



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 23rd, 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We are very excited to have five nominations for the three Parent Member vacancies on our School Council.

The nominees are Karen Hutchinson, David Sleeth, Michael Ball, James Bennett and Kylie Taylor.

As the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies in the Parent Member category we are required to conduct a ballot. Ballot papers will be posted to families on the weekend along with statements from each candidate. There are specific instructions on the ballot paper regarding how to fill out the ballot paper and how to return your vote to school. As we need to keep a register of voters it is essential that the instructions are adhered to regarding the process for returning ballot papers. To ensure that your vote is counted please follow the instructions carefully.

If you have any queries about the election process please contact me at school.

Please note that the **ballot closes on Monday 5th March at 4:00pm**. If you choose to post your ballot paper to the school you will need to take this into account. If you deliver your vote to the school office please give it to Julie Barrow who will ensure that you are marked off the register of voters.

The school community need to be aware that no campaign literature supporting candidates or groups of candidates may be distributed or posted in the school, and no school resources may be used to support particular candidates or groups of candidates.

WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION

We all had a great day on our whole school excursion to Werribee Zoo on Monday. The day went smoothly without any major hitches with traffic conditions or arrangements at the zoo. Students, staff and parent helpers enjoyed the experience with a popular highlight being the Safari Tour of the free range areas of the zoo. Most groups were fortunate to be able to get quite close to some of the larger animals such as the giraffes and rhinos and others enjoyed seeing the hippos fed by zoo staff or watching the antics of the gorillas.

I am sure that you will all join with me in thanking Nicole Peachey for leading the organisation of the day and the rest of the staff who assisted with both preparations and

supervision of students at the zoo. Thank you also to our parent helpers who attended and for all families who supported us by sending their children.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – YEARS 1 TO 6

Thank you to those families who attended the parent teacher interviews this week. The feedback from staff has been very positive. It is important that we establish this contact early in the year to ensure that the lines of communication between home and school are established. If for some reason you were unable to meet with your child's teacher on the dates set aside, I encourage you to contact the teacher to make an alternative time to meet face to face, or speak with them over the phone.

Please also remember that you can contact the school at any time if you have a query or concern. If the teacher is not available at the time to speak with you a message will be passed on to them to advise them to make contact with you. Alternatively, you can bring your concerns to Paula or myself.

STUDENT ENROLMENT INFORMATION UPDATE

This week we have been sending home a print-out of our current enrolment information that we have on our system for each child. It is really important that all details are up to date, especially home address and emergency contact information. We are aware that with our busy lives things can change and updating the school information can be overlooked. I ask that you look over the information that we have, make any corrections required and return the document to school as soon as possible. All documents, even those without corrections, need to be returned.

Enjoy the last weekend of Summer!

Regards

*Lynne Brenner
Principal*



SUBWAY LUNCHES



**Our next subway lunch order day is Wednesday March 7th.
Please remember to have your orders in to the office by 9.00am.**

Werribee Zoo Excursion

A very big thank you to our parent helpers who came along with us to Werribee Zoo; Ourania, Pia, Belinda, Sarah, Jessica, Sonia, Nicole, Ashlee and Melissa. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did!

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GRADE 3/4

Hi Everyone,
We had a fantastic time at Werribee Zoo on Monday. It was a pleasure taking the 3/4s out and they made us very proud. Thanks to our parent helpers – you guys rock! Parent/Teacher Interviews went very well and everyone was happy with how well the beginning of the year has gone. This week we completed our work on place value and next week we will start a new unit on measurement. We continued our narratives and started a project on African animals. The children are working on building reading stamina in CAFÉ.
Have a fantastic weekend
Nicole, Laura & Emily

GRADE 5/6

Hi Everyone,
We started the week with an adventure to Werribee Zoo where all the students had a fabulous time and learnt a lot. Thank you to all those who attended Parent/Teacher Interviews. If you missed out on an interview please come and see Alex or Yolande and we will be happy to schedule a time to meet and remember our doors are always open. In CAFÉ this week we have been learning to identify the structure of a narrative and how the plot is developed. This links in with our writing topic of Narratives; we have continued to develop our understanding of how to create conflict and resolutions in our stories. In Maths this week we have been focusing on division including learning to solve those with remainders. On Friday we played Chairo Christian College at Interschool Sports, everyone played well and had a great time.
Alex and Yolande

WHAT'S ON

Friday 2nd March- Interschool Sport Home Game
Monday 12th March Labour Day Public Holiday

P.E & SPORT NEWS



Important dates in Term 1:

- Interschool Sport - (Grade 4-6 students)

Friday 2nd Mar: AWAY vs Beaconsfield Upper PS

Friday 9th Mar: HOME vs Nar Nar Goon PS

Friday 16th Mar: HOME vs Chairo CS

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!

District Swimming

Congratulations to Jack Liddle and Cameron Liddle who represented our school in the Officer District Swimming Carnival. Jack achieved a 2nd place in backstroke and Cam came away with a 3rd in backstroke. Well done boys, we are so proud!

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/> .

JUNIOR

Week Four 19th – 23rd February



Prep Update!

Wow! What a fantastic week we have had! It all began with our first excursion ever! Werribee Zoo was a blast! The preps had a wonderful time learning about the different animals and especially enjoyed going on safari!

In Reading, our focus has been on using Jabba the Reteller to retell information from the stories we read. We also put on our detective hats to locate letters and sounds that we have been working on, pointing to the words as we read and using a louder voice for exclamation marks!

Our sounds this week were d, g and o. We continue to develop our understanding of rhyming words and how to use these in writing.

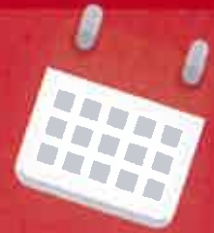
In maths we are now investigating how to compare and order different sized objects!

1/2 News!



We had an amazing day at the Werribee Open Range Zoo. It will be the topic of conversation all this week. In Literacy, we looked at expanding our vocabulary to include adjectives that describe the animals. Our recount writing focus has included sizzling starts, followed by the sequence of events and a concluding statement at the end. In reading, we are teaching how to break apart longer words by looking for chunks. Chunky Monkey helps us to find small words in big words. Our Maths topic is to compare and measure the length and area of different objects using uniform units of measurement. Our Community and the People who help us is the theme for our topic work.

Timetables



Prep LP
PE – Tuesday
ICT – Tuesday
ART – Friday
Signing – Tuesday

Prep JDZ
PE – Tuesday
ICT – Tuesday
ART – Monday
Signing – Tuesday

1/2 ID
PE – Monday
ICT – Monday
ART – Friday
Signing – Thursday

1/2 LH
PE – Wednesday
ICT – Monday
ART – Monday
Signing – Thursday

1/2 DM
PE – Monday
ICT – Tuesday
ART – Monday
Signing – Tuesday



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.

Reminders

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

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