated and thoroughly combed they can return to school.

SUBWAY LUNCHES

Our next Subway lunch is Wednesday 22nd February. Please remember to have orders into the office by 9.00am
**PE/SPORT NEWS**

**Important Sporting Dates Term 1:**
- Senior Summer Interschool Sport
  24th February - BYE
  3rd March vs. Chairo CS (home)
  10th March vs. Nar Nar Goon PS (away)

- District Swimming - selected Grade 4-6 students
  Wednesday, 22nd February - Cardinia LIFE, Pakenham

- School House Athletics
  Friday, 17th of March - Track Events at Officer Recreation Oval
  Friday 24th of March - Field Events at Officer Primary School

**RUNNING CLUB**
Our first week of Running Club was a huge success! We had 36 students turn up and worked really hard to get some laps completed. I look forward to seeing how many kilometres we can get up to!

**INTERSCHOOL SPORT**
It's been a great start to our Summer Interschool Sport series- we had some really close games against BUPS last week. Our students showed great enthusiasm and represented our school beautifully.

**DISTRICT SWIMMING**
We have 4 students representing the school at the District Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 22nd of February. Good luck to Jack L, Piper C, Mitch R and Zachery M- we wish you all the best!
Parent Teacher interviews
On Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st of February, Parent teacher interviews are being held. Make sure you have an appointment! Prep parents do not need to book a Parent Teacher Interview as this takes place after the Prep Assessment Interviews on Wednesdays.

Parent Consent Forms and Behaviour Booklets
Please make sure you return the blue parent consent forms ASAP. Please read and sign the back page of the Behaviour Booklets and return as soon as possible. We will be chasing these up!

Literacy
We are focusing on revising the Beanie Baby reading strategies including the concepts of print using the pictures and pointing to the words. The Preps have begun their work in Jolly Phonics, which includes correct formation of letters and the m, d, g, o, u. In writing, the Grade 1/2 students are focusing on writing personal narratives and downward strokes in handwriting. In CAFÉ, we are focussing on Jobba the Reteller, Stretchy Snake, fullstops and commas and looking at interesting words.

Maths
Preps are revising numbers to 10 and Grade 1 and 2s are revising place value of numbers to 1000. Preps are looking at patterns and ½ are looking at place value.

Reminders
Prep Interviews - Please sign up for an appointment time with Bec Luisa or Julian as time are filling up fast.

Zooper-Doopers - This is a fundraiser for the Year six children. They are on sale on Tuesdays and Thursday. Cost 50c. Start date TBA

BREAKFAST CLUB – This will begin on the 14th of February on Tuesday and Thursday 8.30 a.m. – 8.50 a.m. – Parents need to write their child’s name into the booking folder which is located in the office.

Weekly Timetable

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Junior Sport – Friday After Lunch

Daily Routines
Readers-
Please check your child’s reading bag. In it there will be a take-home book to read and share and a reading diary to be filled in.

Vocab Books
There is a half size scrap book in your child’s book bag. This will have a list of words to read by sight (Prep) and spell (Year One/Two). Please practise these with your child.

Diaries
Your child’s diary is the main form of communication between school and home. Please initial on each day. Absences can be written in on the day as well.

Fruit time
Please send along a fresh piece of fruit at fruit time which is about 10.00 everyday. Cutting up the fruit may help for difficult fruit like apples and oranges.
Hi Everyone,

This week the students had the second session of their public speaking course, they are all learning so much and the improvement is evident in the speeches being given. This week Piper won best prepared speech, Josh the encouragement award and Ethan won best off the cuff during the grade 6 session. During the grade 5 session best prepared speech went to Blayden, best off the cuff went to Zac and the encouragement award went to Zoe and Tom, congratulations to all those students.

This week the students had a visit from the Richmond Football club, they spoke to the students about building resilience and diversity. The students then enjoyed having a kick to kick with the players.

In Maths the students have been focusing on place value. In CAFE the students have been developing skills to find information to answer questions. In Literacy we are focusing on narratives.

Have a great weekend

Hi Everyone

This week we started maths groups and the children all enjoyed the two sessions. Next week in maths we will continue to learn about place value and we will also look at addition. In CAFE we are looking at comprehension and fluency. We are still writing narratives – we have completed personal narratives and will start narratives with any characters and setting they like. Homework went out today and is due back next Thursday. Don't forget, Parent/Teacher Interviews are being held on Monday and Tuesday evenings next week. Appointment times have gone home - if you don’t have one please contact your class teacher.

Have a great weekend

The 3/4 Team
Working Bee

Saturday 4th March

8am to 11am

Let’s tidy up our school

Jobs to be done:

Clean out the shipping container
Clean out the storage area next to the toilet block
Clear area next to the senior portables
Wash down external walls
Raking of soft fall on the playgrounds
General clean-up of gardens and playground areas
**Life cycle of Head lice**

**Day 1**
- Mature adult female lays up to 6 eggs each day.

**Day 7**
- 2nd generation Nymphs hatch from eggs laid on Day 1.

**Day 14**
- Nymphs that hatched on Day 7 are now adults and begin to lay eggs.

**Day 15**
- Original female dies at about 30 days old from being laid as an egg.

**Day 21**
- Eggs laid by 2nd generation Nymphs hatch.

**Day 28**
- The adults from the eggs laid on Day 1 die.

Congratulations
Students of the week

Prep LP

Jordon: for amazing work on your daily reading. You are making fantastic progress with your vocab words. Keep up the great work!

Prep RA

Jasmine: for having an amazing start to school, showing wonderful friendship and a fantastic interest in learning.

P1JDZ

Ali: for being an all-round superstar! You always complete your work to a high standard and you are an amazing helper to your classmates!

1/2LH

Thalia: for being a helpful and friendly class member. Welcome to Officer Primary School.

1/2 JD

Lucy: for excellent listening and putting her hand up during class discussions.
2DM
Chayce: for excellent effort and attitude to school work. Well Done!

3/4 NP
Brodie: for an amazing effort in everything he did all week.

3/4 BC
Taran: for trying so hard in all areas and achieving some great results in writing and mathematics.

4/5 AW
Laura: for her outstanding sportsmanship and participation during Interschool Sports. Keep up the good work!

5/6 YK
Helen: for using interesting adjectives and imaginative vocabulary when writing her recount.
$250
Referral Voucher

Refer a family member or friend to Nicola at Barry Plant Pakenham. Hand in your voucher and once the property is SOLD I will send you a $250 Westfield or Bunnings Voucher.

Your Name

Person Referred

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