

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 8th, 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2018

Following a long process of determining student numbers for 2018 and consultation with staff regarding grade structure we have settled on a structure with nine classes.

- 2 Prep classes
- 3 Years 1/2 composite classes
- 2 Years 3/4 composite classes
- 2 Years 5/6 composite classes

The junior classes will range between 15 and 22 students per class and the senior classes between 24 and 26 students per class. These are very favourable class sizes and considerably lower than DET recommendations. Many classes will also benefit from additional support from ES staff, reducing the adult to child ratio further.

In addition to the classroom programs which will feature a strong focus on the development of Literacy and Numeracy skills, we will continue to offer specialist programs in Visual Arts, Digital Technologies, Physical Education and AUSLAN.

All of our 2018 students will be informed of their classes and allocated teachers next Tuesday 12th December on the state-wide transition day. Our current Year 6 students will be involved in transition at their enrolled secondary schools and our 2018 Prep students will attend for their final transition session. Other students in Years 1 to 6 (2018), including new enrolments, will spend the morning in their new classes. Students who are leaving the school will be grouped together for activities in the Library or Art Room.

Our staff have spent a lot of time and careful consideration in compiling the class lists and are confident that we have a good structure. Whilst parent requests for social groups have been considered it has not always been possible to meet all components of every request.

CENTENARY GARDENS PROJECT

This project has now proceeded to tender stage and we are hopeful that we will see works commenced late January or early February. The completion of this project will considerably

enhance this area of the school providing different areas that can be utilised for outdoor learning and passive play.

In this area we currently have two large water tanks that must be removed prior to the commencement of site works. As we do not have a suitable area for relocation of the tanks we are prepared to offer them in return for a donation to the school. These tanks are cream in colour and hold 4500 litres of water. If you are interested in one or both of the tanks please contact the school administration.

CHRISTMAS TREE VOUCHER

The Officer Christmas Tree Farm has offered our school a voucher for a Christmas Tree to go to a family who have not got a tree for Christmas. We decided that the best way to determine who the tree would go to was to ask interested families to register their interest by contacting Julie at the office. We will then put the names into a 'hat' and draw out the winning family. If you would like to go in this draw please let Julie know by Monday 9:00am and we will contact the successful family on Monday afternoon so that they can get their tree up and decorated!

***Term 4 ends on FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER at
1:30pm!***

*Lynne Brenner
Principal*

GRADE ¾ NEWS

Hi everyone,

We are finally into the countdown to the end of the year with Christmas cards being given out, concert songs being practised and elves getting up to mischief! Next week we will be incorporating Christmas themed activities into our regular routine. Practise will continue for the Christmas concert class performances and the signing song. On Tuesday it is Whole School Transition which everyone is looking forward to!

Have a great week.

Laura, Nicole & Duanne



SUBWAY LUNCHES



Our next subway lunch order day is Wednesday December 13th.
Please remember to have your orders in to the office by 9.00am.

LIBRARY

The library will be starting stocktake in the coming weeks please return books to school as soon as possible please.

Thanks
Mrs Ing

FOR SALE

5 x Polo (sz 8)

5 x Short (sz 6)

1 x Bomber Jacket (sz 8)

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SNOWFLAKE COMPETITION

Thankyou to all of the students who entered their fantastic snowflake designs into the snowflake drawing competition. Unfortunately we have had some technical difficulties with the 3D printer, which has caused us to miss the Tree Lighting Ceremony deadline. We will however continue with an in school competition. We will keep you posted.

YAKKERBOO STREET FESTIVAL 2018

We are hoping to enter a float into next years Yakkerboo Street Festival and are calling for expressions of interest to be a part of a committee to organise this event. The theme for the festival is 'Zoo' and we are looking to showcase our schools adopted animals (an orangutan and elephant). If you would like to help with this project please contact Jeanette Inge or Angela Robertson.

Thanks 😊

JUNIOR

Week Nine 4th – 8th December



What's On



Literacy

In reading this week, the preps have been locating important information in a text, practising chunky monkey by finding small words inside bigger words, recognising high frequency words in books and identifying who, what, where and when.

Grade Ones focussed on inferring from the text features, flipping the sounds (for letters that make more than one sound), using phrasing to improve expression and identifying verbs in past tense.

This week, with our focus still on narratives, we started creating new stories with Christmas themes. We created descriptions of our characters and developed an interesting setting for the story. We also revised how to apply capital letters and full stops correctly.

Maths

The preps continued to learn about location this week with the focus being on near/far and left/right. The grade ones and twos began their final topic for the year on fractions and identifying halves as two equal parts.



Daily Routines

Readers

Look for your child's reader in their book bags. These books are for home reading practice. Don't forget to record each night's reading in the students' reading diaries!

Vocab Books

Vocab books contain lists of words to be read by sight (Prep) or spell (Year One/Two). Please practice 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.

HOCKEY CLINICS

We concluded our four week Hockey Program this week! The students had a ball learning new skills with help from Tahlia!



Reminders

Tuesday 12th December – WHOLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION – Students will meet their teachers for 2018!

Wednesday 13th December – SUBWAY LUNCHES – Orders to the office by 9am

Be Sun Smart!

Hats are compulsory in Term 4. Please ensure your child has a clearly named school hat to wear during outside times and sport sessions. We also recommend making sure your child has sunscreen in their bag that they can reapply during the day.

BREAKFAST CLUB – Tuesday and Thursdays 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



Come one, come all to the
Officer Primary School
Christmas Concert

When: Tuesday the 19th 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 more 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!

Parents and Friends News

PFA President's Report:

Can you believe it's almost the end of the year, it has gone by so quickly!

Our end of year/Christmas raffle this year has 16 prizes up for grabs, if you have any 'new items' or food hamper items you would like to donate please see myself, Rebecca Carter or Leah Morrison.

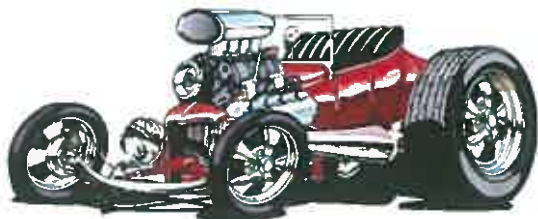
The hampers include a Christmas Day Survival Hamper, a Kids Outdoor Hamper, a Body Shop Hamper, A Lego Christmas Train and Puffing Billy Hamper a Mum's Hamper and a Dad's Hamper.

If you require more tickets there are plenty available, please send a note in your children's diaries or see Julie in the office. The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Concert on Tuesday 19th December.

Melissa Holden

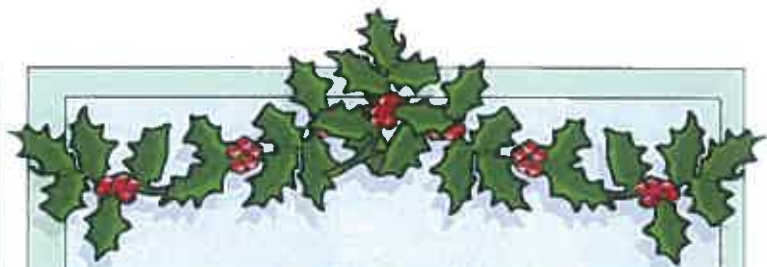
NEW DATE

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



Our End of Year/Christmas Raffle is here!

16 prizes for your
chance to win!

If you have any 'new' items or food hamper items you would like to donate please see Melissa Holden, Leah Morrison or Rebecca Carter.

Tickets are due back to school on
Friday 15th December.

One booklet of tickets has gone home with students and additional will be available at the office.

Drawn on Tuesday 19th December

What's coming up in Term 4:

Friday 15th December – Raffle tickets are due back to school

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Raffle drawn at Christmas Concert

Congratulations Students of the week



Prep LP Alex for your amazingly descriptive narrative story about being trapped in a sewer. Fantastic Work!

Bailey for having a really good try at editing your own writing. Well Done!

Prep RA Cohen for an AMAZING effort on his spelling words, blasting along with outstanding progress on his rocket words.

P1JDZ Oakley for displaying confidence to apply strategies to help you improve your reading! Great Job!

1/2LH Mia for completing a terrific narrative and always producing work of a very high standard.

1/2 JD Senul for always working to his best ability and being a kind and caring classmate!

2DM Ella for an excellent job with applying phonics to your spelling and excellent narrative writing.

3/4 NP Kade for being a fantastic role model and representative for our school and all round good guy.

Maeve for trying her hardest in class and always doing her best.

3/4 BC Shona for trying really hard with your work, especially your writing. You have made good progress. Well Done!

4/5 AW Oscar for his sensational performance and representation of O.P.S. at the State Hoop Time Finals. You showed wonderful sportsmanship and supported all of your team mates through the hard times! And the good!

5/6 YK Olivia for overcoming her fears and doing a fabulous job performing the Harmony Day dance.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER



Thalia is one of the most caring and considerate students we have at Officer Primary School. Thalia has an enthusiasm for learning that is to be admired. Thalia arrives at school every day with a smile on her face and a willingness to take on whatever challenges come her way. As Aussie of the Month Thalia is a great role model for others. She always behaves in a way that supports and uplifts her friends and she can be relied upon to make good choices at all times. Thalia deserves this award for her outstanding effort and attitude and we are all very proud of her.