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 3rd February, 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Welcome to the 2017 school year!
We have had a wonderful start to the year with our students returning to us safe and happy after their holiday break. We have welcomed fifty students to their first year of school and an additional 19 to other year levels. We have also welcomed Luisa Prendergast who has re-joined our staff and is teaching a Prep class.
Our staff have worked hard to prepare their teaching spaces for the arrival of their students and have ensured that they are returning to attractive, orderly classrooms and carefully planned programs. In the initial weeks of school teachers will be focusing on establishing clear boundaries including rules and expectations of behaviours for the classroom and playground. Within the next fortnight all families will receive a copy of the Behaviour Handbook and I would encourage you to spend some time going through this and discussing the content with your child.
On behalf of the school community I would like to extend a warm OPS welcome to new families. I am sure you will enjoy your time at our school and I encourage you to take up the opportunities to become involved in school activities.

FACILITIES UPDATE
During the holidays a range of maintenance and improvement works were undertaken to improve our facilities both indoors and out.
Indoor works included the professional cleaning of all carpets and the installation of a reverse cycle air conditioner in the gallery area. Outdoor works involved: garden maintenance; cleaning and resurfacing of the deck, stage and timber steps; playground repairs and top up of the soft fall material; removal of the pizza oven and timber storage area adjacent to the tool shed. A major project involved the replacement of the seating along the basketball courts and concreting of the area between the seating and the edge of the court. We also had the old iris room and adjacent store room removed and an attractive seating area constructed on the site of the pizza oven. Over the next few weeks we will endeavour to grow grass on the site where the buildings have been removed so that this can become another area for our students to play.
I was very pleased with the overall presentation of our buildings and grounds for our first day of school!

ICT NEWS
Students who have attended ICT classes this week will have had the opportunity to try out the new equipment that we have leased for our computer lab. Mr Corbett is very excited about this new
equipment and the 10 new laptops that have arrived for our new laptop trolley purchased at the end of last year. Over the past two years we have increased the range of equipment available for student use by 28 new desktops and 40 laptops. The procurement of this equipment will substantially increase student access across the school.

WELCOME BACK AFTERNOON TEA & PARENT TEACHER ‘MEET AND GREET’
This year we will be holding a Welcome Back Afternoon Tea for families on Monday 13th February. This event will run between 3:30 and 5:00pm. Classrooms will be open so that our students can show their families their new classrooms and parents will be invited to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a snack, along with the opportunity to mingle with other families. This session will be followed up with Parent Teacher ‘Meet and Greet’ appointments that will be scheduled the following week, on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st February. The purpose of these sessions will be for parents/guardians to share information about their child with the teacher and hear how their child has settled in to the new school year. Please keep an eye out for your official invitations to participate in these events.

STUDENT INSURANCE:
Please be aware that the Education Department does not cover students for accidents in the school grounds, nor does it cover for Ambulance costs should the need to call an ambulance be necessary. I would therefore encourage all families, to please consider making personal insurance and ambulance cover arrangements for all their children.

We will hold our first School Assembly on Monday morning. Hope to see you there!
Have a great weekend!
Regards
Lynne Brenner
Principal

Parents & Friends News

Welcome Back. I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break.

The Parents & Friends Committee will be having their 1st meeting next Tuesday 7th February. We will meet straight after drop off in the Multi-Purpose room, which is located at the rear of the school near the oval. We would love to see new members, toddlers are most welcome. Come along, have a cuppa and meet some new parents.

Over the holidays the $2 Superstore, located next to Woolworths at Casey Central Shopping Centre, donated some awesome items that will be put to great use in the Art Room and our end of year Christmas Hampers. If you are in the area, drop into the store at Casey Central, and grab yourself some $2 bargains. A big thank you to the $2 Superstore for supporting our school.

We are running a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 18th March, please see flyer in this newsletter for all the details.

Look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.
Melissa Ball
P&F President
**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Thanks to the Foodbank School Program we have breakfast club at school every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8.30am.

To participate in this parents need to register their child/children in the breakfast club register in the office on the front desk.

There is a limit of 20 places per session so make sure you get in early.

Please only sign your child/children in if they are going to make the day, other children miss out often because lots of children don’t turn up. Unfortunately due to limited space we can only accommodate 20.

**BOOKCLUB**

Bookclub is due into the office 16th February 3.30pm.

Or alternatively you can process your order through LOOP via the scholastic website

**SUBWAY LUNCHES**

We have subway lunches delivered to school every second Wednesday.

If you would like your child to participate, envelopes are available from the office to fill out and return to the office before 9.00am on the Subway day.

The cost is $6.50 for a six inch with a water or fruit box and $5.50 for a mini junior with a water or fruit box.

Our next Subway lunch is Wednesday 8th February. Please remember to have orders into the office by 9.00am.
NP, B/C, YK and AW

Hi everyone and welcome back! Next week we will be working on place value in maths and narratives in English. We have been looking at class expectations, teamwork and making our grades great places to be! Our children will work through some assessment in maths, spelling and reading over the next two weeks. Maths groups and homework will both start in week three for 3/4NP and DC/LB. Our grade 4s, 5s and 6s will be competing at Interschool Sport on Fridays starting next week. Please make sure permission slips for Interschool Sport are back before Friday the 10th.

Have a great week!

Reminders

Interschool Sport - permission slips are due back no later than Friday the 10th of February.

What’s On...

February
10th - Interschool Sport
16th - Book Club orders due
Welcome Back to School for 2017!
Your weekly Junior News will be distributed by email with the school newsletter. In this issue you will see the timetable for your child’s class. This let’s you know what day of the week they will have specialists.

Phys. Ed.
On P.E. days, it is a good idea for your child to wear a good choice of shoes.

Library
Your child will bring home a library book each week. These are chosen for you to share at home with them. Please encourage your child to look after our books and return them on their library day.

Junior Sport
On Friday afternoon the Senior School students run Junior Sports. Children are put into teams and are encouraged to wear the colour of their house team. Your teacher will let them know what that is if they are not sure.
Leckie-Green
Hicks- Red
McMullen-Yellow
Starling- Blue

Reminders
Prep Interviews- Please sign up for an appointment time with Bec Luisa or Julian as times are filling up fast.
Zooper-Doozers- 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.
This Year our Bunnings BBQ will be held on Saturday 18th March, and we would love your help in making this Fundraiser to be a Great One!

Duties include: Cooking, Serving, Cleaning, Money handling, Set up and Pack up.

Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunty's and Friends are Welcome to help!

If you are available to help for a couple of hours between 8am to 6pm please fill out the form below and return it to the office by Friday 3rd March.

Event Organisers – Melissa Holden and Rebecca Carter

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Your Name: 
Phone Number: 
Students Name: 
Class: 

Time Available:  
[ ] 8am – 10am  [ ] 10am – 12pm  [ ] 12pm – 2pm

[ ] 2pm – 4pm  [ ] 4pm – 6pm

PLEASE RETURN SLIP TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 3RD MARCH
PE/SPORT NEWS

Important Sporting Dates Term 1:

- Senior Summer Interschool Sport
  10th February vs. BUPS (home)
  17th February vs. John Henry PS (away)
  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

WELCOME BACK!

Here we go again- into another school year! I’m excited about what’s ahead with lots of sporting opportunities for our students. The main sporting event for this term is our Athletics in weeks 7 & 8. Our Athletics are usually held in Term 2, however due to poor weather conditions in the past years, we have decided to move it to a hopefully warmer month. Our school Cross Country will be held in early Term 2.

SUMMER INTERSCHOOL SPORT

All information and permission notices have been distributed to all students in Grade 4 - 6 who will be participating in Summer Interschool Sport for Term 1.
We are commencing games next week so please try to return payment and permission forms as soon as possible.

RUNNING CLUB

Our OPS Running Club will be back in action this year. There is a notice going home next week to all students to express their interest to be involved. Please ensure that these notes are brought back so I have an idea of how many students will be participating.
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
Contact No.

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