



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 February 16th, 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

WELCOME BACK AFTERNOON TEA

It was great to see so many families visit the school on Monday afternoon to take part in our Welcome Back Afternoon Tea. The teachers enjoyed the opportunity to meet and chat informally with families and the students enjoyed showing their parents around the school.

Thank you also to the staff who provided the food for the afternoon tea.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – YEARS 1 TO 6

Families are reminded that these have been scheduled for next week on Tuesday 20th February and Wednesday 21st February. Staff met on Tuesday after school to schedule the interviews and have done their best to meet parent requests for times. Notice of appointments have been sent home with students so please check your child's diary or bag for the notice. If for some reason you cannot make the designated time please call the school to let us know. In the event that you do not receive delivery of your notice please call the school to confirm your interview time.

Teaching staff are keen to meet with all families and are willing to offer other times to families who cannot make one of these evenings. If you would like to arrange an alternative time for a face to face or phone conversation please contact the class teacher. The opportunity to establish communication between the class teacher and families early in the year is beneficial to your child's education.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

This afternoon we held a special whole school assembly to present our House Captains for 2018 with their badges. The process of selecting from the many students who put themselves forward for the roles is always difficult, and all those who tried out should be proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to the successful students who I am sure will lead their house teams and act as positive role models for their peers.

Hicks – Nathan 5/6W and Jack 5/6YK

Starling – Aliyah 5/6W and Brock 5/6YK

Lecky – Chloe 5/6W and Molly P 5/6YK

McMullen – Oscar 5/6W and Selma 5/6YK

CENTENARY GARDENS

You could be forgiven for thinking that this project has been forgotten as there has been no visible evidence of progress in this area. However, there has been much going on behind the scenes as we have worked with DET representatives and our architects to bring the scope of works within budget and get things underway.

At our most recent meeting we discussed adjustments to the works that will not compromise the overall design for the area but adjust some of the materials used to bring the work within budget. An important part of our plan is the inclusion of a weather proof outdoor BBQ with sink and outdoor kitchen that will be housed in a shelter at the western end of the space. It is envisaged that this area will be useful for our PFA food days, class activities and community events. To ensure that all of this can be achieved, the project managers have asked if the school could contribute some funds for the kitchen and possibly the BBQ. At our School Council on Tuesday evening approval was given for the allocation of \$23,000.00 for the outdoor kitchen (which will be comprised of a fully enclosed vandal proof pod) and another \$6,000.00 for the BBQ if required. This decision has now been conveyed to DET and hopefully this will enable them to finalise the contract for the works and commence construction during the next term break.

The overall project will deliver a range of outdoor learning and passive play spaces for all classes to use. An added feature will be direct access from Rooms 1 and 2 to a decked outdoor learning space that will significantly enhance these rooms.

If you would like to know more about this project please come and chat to myself, Yolande Kerin or Sarah Krol, as we have all been active members of the planning team.

PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2018

Each year schools receive four student-free days (when student instruction does not occur) for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting.

The first day of Term 1 each year is mandated as a student-free day in all government schools. The remaining three days can be scheduled to meet local school needs and must be approved by School Council.

Please note the dates in your diaries for the three School Council approved student-free days for 2018:

- **FRIDAY 23RD MARCH 2018**
- **FRIDAY 8TH JUNE 2018**
- **MONDAY 16TH JULY 2018**

WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION

We are all very excited about our planned excursion to the Werribee Zoo on Monday. Thank you to families for returning payment and permission forms by the due date. Our timelines are set to ensure that we have all bookings and risk management processes in place prior to the excursion.

Please ensure that your child is at school by 8:45am on Monday as we plan to depart at 9:00am sharp, and due to the tight schedule, will be unable to wait around for students who are late.

Have a great weekend!
Regards
Lynne Brenner
Principal



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 order day is Wednesday February 21st.
Please remember to have your orders in to the office by 9.00am.**

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.

CONGRATULATIONS
HOUSE CAPTAINS
2018



Selma & Oscar



Molly & Chloe



Jack & Nathan



Brock & Aliyah

Congratulations Students of the week



Prep LP Walter for trying your hardest during writing tasks and producing some amazing work as a result!

Prep JDZ Jude for displaying outstanding listening skills and giving every task, a red hot go!

1/2LH Olivia for her kindness and helpfulness to her friends. We are very lucky to have you in our class.

1/2 JD Isobel for always trying her best and being a kind and caring classmate.

1/2DM Charli for an outstanding week. Working really hard and trying your best.

3/4 NP Reece for working really hard and getting everything finished for the week.

3/4 BC Senul for always working hard to complete his work on time and at a high standard.

5/6 AW Harry for his massive improvement in writing and sensational holiday recount.

5/6 YK Frankie for being really persistent with her maths and becoming more confident.

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Week Three 12th – 16th February



What's On



Literacy

In reading this week, the preps have been learning to retell the story from a picture, locate letters and sounds in texts, use a louder voice for exclamation marks and pointing to the words as they read.

Grade Ones and twos focussed on identifying the problem and solution, skipping an unknown word and rereading, noticing talking marks and exploring the meaning of words.

Preps started their writing topic for this term, poetry by learning about rhyming words. We will begin to use these in our writing over the next few weeks. Grade ones and twos consolidated their narrative writing this week, ensuring that they included all the features of a narrative and made their writing interesting for the reader.

Maths

This week, the preps have been consolidating their knowledge of numbers, focussing specifically on ordering numbers 1-10 and modelling numbers using various manipulative materials. The ones and twos developed their skills in modelling numbers to 100 and 1000 and practised locating numbers on a number line.



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.

Timetables

Prep LP

PE - Tuesday
ICT - Tuesday
ART - Friday
Signing - Tuesday

Prep JDZ

PE - Tuesday
ICT - Tuesday
ART - Monday
Signing - Tuesday

1/2 LH

PE - Wednesday
ICT - Monday
ART - Monday
Signing - Thursday

1/2 JD

PE - Monday
ICT - Monday
ART - Friday
Signing - Thursday

1/2 DM

PE - Monday
ICT - Tuesday
ART - Monday
Signing - Tuesday

EXCURSION REMINDER



On Monday, the whole school will venture to Werribee Open Range Zoo!

Students need to be reminded to pack their snack, lunch and drink bottle in a named plastic bag. They **must** ensure that they have their full school uniform and sun hats. Students don't need to bring their school bags on this day!

The buses will depart school at 9:00am sharp. Please be at school by 8:45am.

Reminders

Monday 19th February – WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION to WERRIBEE ZOO!

Tuesday 20th February & Wednesday 21st February – Parent Teacher Interviews – Don't forget to check your times!

Wednesday 21st February – SUBWAY LUNCHES – Orders to the office by 9am

Be Sun Smart!

Hats are compulsory in Term 1. 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

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GRADE 3/4

Hi Everyone,

This week the children have been expanding numbers in maths to show the value of each digit in a multi-digit number e.g. $376 = 300 + 70 + 6$. We started narrative writing and looked at suffixes in spelling. CAFÉ has begun properly and the children have worked on all 4 areas throughout the week. Please remember to make sure your child has their diary and reading diary every day. On Monday we have our excursion to the Werribee Open Range Zoo! Please make sure your child is at school by 8.45am as we will leave right on 9am and cannot wait for latecomers. Don't forget to pack plenty of food and water and make sure your child has on their school uniform, a hat and a comfy pair of shoes. Have a fantastic weekend
Emily, Nicole & Laura

GRADE 5/6

Hi Everyone,

This week we are proud to announce our House Captains; Chloe and Molly for Lecky, Aliyah and Brock for Starling, Oscar and Selma for Mc Mullen and Nathan and Jack for Hicks. Congratulations to these students and we look forward to seeing the wonderful contribution they make to our school. In Literacy this week we have been looking at Narrative texts, the students have begun creating setting and character descriptions that use interesting vocabulary to engage their reader. This week's comprehension focus for CAFÉ Reading has been to infer the meaning of unknown words by using context clues, prefixes, suffixes and root words to support. In Numeracy we have been investigating everyday situations that use integers and being able to place both positive and negative numbers on a number line. Miss K will be returning next week on Tuesday, after missing her class. Have a great weekend,
Alex and Yolande

WHAT'S ON

Monday 19th Feb- Werribee Zoo Excursion

Tuesday 20th Feb Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 21st Feb Parent Teacher Interviews

P.E & SPORT NEWS



Important dates in Term 1:

- District Swimming - Wednesday, 21st Feb. (selected Grade 4, 5 & 6 students)
- Interschool Sport - (Grade 4-6 students)

Friday 23rd Feb: AWAY vs Chairo CS

Friday 2nd Mar: AWAY vs Beaconsfield Upper PS

Friday 9th Mar: HOME vs Nar Nar Goon PS

Friday 16th Mar: HOME vs Chairo CS

Running Club

What an awesome turn out we had for our first Running Club for 2018. Keep an eye out in this part of the newsletter for milestone achievements in the future.

Coles Sports for Schools

Don't forget to keep collecting those Sports for Schools vouchers from Coles! Our box in the office is almost overflowing which is a great sign! Keep it up!

Senior Interschool Sport

Congratulations to all senior students for submitting their Interschool Sport notices and payments on time. This has been an issue in past years and I am absolutely thrilled that students have taken responsibility and ensured that these deadlines are met. Well done and keep it up!

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/> .

Parents and Friends News

PFA President's Report:

Well that's the end of week 3, I hope all the kids are settling in well into their classrooms. A big Thank you to the staff for putting on an afternoon tea for us all. It was great to visit the kid's classrooms.

Our food day this term is going to be a Hot Cross Bun and Flavoured Milk Morning Tea, this will be on **Wednesday 28th March**, just in time for Easter. More information about this will be sent home later in the term. If you have your Working with Children's Check and would love to volunteer some time on that morning please let myself or Rebecca Carter know. If you have any ideas for food days please let us know, we'd love to hear your suggestions.

This term we will be having our annual raffle for Easter, with lots of great prizes for your chance to win! **Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our Motor Show and Shine until November due to the Centenary Gardens work not being completed. But we will be very excited to have this beautiful area included in our event. More information will be available about the Motor Show and Shine mid-year. This will be our major fundraiser for the year so we have loads of fun activities planned for that day.**

Our next Parents and Friends meeting will be held on **Tuesday 6th March** at 9.15am, location TBA. This a great chance to share your ideas, make new friends and join in something special for the kids.

Melissa Holden

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been postponed until
November.

Watch this space for more
information!

Parents and Friends
Meeting on
Tuesday 6th March at
9.15am
Location TBA

Toddlers and Babies
Welcome



What's coming up in Term 1:

Tuesday 6th March – PFA Meeting at 9.15am (location TBA)
Wednesday 28th March – Hot Cross Bun and Flavoured Milk Morning Tea
Thursday 29th March – Easter Raffle Drawn