

### 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 2018 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 March 16th, 2018**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

*Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;*

### SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

At School Council on Tuesday evening office bearers for 2018 were elected.

Our 2018 School Council membership is:

#### **Parent Members:**

Sarah Krol (**President**), Michael Ball, Karen Hutchinson, Glenn Lyons and Kylie Taylor

#### **DET Members:**

Nicole Peachey, Paula Spierings (**Minutes Secretary**) and Lynne Brenner (**Executive Officer**)

#### **Community Members:**

Melissa Holden (**PFA Representative**) and James Bennett (**Vice President**)

We were pleased to welcome James Bennett, Karen Hutchinson, Kylie Taylor and Nicole Peachey as new members to School Council and Michael Ball as a returning member. Congratulations to Sarah Krol for her appointment to the role of School Council President and to James Bennett and Paula Spierings who have also agreed to take on office bearing positions. We look forward to a productive year working together to achieve the best outcomes for our students and families.

On behalf of the School Community I extend our thanks to Michael Ball, as the outgoing School Council President who has undertaken this role for the past four years. Michael has consistently performed this role with great passion and supported the School Council to achieve improvements such as the pending works in Centenary Gardens, increased resources in ICT and playground improvements.

Thank you also to all members of the School Council for your willingness to be part of the School Council and the associated sub-committees. Your commitment to the school is greatly appreciated. The three sub-committees that operate are Buildings and Grounds, Management and Accountability, and Finance. These sub-committees, along with the Parents and Friends Association act as working parties of School Council. To be involved in a sub-committee you do not have to be a member of School Council. If you are interested in becoming involved please come and see me.

**REMINDER - DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR- PUPIL FREE DAYS**

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 a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students.

School councils have the flexibility to schedule the remaining three student-free days each year to meet local school needs.

Families are reminded that the three remaining School Council approved student-free days for this year are **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. Please ensure that you put these dates into your calendar.

*Have a great weekend!*

Regards

*Lynne Brenner  
Principal*



**SUBWAY LUNCHES**  
Due to house athletics on  
Wednesday there will be



**NO SUBWAY LUNCHES UNTIL NEXT TERM**

**CURRICULUM DAY**

**OSHClub will be running on 23<sup>rd</sup> March the curriculum day. If you are wanting to utilise this day please remember to make a booking.**

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Please remember 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.

# JUNIOR

Week Seven 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March



## Prep Update!

In Reading, our focus has been on sequencing the events in a story, identifying ending sounds of words, using a louder voice when words are in a **bold** print and identifying interesting words.

We continued to explore a mixture of single sounds and digraphs this week. We learnt z, w, and ng. We continue to develop our understanding of poetry, specifically rhyming words and how to use these in writing.

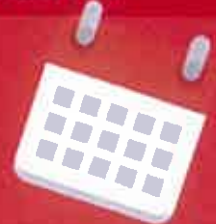
In maths we have been exploring data collection. We have gathered different sets of data and looked at them as a class to determine what the results show us!

## 1/2 News!



In Literacy, we read the story Fidgety Fish. We are learning how to retell the beginning, middle and end of a story using Jabber the Reteller. We are working on reading the ending of words such as ed, es, and ing accurately. We are learning how to pause for full stops and commas when we read fluently. We are revising the graphemes oy, ir, ue and aw. Our Maths topic on Data Representation and Graphing has begun. We have been collecting data to present in a bar graph and then posing and then answering questions about it. Our Community and the People Who Help Us is the continuing theme for our topic work.

## Timetables



**Prep LP**  
PE – Tuesday  
IET – Tuesday  
ART – Friday  
Signing – Tuesday

**Prep IDZ**  
PE – Tuesday  
IET – Tuesday  
ART – Monday  
Signing – Tuesday

**1/2 JD**  
PE – Monday  
IET – Monday  
ART – Friday  
Signing – Thursday

**1/2 LH**  
PE – Wednesday  
IET – Monday  
ART – Monday  
Signing – Thursday

**1/2 DM**  
PE – Monday  
IET – Tuesday  
ART – Monday  
Signing – Tuesday

Junior Sport - FRIDAYS



## 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

**CURRICULUM DAY** – No school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**SCHOOL ATHLETICS** – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Don't forget to wear your house colour t-shirt if you have one!

**SUBWAY DAY** – Subway day is this Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Order envelopes are available in the office and must be placed in the designated baskets in the office by 9am on Wednesday.

**Raffle Tickets** – Garry and Warren Smith Holden – Raffle tickets are personally designated to families. Any unsold tickets **must** be returned to the office.

# Parents and Friends News

## PFA President's Report:

Our food day this term is going to be a Hot Cross Bun and Flavoured Milk Morning Tea, this will be on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March for the Prep – Grade 4's** and on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March for the Grade 5 and 6's**. Order forms have gone home this week and please remember that we cannot accept late orders. 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.

We are having our Parents and Friends AGM on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am** in the staff room, this is a great opportunity if you'd like to be a part of the Executive Committee or put your name down as a general member. If you would like any more information about this please see myself or speak to Mrs Brenner or Mrs Ing.

This term we will be having our annual raffle for Easter, with lots of great prizes for your chance to win! We, the Parents and Friends would like to ask for your help in donating to this raffle. If the Kids could please bring in either an egg, new soft toy, Easter craft kits or anything else to do with Easter and give them to their teachers and they will be put into tubs in the classrooms. By bringing something in to add to our Easter Raffle they will be entered into a Special Student Incentive Raffle which will also be drawn on the **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**.

Melissa Holden

## HELP WANTED!



Please help donate to our Easter Raffle, these can be given to the teachers to put into tubs provided in the kid's classrooms.

All kids donating will be entered into a Special Student Incentive Raffle!

## Hot Cross Bun and Flavoured Milk Morning Tea

is on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** for Prep – Grade 4 and **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** for Grade 5 and 6

Information has gone home this week! Late orders cannot be accepted.

If you have your working with children's check and would like to help please see Rebecca Carter.



## What's coming up in Term 1:

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – PFA Annual General Meeting at 9.15am in the Staff room  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Hot Cross Bun and Flavoured Milk Morning Tea for Prep to Grade 4  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Hot Cross Bun and Flavoured Milk Morning Tea Grade 5 and 6  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Raffle Drawn

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## GRADE 3/4

Hi Everyone,  
The children are all enjoying the Maths Investigation and they have all made a really good start. We started their final persuasive piece for the term as well. In CAFÉ we have been working on fluency and accuracy. Our unit on Aboriginals is going well and will continue until the end of term. Don't forget House Athletics is on next Wednesday and next Friday is a Curriculum Day. Have a fantastic weekend  
Nicole, Laura & Emily

## GRADE 5/6

Hi Everyone,  
This week in Interschool Sports we played Chiro, this was our last round for the Summer Season. All the students played well and I would like to congratulate them on their fabulous effort and sportsmanship. In CAFÉ this week we have been looking at how to identify the author's purpose, this has linked in with our focus of the persuasive writing genre. In Literacy we have been learning how to construct a persuasive argument and then support this with relevant evidence. This week in Maths we have continued with our topic of measurement focusing on perimeter, area and volume. We would like to thank all the grade 6 families who have supported us with our term 1 Graduation/ Big Day Out fundraiser by bringing in Easter Eggs for our competition.  
Alex and Yolande

## WHAT'S ON

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> House Athletics Day  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> State School Spectacular Rehearsal  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Curriculum Day  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March Young Leaders Day  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March Harmony Day (5/6 students)  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March Hot Cross Bun Lunch  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March Last Day of Term