



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 April 20th, 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

Welcome back to Term 2. It was great to greet so many happy faces on our return to school on Monday. I hope that you all enjoyed the break from the school routine and had a chance to take advantage of the wonderful weather and share some valuable family time.

We returned to a hive of activity with the Centenary Gardens Project well underway and on schedule for completion around the middle of May. The rejuvenation of this space will provide some great outdoor learning areas, passive play areas and facilities for community events and gatherings. It is exciting to watch the work that has been put into the planning of the area, taking shape.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

This week I commenced the process of conducting school tours for prospective enrolments for Prep 2019. I have received a high level of interest from families new to the area who have children attending local pre-schools and childcare centres in the area.

Existing families with a student ready to commence school in 2019 are encouraged to contact the office for enrolment forms. With the growth in the Officer neighbourhood it is vital that we are aware of how many places we will need to reserve for siblings of current students.

We also need to be aware of students with special needs who may be eligible to receive extra support on their entry to school as there is an extensive application process that can take several months to complete. This process is best undertaken prior to the commencement of the school year, so that supports can be put in place to ensure a smooth transition to school for the student.

Families with queries about enrolment should contact the school administration.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Again this year we are honoured to accept an invitation from the Officer and District Community Association to take part in the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Memorial Gates, Officer Recreation Reserve, on Wednesday morning.

We have had a good response from families who are willing to bring their children along to take part in singing the National Anthem during the dawn service. Our School Captains, Molly and Hayden, will also be attending to lay a wreath at the gates on behalf of our School Community. I

would encourage all families to consider attending this service as it is a very special experience. Those wishing to attend need to arrive by 5:45am for a 6:00am start.

STUDENT SAFETY

This week I was approached by a parent who witnessed a 'near miss' on the road directly in front of the school. One of our students crossing the road, in the company of adults, was almost hit by a car that was manoeuvring to park in front of the school.

Staff and community members are constantly alarmed by the number of families who ignore the provision of the school crossing provided for safe crossing of Tivendale Road and choose to take the shortest route possible to or from their cars. Although adults may feel that they are supervising their children as they cross the road, they seem to be unaware of the example they are providing for their children and others. As adults our role modelling is very powerful and if we want our children to make the best possible choice then we need to model for them that it is best to take a few more steps to use the safest option. Please help us to keep our students safe and avoid potential tragedy for our school community.

STAFFING NEWS

During the school holidays we completed the process of securing a teacher to fill the role of Digital Technologies Specialist through to the end of this year. The successful applicant is Mrs Felicia Brown. Felicia worked at OPS in 2013 and 2014 as a teacher in the junior levels. She is a passionate educator with a strong interest in technologies and is very excited to be returning to our school. Please make her feel welcome!

Our other exciting news comes from Miss Prendergast, one of our current Prep teachers, who has informed us that she is expecting her second child in early September. Luisa will work through to early Term 3 when she will commence Family Leave. To replace Luisa we will need to advertise her position and undertake a selection process. This will be done within the next few weeks so that we have the opportunity to familiarise the students with their new teacher.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

On Tuesday evening (24th April) School Council will meet for the presentation of the Annual Report. This is a meeting which is open to all members of the school community and we would welcome your attendance. The meeting will be held in our school Library and will commence at 6:30pm. If you are interested in attending can you please let me know so that I can assure that we have appropriate seating.

WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday all students will participate in the House Cross Country at the Officer Recreation Reserve. Students will walk to and from the oval with staff. They will depart at 9:10am and return to school by around 11:30am. Our local excursion permission slip that parents have signed on enrolment covers this outing.

All families should have received an information notice about this from Miss C on Monday of this week and also today. If you have any queries or concerns please see your class teachers. It is really important that students are not late to school on Monday as the whole school will be attending and there will not be staff left at school to supervise latecomers.

As this event commences first thing in the morning our usual whole school assembly has been cancelled. The next assembly will be held on Monday 30th April.

Have a great weekend!

Regards

*Lynne Brenner
Principal*

3 / 4 News

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back! We have had a fantastic start to the term and everyone has settled back into school well. This week we started our new maths investigation; Fraction Action and the children have all been really excited about the activities they can do. We have been revising persuasive writing and looking at the author's purpose when reading. Homework went home today and is due back at school next Thursday. We have begun working on some NAPLAN style questions to give the grade 3 students some experience with them before the NAPLAN test in week 5 of the term. We want the children to go into the tests feeling confident and comfortable. Next Monday we have House Cross Country from 9.00 – 11.00am at ROC Oval. Please ensure your child has a bottle of water and appropriate footwear. House colours are encouraged! Wednesday is ANZAC Day and a student delegation will be attending the Dawn Service at ROC to sing the National Anthem.

Have a fantastic weekend

Nicole, Laura & Emily

SUBWAY LUNCHES



The next subway lunch will be
Wednesday 2nd May.



Remember to have your order into the office by 9.00am, with the correct money in the envelope.



BOOK FAIR

Book Fair is coming 21st – 25th May in the library.

It will be open each morning 8.30am-9.00am and in the afternoons 3.15pm-4.00pm.

The theme this year is PAWS for BOOKS.

Every purchase earns books for our school

JUNIOR

Term Two, Week One 16th – 20th April



Prep Update!

Welcome Back! If term one was anything to go by, we are very excited about what term two has to offer! We have already made a wonderful start to the term and all of our prep students should be proud of how they have come back to school!

Our reading focusses this week have been using Jabba the Reteller to retell the story through the pictures, knowing the sound each letter makes, pausing for full stops and recognising the difference between a letter and a word.

In writing, we we have begun looking at the features of a narrative, how to use a sizzling start to begin a story and identifying punctuation.

We have almost learnt all of our sounds! Our focusses this week were th, qu, ou and oi.

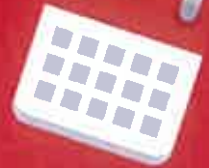
In maths, we have started with number again, specifically looking at counting forwards and backwards and challenging the students to begin skip counting by 2's!

1/2 News!



In literacy we have been looking at how we can connect with the stories we read. When we use our prior knowledge, it can help enormously with comprehension and enjoyment. In writing we are composing a holiday recount. We had a nonsense word spelling test to check on our letters and sounds knowledge. In maths we have been making fractions. We know that fractions are equal parts of an object. Our world is the topic this term and we had a go at drawing our own map of the world which was really interesting and fun.

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

Anzac Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Wednesday 25th April

Anzac Day Ceremony – ROC OVAL – Any students wishing to join us for the Dawn Service and represent the school in singing the national anthem, please return the form to the office.

Future Date to Remember: **Mother's Day Stall/Mother's Afternoon** – Wednesday 9th May

P.E & SPORT NEWS



Important dates in Term 1:

- House Cross Country
Monday 23rd April: Officer Recreational Reserve.
- District Cross Country
Friday 4th March: Toomuc Reserve
- Interschool Sport - (Grade 4-6 students)
Friday 24th April: HOME v Nar Nar Goon PS
Friday 11th March: BYE
Friday 18th March: HOME v Bridgewood PS
Friday 25th March: AWAY v Chairo CS
Friday 1st June: AWAY v Upper Beaconsfield PS
- Winter Lightning Premiership
Friday 15th June: Venues TBC

WINTER INTERSCHOOL SPORT PERMISSION FORM AND PAYMENT DUE BY TUESDAY 24TH

House Cross Country

Don't forget to wear your House coloured polo and running shoes ready for Cross Country on Monday. It's going to be a beautiful sunny day so sunscreen, hats and drink bottles are also required.

Running Club

Running Club will not be commencing this term but will return in Term 4 in the warmer months. Thanks for everyone who was involved in Term 1!

Coles Sports for Schools

Keep bringing in any vouchers you might have lying at home. We are at the final stages of the competition and every voucher counts. I can't wait to see the awesome new equipment we receive!

Parents and Friends News

PFA President's Report:

We have lots happening this term with the Parents and Friends Group starting with our Parents and Friends Meeting on **Tuesday 1st May at 9.15am** in the staff room, all are welcome to attend to talk about what is coming up this term.

On **Wednesday 9th May** we are having our Mother's Day Stall, this will give the kids the opportunity to buy their mum's a gift ranging from 50c to \$5. They will be able to select 2 gifts, card and gift bag with their classes during the morning sessions and then the stall will be open again at lunchtime for them to buy extra gifts. We will also have items for sale at the end of the day where parents and siblings are more than welcome to buy gifts. We will hopefully (weather permitting) be set up on the basketball court at the end of the day. If you have your working with children's check and you would like to volunteer to help at the Mother's Day Stall please see myself, Rebecca Carter or Sarah Krol.

Our School Disco is coming up on **Friday 1st June** at the Officer Hall (across from the school) more details about this will be available soon. We will also be looking for volunteers for both the junior and senior disco.

Melissa Holden

Mother's Day Stall



Wednesday 9th May between 9.15am – 3.30pm

If you have your working with children's check and would like to volunteer some time to help at the Mother's Day Stall please see Melissa Holden, Rebecca Carter or Sarah Krol.

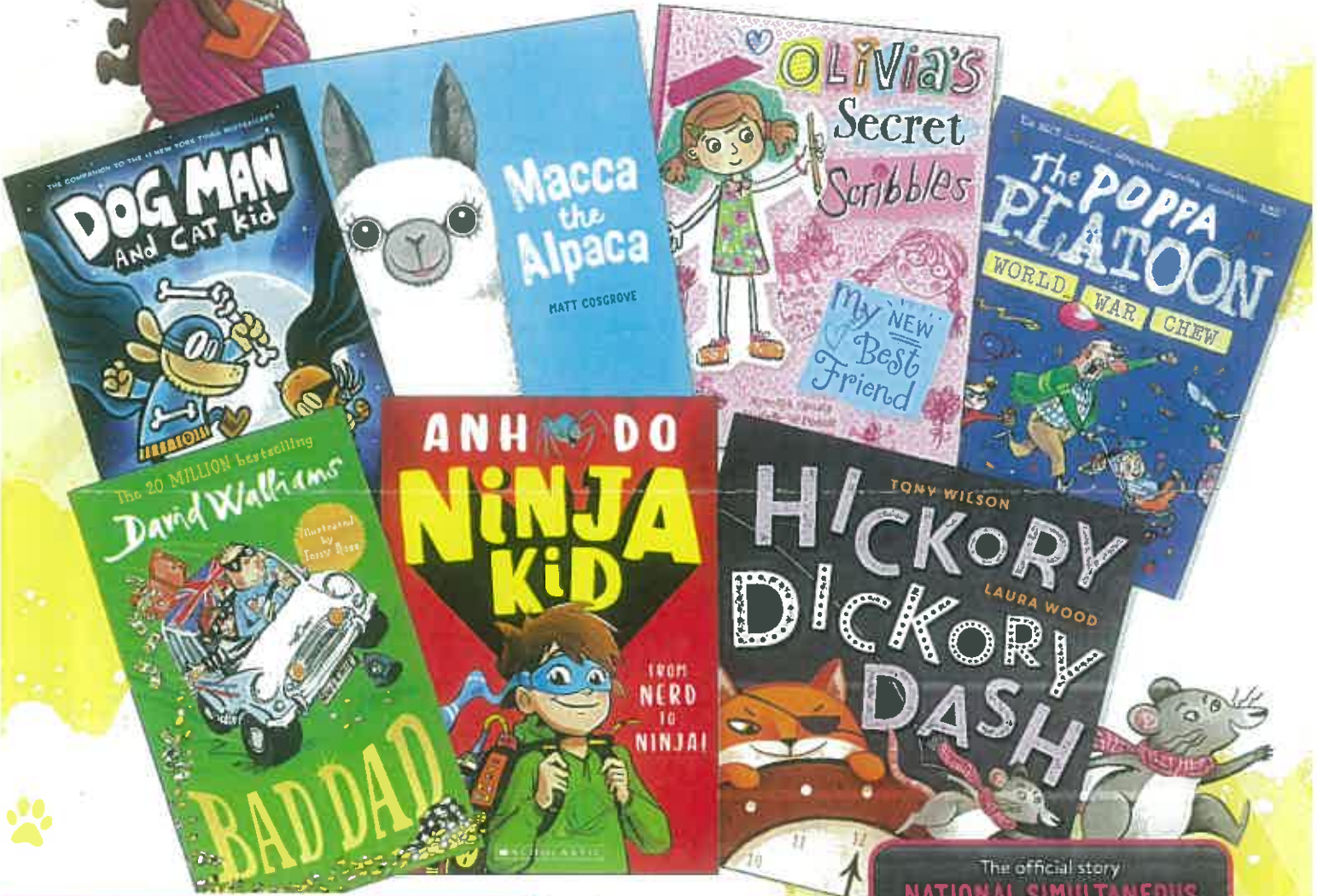
What's coming up in Term 2:

Tuesday 1st May – PFA at 9.15am in the Staff room, toddlers and babies welcome

Wednesday 9th May – Mother's Day Stall

Friday 1st June – Junior and Senior Disco

Come to our **PAWS for BOOKS**
BOOK FAIR!

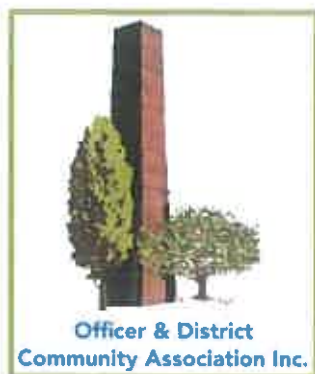


Choose from a huge selection of books at the Fair!

The official story
NATIONAL SIMULTANEDUS STORYTIME 2018!
alia.org.au/nss


Date 21st - 25th May Time 8:30-9:00 3:15-4:00
Place Library

Every purchase earns books and learning resources for our school!



Officer & District Community Association Inc.
invites the community to attend our
ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Wednesday 25th April 2018

5:45am

(ceremony will commence at 6am sharp)

Officer Memorial Gates

Cnr Starling Road & Princes Highway, Officer
(parking in Officer Recreation Reserve,
enter via Starling Road)

**The Service will be followed by breakfast provided by the
Officer Junior Football Club.**

