

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 May 11th, 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

On behalf of our school community I would like to extend a huge thank you to the dedicated team of PFA members and their helpers for putting together an exciting array of gifts for our students to purchase for their mums and grandmas. The children had a great time shopping and were delighted when they were served by the colourful 'Mothers' Day Fairies'.

From all reports, the students were on their best behaviour and very excited with their special purchases. I am sure there will be many happy mums when they receive their carefully selected gifts on Sunday morning. Well done to all involved!

NAPLAN TESTING FOR YEARS 3 AND 5

Today students in Years 3 and 5 have received a flyer providing information about the NAPLAN tests which they will participate in on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. This flyer provides comprehensive information for parents including how they can prepare their students for NAPLAN. Over the past few weeks teachers have ensured that students are familiar with the format in which the tests will be presented and the types of questions they may be asked. It is important that students do not feel anxious or under pressure about the tests. The best way of doing this is to encourage them to do their best and ensure that their morning routine is relaxed and they arrive at school on time on the mornings of the tests. If you have any queries regarding the NAPLAN please see your child's class teacher or visit me in the office.

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY LEAVERS

It is our school policy that students arriving at school after 9:00am in the morning or leaving school before 3:15pm in the afternoon must be signed in or out at the office by their parent or carer. We have noticed that an increasing number of students arriving late in the morning are going directly to the classroom, or presenting at the office to sign in without an adult in attendance. Whilst we understand that it may be inconvenient to come into the grounds to sign your child in when you are already running late, it is an important measure put in place to protect your child. If students are just dropped off at the gate they may not make their way to class and are potentially at risk. I will be asking my

administration staff and teachers to follow up with students and families who are not adhering to these procedures. Our primary concern is the wellbeing of our students.

Happy Mothers' Day to all of the mums. I hope that you have the opportunity to spend some quality family time together.

Regards

*Lynne Brenner
Principal*

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



SUBWAY LUNCH

The next subway lunch will be Wednesday 16th 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

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GRADE 3/4**Hi Everyone,**

This week we continued writing narrative texts and we have had a focus on editing our work. We have continued to work on finding the main idea when reading to help with comprehension. In Maths we are still learning about fractions and specifically equivalent fractions. We had a fantastic Mother's Day Open Afternoon and lots of mums were pampered with hand and back massages.

Have a fantastic weekend

**Nicole, Laura, Emily, Carol,
Shannon, Wendy & Sue**

P.S. Check out this YouTube clip;
Why You Should Read Books –
The Benefits of Reading More
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRTWFqhEDeo>

GRADE 5/6**Hi Everyone,**

Thank you to all those mothers who attended our Mother's Day Extravaganza on Wednesday afternoon, we all had a wonderful time playing dodgeball and creating henna designs.

This week in Literacy we have been developing our Narrative writing, focusing on how we can build interest and create exciting action. In Reading students have been developing their ability to comprehend Informational texts. This week in Mathematics we have revised our understanding of concepts around time, money, angles and graphs and data. In Science students have completed their research and presented their for their animal adaptations project.

Have a great weekend!**Alex and Yolande****WHAT'S ON**

Tuesday 15th May - Grade 3 and 5 students will sit the NAPLAN Language Conventions and Writing tests

Wednesday 16th May - Grade 3 and 5 students will sit the NAPLAN Reading test

Thursday 17th - May Grade 3 and 5 students will sit the NAPLAN Language Maths test

Friday 18th May – Interschool Sports, home game against Bridgewood.

P.E & SPORT NEWS



Important dates in Term 2:

- Interschool Sport - (Grade 4-6 students)

Friday 11th May: BYE

Friday 18th May HOME v Bridgewood PS

Friday 25th May AWAY v Chairo CS

Thursday 31st May: AWAY v Upper Beaconsfield PS

- Winter Lightning Premiership

Friday 15th June: Venues TBC

- Girls AFL Day

Friday 22nd June : Beaconhills College Pakenham

Winter Interschool Sport Date Change

One of our upcoming Senior Winter Interschool Sport rounds has been changed due to Upper Beaconsfield not being able to play on Friday, 1st of June. Instead, we will be playing the day before on Thursday, 31st of May. There will be a permission form distributed that will be sent home which will need to be returned.

District Cross Country

Congratulations to our students who competed at the District Cross Country last Friday. You all tried your very best and we are super proud. A special mention to Cam L who placed 7th and will be competing at Division Cross Country later this term.

JUNIOR

Term Two, Week Four 7th – 11th May



Prep Update!

This week in reading, we continued to explore the Questioning Owl strategy to ask questions as we read e.g. What is happening in the story? We have also focussed on identifying the first sound of a word, using a louder voice when we see bold writing and making sure that we match each written word with a spoken word when we point as we read.

In writing, we started new narrative stories this week. We revised the features of a narrative and created new characters, a setting and sizzling starts for our stories. We also focussed on specific writing strategies. These were creating short descriptions about a character and using capital letters for the beginning of names.

In maths, we have begun looking at friends of ten. Friends of ten are number bonds or matching numbers which make 10 e.g. 2+8, 3+7, 4+6 etc. Remembering friends of ten can be quite tricky so we will be spending another week completing friends of ten activities to help us understand the concept better!

Thank you to all the mums, grandmas, aunts and special friends who attended our Mother's Day Afternoon. We hope you all enjoyed the activities as much as the students did! There were lots of smiles and painted nails (mums and students)!



1/2 News!

First of all—Happy Mothers' Day for Sunday! We hope you enjoyed coming to get your portrait drawn and spending time with your adoring children. We think it was a great success and we know the children enjoyed seeing you in their classroom too. Special thank-you to James Fielding's nanna who provided yummy cupcakes for us to eat. We have been working on our recounts publishing them for our portfolios. Our reading focus has been on using Flippy Dolphin to change the vowel sounds from short to long. Our fractions focus is finishing up this week and we are confident that we all know what a half and a quarter is. We are making globes of the world for our topic and exploring where the countries of the world.

Timetables



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

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

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

1/2 JD
PE – Monday
ICT – Monday
ART – Tuesday
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 LUNCHES – Wednesday 16th May – Order forms are available in the Office and must be placed in the class baskets in the Office by 9am on Wednesday morning.

UPCOMING!

BOOK WEEK – Monday 21st – Friday 25th May – The book fair will be open before and after school for the purchase of books and other goodies. A reminder that the Book Parade will take place on Wednesday 23rd May so get your costumes ready!

OPS Parents and Friends Movie Night

Saturday 19th May roughly 8.30pm

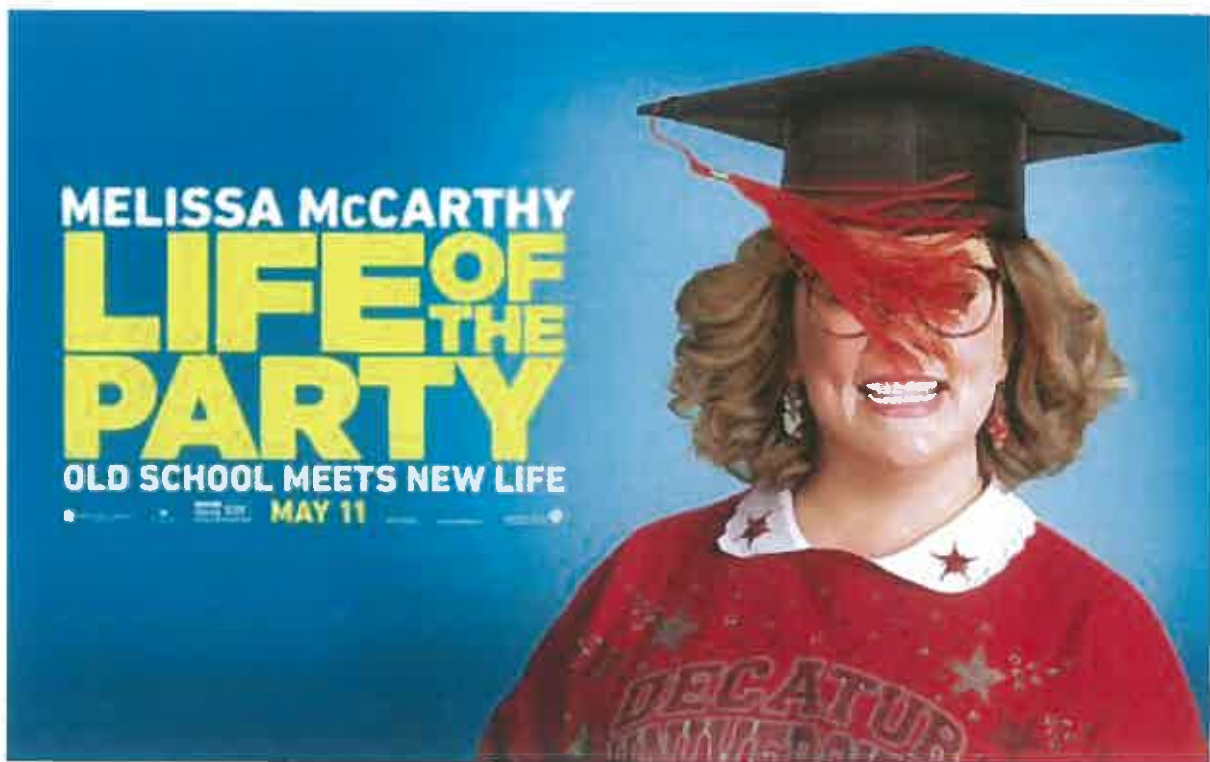
(time will be advised when session times released)

Fountain Gate Village Cinemas

The Life of the Party

Meeting for dinner at Switch Restaurant,

Fountain Gate at 7pm



Please contact Rebecca Carter at

mbtraveler@hotmail.com

if you would like your ticket pre-arranged and seat booked for dinner.

Parents and Friends News

PFA President's Report:

On Wednesday we had our Mother's Day Stall, the kids were very excited to come and shop for their Mums, Nana's or that Someone Special. They were met by our awesome fairy helpers and had a beautiful range of gifts to choose from. **A Special thank you to Karen (our Queen Fairy), Sarah, Bec, Kylie, Jo, Belinda, Ourania, Kirsten and Leah.** Without your help the day would not have been possible. Our fairy helpers were treated to a spectacular morning tea and lunch platters. We received many comments throughout the day of how beautiful the gifts were, so I'm looking forward to hearing what you all receive! I however must apologise we sold out of our gifts at lunchtime, with over 540 gifts going out the door! So, we were unable to sell anything at the end of the day. But on a positive note, this means we will be able to start a fresh for next year and buy all new gifts and have nothing that has been seen before!

Our School Disco is coming up on **Friday 1st June** at the Officer Hall (across from the school). The Junior Disco is from **5pm – 6.30pm** and Senior Disco is from **7pm – 8.30pm**. The forms for this will be going home today. We will also be looking for volunteers for both the Junior and Senior Disco. Please contact me via melissa_wright77@hotmail.com if you are able to help and have your working with children's checks.

Make room in your freezers because 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.

Our Food Day this term is going to be Party Pies, Homemade Sausage Rolls and a drink, we have split it over 2 days. The Juniors (Prep-2) will be on **Wednesday 6th June** and the Seniors (3-6) will be on **Thursday 7th June**. The forms for this will go home soon.

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

If you would like to help with any of our activities you must have your working with children's checks, these can be done online or at the post office.

Melissa Holden

It's time to get your Dance Moves Ready!
The OPS Disco is on Friday 1st June

Junior (Prep-2) 5pm – 6.30pm
Senior (3-6) 7pm – 8.30pm



What's coming up in Term 2:

Wednesday 23rd May – Grandparent's Morning Tea, Book Fair and Book Parade "Paws for Books"

Friday 1st June – Junior Disco (5pm-6.30pm) and Senior Disco (7pm – 8.30pm)

Tuesday 5th June – PFA Meeting at 9.15am in the staff room, all are welcome

Wednesday 6th June – Junior Food day

Thursday 7th June – Senior Food day

TBA – Pie Drive from Emerald Bakery



SRC NEWS!

5 Minute Frenzy started really well. All of the Houses are very close but Hicks is just in the lead at the moment.

Between all the Houses, 554 bits of rubbish were picked up.

On the 7th of June we are having a P.J. Day for a gold coin donation. The money raised will go to the Monash Children's Cancer Centre. More information will come closer to the date.

If you want to have something discussed at an SRC meeting, please talk to an SRC representative, Miss P. or Ms Peachey.

Congratulations

Students of the week 3 Term 2



Prep LP Mitchell for making a huge effort to listen to and follow instructions. Keep up the fantastic work!

Prep JDZ Parker for putting enormous effort into writing to create a fun and interesting narrative!

1/2LH Ava for an amazing dedication to improving her reading. Your practising has really paid off! Well Done.

1/2 JD Holly for amazing reading and using Skippy frog to help with tricky words.

1/2DM Ethan for perseverance with fractions. Great job, you got it!

3/4 NP Peyton for amazing persistence in learning her spelling words. We are so proud of you!

3/4 BC Dayne for working hard on writing tasks and giving everything a go.

5/6 AW Alex for working hard to improve your writing, it has really paid off. Well done and keep up the great work.

5/6 YK Brodie for his fabulous work writing his narrative. Your writing has improved so much- Well done.

The BLESS Collective

FOOD VAN



WINTER CLOTHING & ESSENTIALS DRIVE

Donations will be made available to people within our community who access our program run by the **FOLLOW BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICER**, which provides a variety of free food, clothing, cooked meals, drinks and companionship every Tuesday and Thursday evening at Bourke Park Pakenham, to a diverse group of wonderful people who are struggling and in need.

With Winter approaching we would really appreciate your generosity in donating any of the following items:

Blankets, Doonas, Sleeping bags, Coats, Jackets, Jumpers, Jeans, Track pants, Beanies, Gloves, Scarves and Socks.

THANK YOU

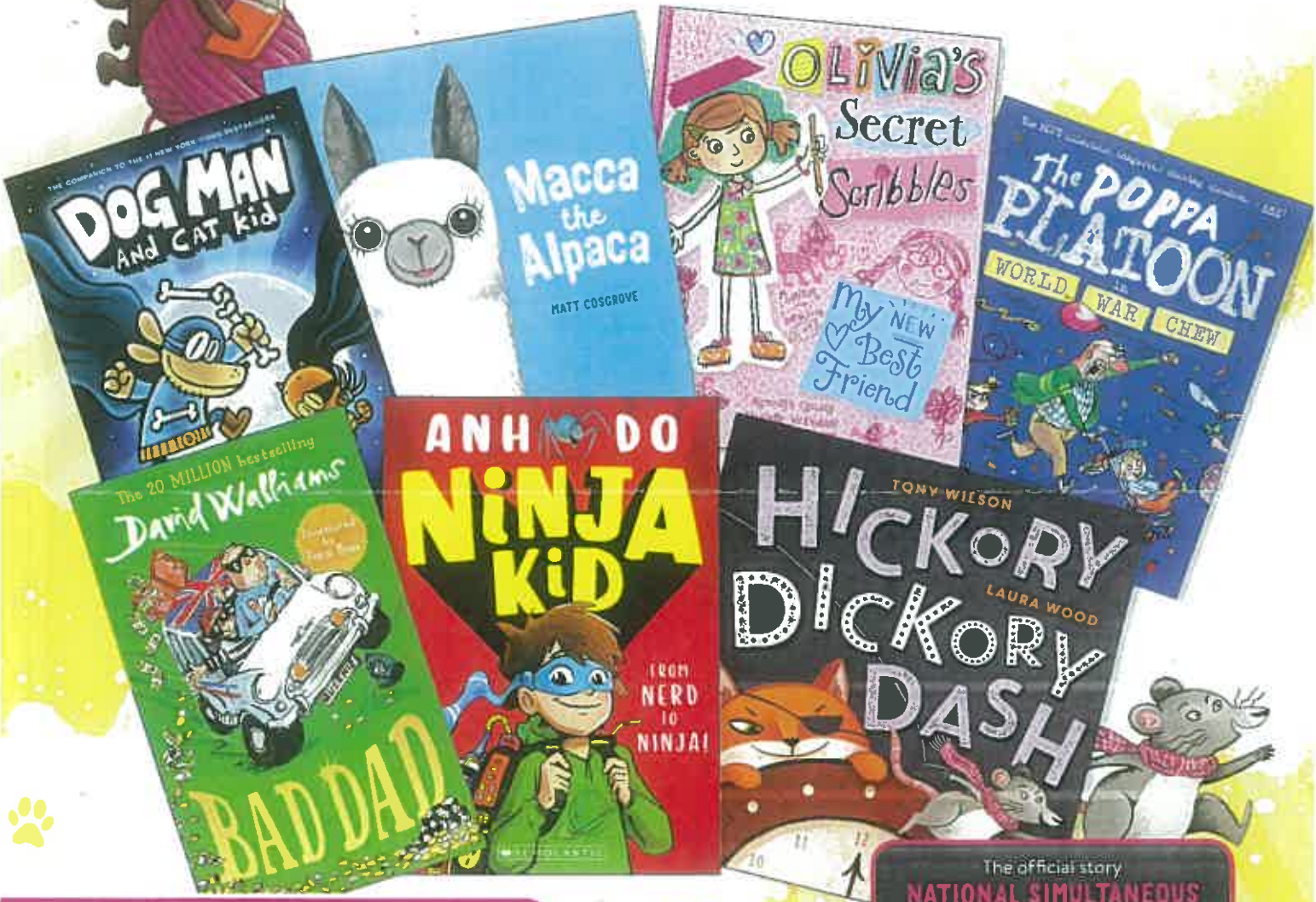
Donations accepted between 16th April and 14th of May at the following drop off locations:

- Cardinia Shire Office, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer
- Living and learning Inc. (LLINC), 6B Henry Street, Pakenham
- Toomah Community Centre, 18 Golden green Street, Pakenham
- Outlook Community Centre, 24 Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham



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
 

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!