

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 27th, 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

CENTENARY GARDENS PROJECT

There is great excitement amongst our students, particularly those in the senior grades who have an up close view of the progress of this project. The decking areas are now taking shape and the large sliding doors, that will provide direct access to outdoor learning space from Rooms 1 and 2, have been installed. The project is moving along quite well and, weather permitting, should be completed around mid- May.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Thank you to those families who supported their children to represent the school at the Anzac Day Service at the Memorial Gates at the Officer Recreation Reserve. A group of students from Prep to Year 6 led the National Anthem at the conclusion of the service and our School Captains, Molly and Hayden, laid a wreath on behalf of the school community. Thank you also to Julian De Silva for preparing the students and to Carol Major and Nicole Peachey for assisting at the service. We are very proud to be part of this special occasion.

NAPLAN YEARS 3 & 5

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 will be conducted on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May.

It is expected that all students will participate in the four tests which will be conducted over the three days.

Students with a disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom assessments. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Parents can help their child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

If parents have any queries or concerns about NAPLAN they are encouraged to contact their child's class teacher or visit the website at www.nap.edu.au for further information.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

This year when our school photos were taken we had a photo of the whole school taken. Families who would like a copy of this photo can order one by visiting the office and placing their order with Julie. The cost of the photo is \$19.00. The photo is on display in the foyer if families would like to view it before placing an order.

Have a great weekend!

Regards

*Lynne Brenner
Principal*

GRADE 3 / 4 NEWS

Hi Everyone,

This week we have continued writing persuasive texts. We have been looking at the main idea when reading and the author's purpose. In maths we have continued learning about fractions and the children have all completed at least one activity of the Fraction Action Investigation. It was fantastic to see the children participate with such enthusiasm at Cross Country on Monday and cheer each other on. We saw some amazing acts of sportsmanship from children of all ages. Thanks again to Miss C. for organizing an excellent whole school sporting event and to all of our parent helpers who make days like this possible. Another event that made us all very proud was the Dawn Service held at ROC oval on ANZAC Day. The children who attended sang the National Anthem beautifully and showed respect during the entire service. Thanks to Mr. D., Mrs. Beck and Carol for their work with the choir.

Have a fantastic weekend

Laura, Emily & Nicole

P.S. Check out this YouTube clip – it will get you thinking!

Why Should I Read For 20 Minutes Each Day?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XodFwiB2Ex8>

CSEF PREP FAMILIES

Prep families that receive CSEF are entitled to Winter uniform for their child. If you have not received the order form please see Julie in the office. These need to be filled in and handed back to the office ASAP

Cardinia Shire Council

Attached is a flyer on a forum coming up for Children in grades 5/6, they are invited to participate along with their parents/carers. Dinner is provided, all enquires need to be directed to Daniel De Graaf 5943 4232



SUBWAY LUNCH THIS WEEK

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

NOTICE FOR NEWSLETTER:

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

Salvocare Eastern is looking for Foster Carers for Respite, Emergency, Short and Long Term Care
Have you ever thought about being a foster carer? We have children now of all ages who need a safe place to call home for a weekend, a week, or a year.

The next Foster Carer Training is on Mondays 4th, 18th and 25th June 2018.

To find out more or to arrange an in-home Information Session contact Duane on ph: 5662 6400 or m: 0467 400 421

P.E & SPORT NEWS



Important dates in Term 2:

- District Cross Country
Friday 4th May: Toomuc Reserve
- Interschool Sport - (Grade 4-6 students)
Friday 11th May: BYE
Friday 18th May: HOME v Bridgewood PS
Friday 25th May: AWAY v Chairo CS
Friday 1st June: AWAY v Upper Beaconsfield PS
- Winter Lightning Premiership
Friday 15th June: Venues TBC

Running Club

Just a reminder that Running Club will be returning in Term 4. Thank you to all the awesome students that were apart of it in Term 1.

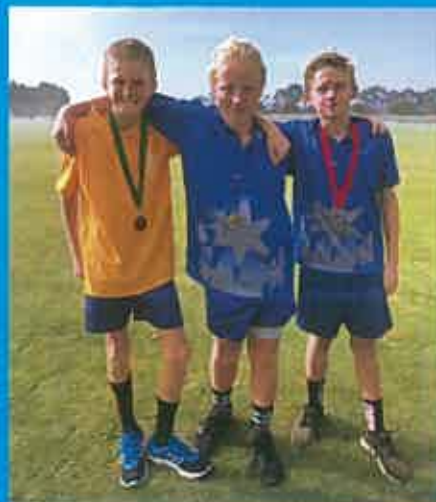
House Cross Country

We had an awesome time at our House Cross Country on Monday. All students demonstrated amazing effort and ensured they supported and encouraged others in their races. A big thank you to our incredible staff and parent helpers (Emma Bellamy, Karen Hansch and Melissa Holden) for their assistance on the day to ensure all ran smoothly. We wish our students heading off to District on Friday, 4th of May the best of luck!

P.E & SPORT NEWS



House Cross Country Photos



SRC NEWS!

THE FIVE MINUTE FRENZY IS COMING!

Beginning Wednesday of Week 3, the whole school will spend 5 minutes from 2.15-2.20 collecting rubbish from around the school.

Each piece of rubbish is worth 1 point for your house. The house with the most points at the end of term will win an awesome prize!

Want to know what you're playing for?? Stay tuned for a special announcement at assembly!



JUNIOR

Term Two, Week Two 23rd – 27th April



Prep Update!

Our week began with House Cross Country and it was fantastic to see our preps embrace the morning's events, from walking responsibly to and from ROC Oval to participating with enthusiasm! Great Job Everyone!

This week in reading, we have been revisiting our Eagle Eye strategy, specifically focussing on using the illustrations for clues about the text. We have also spent time on making predictions, pausing for full stops and recognising what a sentence is.

In writing, we have been really enthusiastic about creating our very own narratives! So far, we have created the characters and a sizzling start for our stories. We also spent time learning about how we start sentences with a capital letter and end them with a full stop.

We are super close to completing all of our sounds! Our focusses this week were qu, ou, oi, ue and er. Only a couple more to go!

In maths, we tried something new split ALL of the preps into strategy groups, mixing up students from both classes. Some students were building their knowledge of recognising, writing and making numbers 1-10, while other student spent their time consolidating numbers 11-20.

1/2 News!



We have had an amazing week with the running of the Cross Country. Everyone tried their very best to make it that long way. We have been talking about the importance of ANZAC day and why we remember the soldiers who have fought in battles for Australia. Well done to the families who made it to a dawn service to commemorate this occasion. We are working on our recount writing, discussing the importance of writing the events in sequence and then adding a feeling statement. We are also still discussing fraction in Maths and we made pretend pizzas, dividing them into halves, thirds and quarters. Keep a look out for an invitation to our special Mothers' day activity afternoon.

Timetables



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

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

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

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

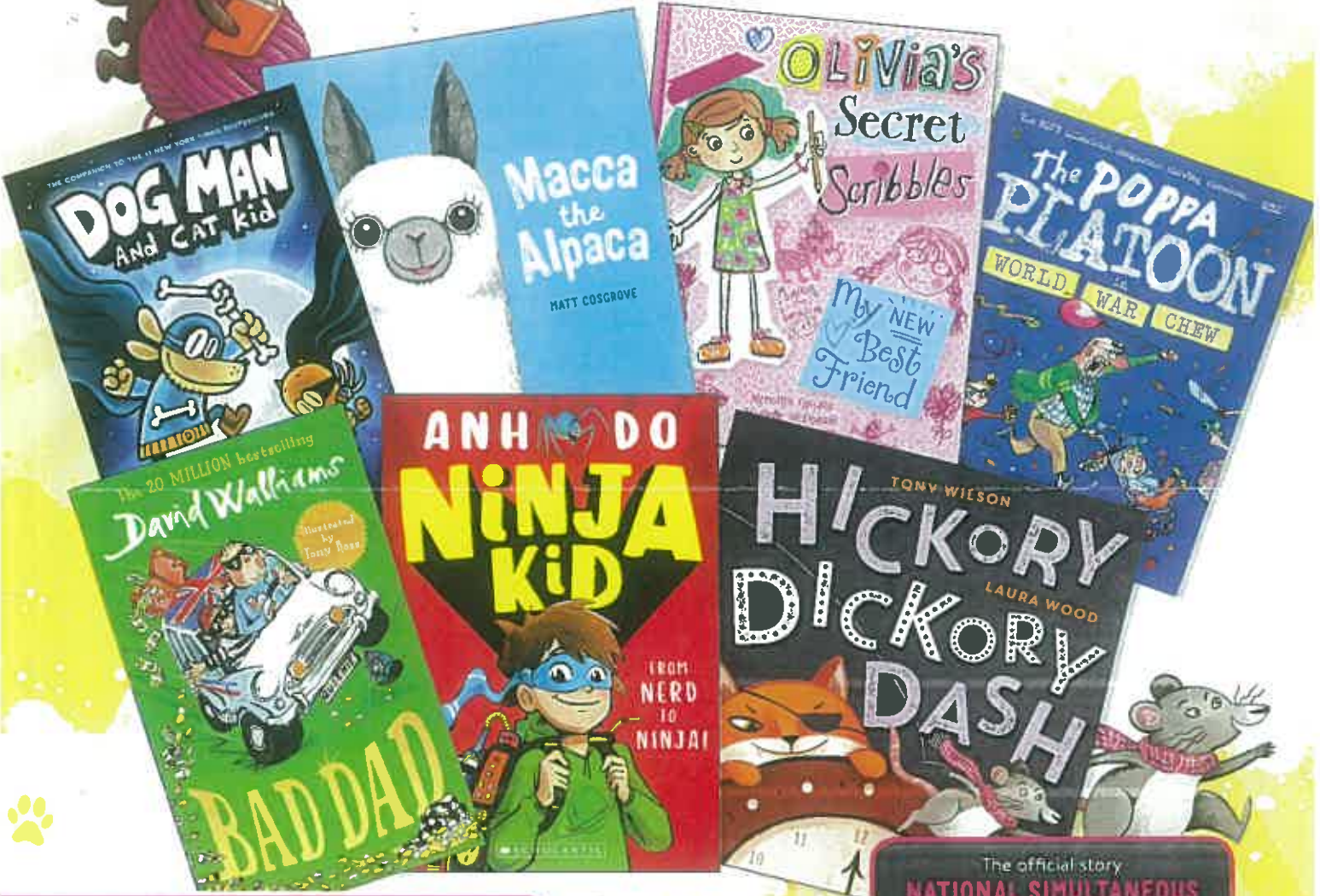
Fruit time
Please send along a fresh piece of fruit at fruit time which is about 10.00 everyday. Cutting up the fruit may help for difficult fruit like apples and oranges.

Reminders

SUBWAY LUNCHE\$ – Wednesday 2nd May – Order forms can be found in the office. All orders must be in to the office by 9:00am on Wednesday morning!

Mother's Day Stall/Mother's Afternoon – Wednesday 9th May – MUMS KEEP THIS DATE FREE!
All of our mums will be invited to join their children in the classroom for some fun afternoon activities.

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



Choose from a huge selection of books at the Fair!

The official story
NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2018!

alia.org.au/nss



LIANZA

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!

Parents and Friends News

PFA President's Report:

Our Parents and Friends meeting is 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. We will be looking for volunteers for our Mother's Day Stall, Disco, a food day (date TBA) and Pie Drive. If you would like to help with any of these events, you must have your working with children's check. You can do them online or at the post office, a very simple process.

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.

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.

Closer to the end of term we will be having our Pie Drive, the pies come from Emerald Bakery. More information about this will be available soon.

If you have not yet returned your GWS Car Raffle tickets can you please do so asap.

Melissa Holden

Mother's Day Stall Helpers Needed



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

TBA – Food day

TBA – Pie Drive from Emerald Bakery



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Community Emergency Resilience Forum



Cardinia Shire Council invites community members of all ages to the third Community Emergency Resilience Forum.

Guest speakers will cover: 'What's current' in emergency planning, building resilience in communities and a case study of community-based emergency planning in a township northeast of Melbourne.

An interactive discussion panel of representatives from community groups and government organisations will help participants understand the steps to undertake emergency planning and building resilience in communities.

Date: Monday 7 May

Time: 6–9pm (dinner provided)

Venue: Cardinia Cultural Centre
Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham

RSVP: Daniel De Graaf

Email: d.degraaf@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Phone: 5943 4232

RSVP by: 30 April 2018

Please advise of any dietary requirements when you RSVP

Invitation