



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 9th, 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This week we have finalised our School Council Membership with the completion of the election process and co-option of a Community Member.

Congratulations to Karen Hutchinson and Kylie Taylor who have been elected for their first term on School Council and Michael Ball who has been re-elected for a third term on council.

Congratulations is also extended to James Bennett who has been invited to join the team to fill the Community Member vacancy.

Our full School Council membership is as follows:

DET Membership Category:

Lynne Brenner, Paula Spierings and Nicole Peachey

Parent Membership Category:

Michael Ball, Karen Hutchinson, Sarah Krol, Glenn Lyons, Kylie Taylor

Community Membership Category:

Melissa Holden, James Bennett

At our meeting next Tuesday evening we will elect the office bearers, President, Vice President and Minutes Secretary. I will let you know the outcome of this process next week.

In welcoming our new members it is fitting that we acknowledge the strong contributions of the outgoing members, David Sleeth, Sarah Barton, Gavin Rogers and Duanne Corbett who have generously given their time to support our school. Thankyou on behalf of our School Community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PREP STUDENTS

Congratulations to our Prep students on the completion of their first full week of school. At this end of the week a few of the children are looking a bit weary and ready for their long weekend. Fortunately the last three weeks of term will be four day weeks thus easing them into full time school.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

This week our staff have been trialling an electronic roll marking system which gives us the capacity to follow up on unexplained absences as they occur. The full capacity of our roll marking program will enable us to send a text message to families when students have not arrived at school and we

have not received an explanation. Parents will be able to reply to the text giving a reason why their child is not at school and this will be delivered to the school as an email. This should minimise the work involved in following up on unexplained absences and provide parents with a simple and timely means of explaining absences.

EASTER HAT PARADE

The annual Easter Bonnet Parade is somewhat of a tradition at Officer Primary School with all students taking part. The parade will go ahead on the last day of term, Thursday 29th March, with our plans being to hold it first thing in the morning and then follow on with the draw of the PFA Easter Raffle.

If you are stuck for some simple ideas some inspiration can be found on the internet. We are looking forward to seeing your creations!

WORKS IN TIVENDALE ROAD

We have been notified that there will be works on the construction of a new water main along Tivendale road from Thursday 8th March forward. We have been advised that the majority of the works will involve directional drilling thus minimising the need for excavation along the nature strip. However, the presence of the workers may impact on parking availability and movement around the school. While we have this beautiful weather it may be advisable to seek parking further away from the school and walk your child to and from the school grounds.

REMINDER OF IMPORTANT DATES

Families are reminded that we have a **Curriculum Day** scheduled for **Friday 23rd March** (no school for students!) and school finishes for **Term 1** on **Thursday 29th March** at 2:30pm.

How time flies!

Have a great long weekend!

Regards

Lynne Brenner
Principal



SUBWAY LUNCHES



Our next subway lunch order day is Wednesday March 21st.
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. Matthew will still be the music teacher.

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.



REBEL SPORTS COMMUNITY KICKBACK



Rebel Sport will be having 20% off selected items throughout the store on Saturday the 17th and Sunday 18th of March. It is majority of the store, however it is excluding their bulky fitness equipment and smart watches.

Also **PLEASE** note that this will **ONLY** be occurring at **REBEL NARRE WARREN** not Fountain Gate Rebel.

The address is on the flyer. The store on the inside of the shopping centre will not have this special for our Community Kickback Members.

Please mention our school name at the counter so 5% of total sales will go back towards the school to spend in store on equipment to benefit our school in the future.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A HUGE thank you to Lauren Mitchell, (Indiana's Mum) for her generous donation of spreads for our toast in the mornings.

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.



This is Matthew our music teacher who comes in each Friday from Excel Music. He does music lessons with some of our students. Last Friday he was spotted just chilling with some of the kids at recess.

P.E & SPORT NEWS



Important dates in Term 1:

- Interschool Sport - (Grade 4-6 students)

Friday 16th Mar: HOME vs Chairo CS

- House Athletics Day

Wednesday 21st Mar: Pakenham Athletics Track

****PAYMENT AND FORMS DUE ON 16TH OF MARCH****

Running Club

Congratulations to our milestone achievements for last week—

5km:

Cohen Hanarahan



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! We are up to 8000 vouchers, we are well on our way to some cool stuff.

Keep it up!

Parent Helpers for Athletics—Working with Children Check required

We would love some extra hands to help on our House Athletics day. We need assistance with marshalling in particular and would really appreciate if any parent, guardian, aunt or uncle could lend some help from 9am—2pm on 21st March at Pakenham Athletics Track.

Please see Julie in the office if you are available. Thanks in advance!

JUNIOR

Week Six 5th – 9th March



Prep Update!

In Reading, our focus has been on stopping to ask questions about the text while reading, clapping the words in a sentence, using a louder voice when words are in upper case, and identifying interesting words.

As we have almost finished most of the sounds in the alphabet, we began progressing to exploring some digraphs this week. We learnt ai, j, oa, ie, ee and or. We continue to develop our understanding of rhyming words and how to use these in writing.

In maths we have been exploring concepts of capacity and mass. We have compared the capacities of various containers and introduced hefting as one strategy to determine which objects are heavier or lighter!

1/2 News!



In Literacy, we have begun our unit on persuasive writing. We are learning how to tell the difference between fact and opinion. We have worked on editing our writing to make sure that it makes sense and has been corrected for grammar and punctuation. We are revising the graphemes ay, oa, ie and ea. Our Maths topic is to compare and measure the mass of different objects using uniform units of measurement. We have learnt the difference between grams and kilograms. Our Community and the People Who Help Us is the continuing theme for our topic work. We talked about the ways that the police 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 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

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

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – No school on Monday (12th March)

SCHOOL PHOTOS! – School Photos are on this Wednesday 14th March. 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.

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

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GRADE 3/4

Hi Everyone,
Our maths unit on measurement is going well and this week we started a measurement investigation that will run until the end of term. The children have started writing their persuasive pieces and have sent letters to Mrs. Brenner. The children have been working on comprehension and accuracy in CAFÉ. We are about to start our work on Aborigines that will go through until the end of term. Homework went out today and is due back next Thursday. Don't forget next Wednesday we have school photos. Have a fantastic long weekend
Emily, Nicole & Laura

GRADE 5/6

Hi Everyone,
This week in Maths we began our unit of Measurement and geometry; we have been focusing on learning how to convert between units of measurement. This allows us to apply what we know about multiplying and dividing by 10s, 100s and 1000s. In CAFÉ this week we have been focusing on being able to distinguish between important ideas and interesting detail and then support this with evidence from the text. In Literacy this week we finished off our narratives and have begun looking at persuasive texts which we continue doing for the rest of term. Our spelling focus was looking at prefixes and suffixes. Enjoy the long weekend.
Alex and Yolande

WHAT'S ON

Monday 12th March Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 14th March School Photos
Monday 26th March Young Leaders Day
Monday 26th March Harmony Day (5/6 students)
Wednesday 28th March Hot Cross Bun Lunch

Congratulations Students of the week Week 3



Prep LP Dougie for making some great contributions during class discussions. Keep up the great work! Keep up the great work!

Prep JDZ Abel for being an enthusiastic participant during our Jolly Phonics lessons! You are doing an excellent job with your sounds and their actions!

1/2LH Oscar for amazing automatic counting in maths. You are super doper at subatiscing!

1/2 JD Hunter for always working hard and being a friendly and caring classmate.

1/2DM Jensen for an excellent attitude to all class tasks. Well done.

3/4 NP Isabella for settling in so well to O.P.S. and getting on with the job! Well done!

3/4 BC Tayla for persisting and asking questions when things get tricky, demonstrating a great desire to learn and improve.

5/6 AW Jacinta for her outstanding CAFÉ Reading activity work. Keep it up Jacinta!

5/6 YK Helen for excellence in writing and being a fantastic team player.

Congratulations Students of the week Week 4



Prep LP Scarlett for helping others during our morning reading activities. You are a star!

Prep JDZ Tahlia for leading by example in our classroom by having a positive attitude towards learning and always using wonderful manners!

1/2LH Isabelle for always doing her best in class!

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

1/2DM Atharv for an excellent recount on our trip to the zoo. Well done!

3/4 NP Tate for wonderful behaviour at Werribee Zoo! Well Done!

3/4 BC Lachlan for his great enthusiasm at Werribee Zoo and impressing the zoo keepers with his extensive knowledge when answering questions about the Madagascan boa constrictor.

5/6 AW Lily for the persistence and hard work she puts into all activities. A great start at O.P.S. Lily!

5/6 YK Selma for always putting effort into her class work and completing her work to a high standard.

Congratulations Students of the week Week 5



Prep LP Rylan for being brave enough to step out of your comfort zone. Keep up the great work!

Prep JDZ Alexis for being an extremely kind and helpful member of our class and always producing work to a high quality!

1/2LH Axel for putting in a great effort into all areas of your learning. Well done.

1/2 JD Hir for writing a great piece of narrative. Great job!

1/2DM Ayron for an excellent effort and attitude to all aspects of school.

3/4 NP

3/4 BC Jack for working hard, staying focused and completing his work with awesome effort.

5/6 AW Nathan for his tenacious attitude towards learning and his enthusiastic participation in class mini lessons.

5/6 YK Jack for taking responsibility for his own learning and working diligently during maths sessions.

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



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