



### 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 2nd, 2018**

## *FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK*

*Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;*

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Families are reminded that the ballot to elect Parent Members to School Council closes on Monday at 4:00pm. Ballot papers received after this time will not be included in the count. If you have decided to return your ballot paper via the post you will need to have allowed sufficient time for it to be received by the closing time.

### **STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

On Wednesday Paula Spierings and I attended the Term 1 Regional Principal Forum. An important item on the agenda was student attendance and the role that this plays in student progress.

A key message of the information presented was that for a student to improve their chances of achieving 12 months of growth in 12 months of schooling they will need to achieve 95 to 100% school attendance. This means that absences of more than 10 days per year place your child at risk of not realising their academic potential.

Another message was that research clearly shows that children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. I am sure that these are aspirations we all have for our children.

Over the coming months we will be reviewing our attendance data and the practices we have in place to monitor and follow up on student absences, including chronic late arrival and early leaving. The overall goal will be to work with families to maximise student attendance and convey to our students the high value we place on their education.

A starting point will be for us to implement an electronic roll marking system which will have the capacity to send SMS messages to families of students who are absent from school without explanation. Parents will be asked to respond to the SMS with an explanation of the student's absence. This process will help us to collect accurate data on the reasons for student absence and ensure that both parents and the school are meeting their legal obligations to ensure that students of school age are engaging in education. We will let you know when we are ready to commence this system.

If you are having issues in getting your child to school each day please contact us at school to discuss how we may be able to support you.

*Have a great weekend!*

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.

### **Music Lessons**

Excel music lessons that have been held on Thursday mornings are now being held on Fridays in the resource room. Matt will still be the instructor.

### **SCHOOL CROSSING**

**Please respect our crossing supervisor and follow the rules. When you approach the crossing please wait behind the yellow line until she blows her whistle two times.**

**This is for the safety of you and your children.**

**Tracey has had some concerns with parents just walking out onto the road before she has actually stopped the traffic with her stop sign.**

# P.E & SPORT NEWS



## Important dates in Term 1:

- Interschool Sport - (Grade 4-6 students)

Friday 9th Mar: HOME vs Nar Nar Goon PS

Friday 16th Mar: HOME vs Chairo CS

- House Athletics Day

Wednesday 21st Mar: Pakenham Athletics Track

## 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!

## Running Club

Congratulations to our milestone achievements for last week—

5km:

Jack Liddle

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 Five 26<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March



## Prep Update!

In Reading, our focus has been on sequencing the events in a story, identifying the beginning and ending sounds of words, pausing at full stops and looking at the pictures as we read.

Our sounds this week were u, l, f and b. We continue to develop our understanding of rhyming words and how to use these in writing.

In maths we have been exploring concepts of length. We have compared the lengths of objects using the terms longer and shorter and used lots of different materials to measure them!

\*\*\* Don't Forget!\*\*\* Preps are full time from next week! Make sure you come to school on Wednesday! ☺



## 1/2 News!

In Literacy, we are finishing the unit on narrative writing. We know that a story needs to have a beginning that introduces the setting and the characters, a middle where there is a problem and a logical end where the problems are resolved. We have worked on editing our writing to make sure that it makes sense and has been corrected for grammar and punctuation. In reading, we have enjoyed the story of the Greedy Goat and practised reading with expression and fluency. Our Maths topic is to compare and measure the capacity of different objects using uniform units of measurement. Our Community and the People Who Help Us is the continuing theme for our topic work. We talked about the ways that the people in our family help us.

## Timetables



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

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

**1/2 JD**  
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

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

**Photo forms** – All photo forms must be returned to school as soon as possible.

**Media and Internet** – Preps must remember to return any outstanding media and internet permission forms.

**Subway Lunches** – Order envelopes can be collected from the office. Orders must be placed in the baskets in the office by 9:00am on Wednesday morning!

**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

# 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**, just in time for Easter. Order forms will be sent home on Monday 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.

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**.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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!

Parents and Friends  
Meeting on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at  
9.15am  
Location TBA

Toddlers and Babies  
Welcome



## What's coming up in Term 1:

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

# SENIOR

# news

## GRADE 3/4

Hi Everyone,  
This week we started our new maths unit on measurement. We have completed narrative writing and are ready to start persuasive writing next week. The children are building reading stamina and working on fluency in CAFÉ. We have completed the animal projects and are looking forward to showing parents at the end of term. Homework will go out next Friday and will be due back the following Thursday. The children had a great time at the tennis clinic this week. A big thank you to Miss C. for organising this.  
Have a fantastic weekend  
Laura, Emily & Nicole

## GRADE 5/6

Hi Everyone,  
We have had a very positive week and have gotten a lot done. This week in spelling our focus was on the consonant C and we learnt how it has the widest range of sounds of all the English consonants. We have been working on learning strategies to help us spell words containing the letter C. In CAFÉ this week we have been focusing on learning how to summarise information we have either read or viewed. In Literacy we have been learning how we could end our narratives in different and interesting ways. This was our final week for place value in Maths and we will begin a new topic next week. This week we participated in the tennis clinic and played Upper Beaconsfield Primary for Interschool Sport.  
Alex and Yolande

## WHAT'S ON

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March- Interschool Sport Home Game  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March Labour Day Public Holiday

## Berwick Show Display



Congratulations to all the students, the Berwick Show Display looked fantastic. You all did an amazing job. The mural is now on display in the office. Can you find yours???

# Officer Oshclub Newsletter

Before School Care: 6.30am - 8.45am  
After School Care: 3.15pm - 6.30pm



Term 1 – Week 1 & 2, 2018.

## Healthy Eating

Currently searching for an awesome health recipe! Please pass any onto us.

If you have any suggestions or recipes for our afternoon snacks please feel free to email it to [Officer@oshclub.com.au](mailto:Officer@oshclub.com.au)

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all children who are celebrating their special day in the month of March.

March:  
3rd – Rhiannon  
7th – Ava  
13th – Maeve & Shona  
25th – Edward  
18th – Josh & Alexis R

## Service Update

Hello Families, We hope all of you have had a fantastic week and have an even better weekend. :)

We have pupil Free day on the 23rd which will only run if we have a minimum of 15 children booked in. If you require care for this day please book in online in the After school section by the 16th of March.

As most will know by now every second Friday afternoon for the rest of the year I will not be here. Jenean will be stepping up to coordinate and will have Christine working with her. The children have had Christine here quite a bit which is great as they all are used to having her around.

## What's on in March

9-12th – Moomba Festival  
12th – Public Holiday  
23rd – Pupil Free Day (PLEASE book by 16th!)  
26th – 29th – Last week of Term. Easter activities!  
29th – Last day of Term 1. (Thursday) Care from 2:30-6:30.

Service phone number: 0438 566 988

Service E-Mail: [Officer@oshclub.com.au](mailto:Officer@oshclub.com.au)

Coordinator: Ellen Fisher

Educators: Jenean Richards



## REMINDERS:

Please ensure that all of your contact details are up to date. Having the right phone numbers on your child's enrolment is very important in the circumstance of us needing to get in contact with you.

Emergency contacts - Three is what is asked for when you are completing this process but anyone who may ever be needed to collect your child is worth having listed as an Emergency contact.

Hats are required in Term 1 & Term 4, as well as sunscreen. We kindly ask for a spare to be in your child's bag so they can enjoy outdoor play. We do supply sunscreen but if they require a certain type we ask if that can be provided also.

## PUPIL FREE DAY

A pupil free day is coming up on Friday  
23rd March.

### How to book:

Please log in to your account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) and book in under the After School Care bookings tab.

### What happens:

We provide fun activities for all ages including arts and craft, games, sports, drama, board games, dress ups and fun with friends.

### What to bring:

Please bring morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Make sure your children wear/bring appropriate footwear and clothing, including a hat.

### Session confirmation or cancellation notification:

:Parents will be notified by the end of business on **16 March 2018** if the day will proceed.



Activities we've enjoyed this week -  
Chloe & Isabelle using the play phones to chat while coloring in.

Oscar, Connor & Isabelle helping to crush weet-bix for the slice.

Piggy in the middle fun.

Beyblades have once again become very popular!  
The boys all gathered around to play.

Isabelle mixing the weet-bix slice.

Frankie & Rhiannon using the play sink to pretend to be hair dressers.

Darcy, Maeve & Mitchell making their own puzzles.





## **Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club**

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

### **Easter 2018 school holiday dates:**

- Week 1: Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 4<sup>h</sup> Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Fri 6<sup>th</sup> April
- Week 2: Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Fri 13<sup>th</sup> April
- 10am–4pm

Cost: \$75.00 per day, or \$210 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).

Maximum 16 children per day.

### **Bookings essential as spaces are limited**

Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

### **Moonlit Sanctuary**

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale

Phone 5978 7935

Web: [www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au](http://www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au)

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**TODAY**

**\*Limited places available,  
don't miss out!**