



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 2017 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 December 22nd, 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thank you to all staff and family members who came out on Wednesday evening to support our students by attending the Christmas Concert. The students enjoyed the opportunity to perform for the audience and the turnout was indicative of the great family support for the children. Everyone was very excited to see the special visitor organised by Danielle Macreadie.

Congratulations must also be extended to the hardworking Parents and Friends group who organised the Christmas Raffle. It was great to see many of our families winning prizes on the night. The final profit from the raffle was \$2758.00, a most impressive result!

The raffle was the culmination of a highly successful fundraising effort by the PFA with their fundraising total for 2017 being \$19320.00. This is a phenomenal effort for a small school community. In the New Year the PFA, in consultation with staff and School Council will determine how these funds will be expended. Some ideas that have been discussed include funding some of the options for the Centenary Garden project and further grounds enhancement projects. We will keep you informed of the decision!

Thank you to all who have supported our fundraising efforts this year.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Those of you who follow our Facebook page would have seen the photos of our graduating Year 6 class taken at the Graduation Ceremony on Monday evening.

We are all very proud of this cohort of students who have each grown so much over their years at OPS. I always enjoy graduation as it is a celebration of a milestone in the lives of each student and a recognition of the hard work that has gone into getting each of the students to this point. Many people have contributed at different points in the journey, including teachers, education support staff, community members and of course each student's family.

We are all confident that every student is well prepared for the next step in their education. As members of a small school they have had more opportunities to undertake leadership roles, be involved in extra-curricular activities such as State School's Spectacular and participate in sports competitions. We wish them all the very best as they head off to secondary school.

FAREWELL TO LEAVING FAMILIES

As the year draws to an end we must farewell some of our families who are leaving the school. We trust that you have enjoyed your time being part of the OPS community and hope that you will be happy at your new schools.

As this is the last newsletter of 2017, I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and relaxing holiday break. Students return to school on Tuesday 30th January.

Please remember that students will be dismissed at 1:30pm today!

*Lynne Brenner
Principal*

**Merry
Christmas**



2018
SCHOOL CAPTAINS



***Congratulations to Hayden and Molly for
being selected as the 2018 School Captains
for Officer Primary School.***

Congratulations - Students of the week



Prep LP

Charli for taking pride in every piece of work you do and completing all work to an amazingly high standard!

Prep RA

Blake for being an AMAZING friend and helping his group sound out words and solve the word problems!

P1JDZ

Jensen for always setting a high standard and striving to tackle every new learning challenge head on!

1/2LH

Emily for absolutely amazing effort in writing a fabulously long Christmas narrative.

1/2 JD

Beth for working hard and following instructions to complete her work! Well Done.

2DM

James for making fantastic choices, having a go at all tasks and never giving up.

3/4 NP

Aliyah for being a 'super dooper' dance instructor. You rock!

4/5 AW

Laura for always putting in her best effort and showing persistence when things are tricky!

5/6 YK

Spencer for being Awesome!

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

TERM 4 2017



Prep LP: Jordan

For a truly amazing first year of school! You should be very proud of your academic achievements- you really are a superstar!

Prep RA: Jake

For an outstanding, amazing, fantastic year in Prep. We are all so PROUD of your behaviour and learning journey this year.

P1JDZ: Isabelle

For an outstanding year! You approach tasks with incredible effort and persistence and you are kind and helpful to all your classmates! You are an all-round superstar! Well Done!

1/2LH: Tyler

For an 'all round' positive attitude to your learning!!

1/2JD: Yumeth

For always working to his best and being a fabulous classmate!

2DM: Rubi

For all round awesomeness.

3/4NP: Jason

For being an amazing classmate and friend. You are an awesome person Jason!

3/4BC: Shona

For developing perseverance and doing your best.

4/5AW: Zoe

For stepping up and making positive changes!

5/6YK: Mitchell M

For being a kind and caring member of grade 6 2017.

ART: Ella

For the enthusiasm and effort she puts into every Art session.
Well Done!

ICT: Oscar

For giving things a go and taking a risk.

PE: Paige

For being an absolute superstar in all things P.E. Well done on an awesome semester!



Congratulations to the Snowflake Drawing Competition winners.

Don't forget to have a look at the Art Blog (under the student tab on the schools website) to see some of the amazing things the students have done in Art this year.

Merry Christmas!

PE/SPORT NEWS



PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT BLOG

Don't forget to have a look at our PE and sport blog - it can be accessed through the school website under the 'student' tab or you can find it at <http://misschristo.global2.vic.edu.au/>.

RUNNING CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students who received a milestone at Running Club-



Week 10

5km - Isobel B, Isabelle M and Izobel M

10km - Maddie F, Mitch R and Chelea M

Week 11

10km - Caedyn B, Amelia F, Owen G

15km - Evie R

25km - Jack Y

30km - Stuart B



Thanks to all students and families in the Officer Primary School community for another sensational year. I've had so much fun and can't wait to see you all in 2018! Hoping everyone has the happiest of holidays, whether you are going away or staying at home - make sure you get outside and enjoy the sunshine! Miss C ☺



The last breakfast club of the year had a bit of festive cheer. A huge thank you to all the helpers who have ensured the many breakfasts have been served. An extra big thank you to Mrs Ing for managing this very important service for the school.



Parents and Friends News

PFA President's Report:

Wow! What a year, I can't believe it's the last day!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Parents and Friends group for all your hard work and dedication throughout the year. Without your help and support we wouldn't be able to do as much for the kids as we do.

Thank you to the school community for supporting us with our raffles, events and food days. We're hoping to see more of you jump on board next year whether it's for an hour at a food day, join in a meeting, help out with the school disco, a food day or any other planned activities.

I can always be contacted via melissa_wright77@hotmail.com if you would like to join in and make 2018 an awesome fundraising year!

A big Thank you to the companies that donated to our Christmas Raffle, the hampers looked fantastic and Congratulations to the winners.

Take care over the holidays and we'll see you next year!

Melissa Holden

NEW DATE

Officer Primary School's Car Show and Shine



Saturday 21st April
10am – 2pm

If you know of any Car Clubs, Live Entertainment or would just love to get involved please contact

Melissa at
melissa_wright77@hotmail.com



**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year**

**from the
Parents and
Friends
Group**

What's coming up in Term 1:

Lots of exciting things are planned for Term 1 so look out for your newsletter next year!

Officer Oshclub Newsletter

Before School Care: 6.30am - 8.45am

After School Care: 3.15pm - 6.30pm



December/ January 2018

Healthy Eating

SALAD WRAPS

Ingredients

- Wholemeal wraps
- Iceberg lettuce
- Tomatoes
- Red or Green Capsicum
- Shredded Cheese

Instructions

1. Sift flour in a large bowl.
2. In another bowl, Combine milk, eggs and vanilla extract and mix together.
3. Add the wet mixture to the flour and beat well for 3-5 minutes, until the batter is light and fluffy. Cover with clingwrap and stand batter for an hour at room temperature.
4. Pour batter into an unused, clean sauce bottle.
5. Heat the pan at low-medium heat.
6. Brush pan with a generous dose of butter or oil.
7. When the oil is hot, squeeze the batter into the pan in small doses.
8. When bubbles start appearing in the batter, flip over each pancake gently (it is much easier than you think!)
9. Cook this side for 2-3 minutes and slide the pancakes onto a plate.
10. Serve with oodles of toppings and plenty of icing sugar!

If you have any suggestions or recipes for our afternoon snacks please feel free to email it to Officer@oshclub.com.au

December/January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all children who are celebrating their special day in the months of December and January.

December

- 3rd – Oscar Grbutt-Plews
- 6th – Alexander Shoppard
- 8th – Charli Eacott & Jasper Foord
- 29th - Indiana Richards-duell

January

- 11th – Darcy Hansch

Service Update

Welcome to our Dec/Jan newsletter. I know I'm a bit late at getting out to everyone but I've only just been able to get this template to work!

As most of the families who regularly attend OSCH would know by now I (Ellen) have taken over the Coordinator role while Jacqui has gone on maternity leave. At this stage it looks like I will be here in this role until December 2018.

I want to thank all the children, Families and the school for their constant support in the take over period. It has been a fantastic 4 weeks and I am excited to see what next year will be like with all of you.

We also would like to wish all our families a MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR for 2018.

What's on in December / January

December – Christmas Activities and Craft

Friday 22nd December - Last Day of Term 4 – Care Commences at 1.30pm

Monday 8th January – Monday 29th January- Holiday Program will be offered at the following schools. Beaconsfield Primary School & Pakenham Springs. If you need more information on care over the Christmas period, please contact the services or speak to Ellen or Jenean who can point you in the right direction.

Tuesday 30th January – Term 1 Commences as normal Trading hours.

Children's Reflections

Everyone was too shy to have their comment this time.. I'll be sure to get one first thing next term!

Welcome to our New Families for the Months of November/December

- Liddle Family

Service phone number: 0438 566 988

Service E-Mail: Officer@oshclub.com.au

Coordinator: Ellen Fisher

Educators: Jenean Richards

• REMINDERS:

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL CONTACT DETAILS AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS UP TO DATE. WE REQUIRE 3, BUT ANYONE YOU THINK MAY COLLECT YOUR CHILD IS GOOD TO HAVE LISTED AS AN EMERGENCY CONTACT. WE KINDLY ASK THAT ANYONE NEW COLLECTING YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR ID SO WE CAN MATCH IT TO THE ENROLMENT FROM. A SMOOTH PROCESS FOR ALL IF WE HAVE ALL THE CORRECT INFORMATION.

TERM 1 – TERM 4 HATS AND SUNSCREEN IS PROVIDED. TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS ABLE TO GO OUTSIDE WE ASK KINDLY IF YOU COULD PLEASE PROVIDE A SPARE HAT (LABELLED) FOR THEIR BAG, AND IF THERE IS ANY PARTICULAR SUNSCREEN THEY NEED.

Looking back on the last 4 weeks of Term.....

What a great 4 weeks we've shared together at the end of this term. .

We started where we left off – laughing together. After my brief absence from Officer OSHClub I was so glad to see that the children had missed me as much as I missed them.

Jenean and I looked at what we could do for planned activities when we discovered their love for messy sensory activities especially SLIME! There have been a few occasions that we've made this together and with trial and error have found what works best to make it. Over the Christmas break we plan to research some more slime recipes so we can really get a great but easy go-to!

We've also really enjoyed activities together as a group. Every morning and afternoon we get together to enjoy a group game, the most popular being Silent Ball and going outside to the Basketball Court to test out their skills!

Something else exciting is eagerly awaiting to find out the gender of Jacqui's baby when she has the bub in January. We all wish her the very best on this new journey and are so excited for her to visit us all... with bubs of course!

Ellen & Jenean will sadly say goodbye to some families at the end of the year. We wish all these children the best, while we welcome many new families in 2018.

