



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 October 26th, 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of OPS;

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY –FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER

Today it is World Teachers' Day when as a nation we celebrate the work that teachers do for students and their families to support our young Australians to acquire knowledge and skills that will empower them to make their way in the world.

All of the staff at OPS work very hard to help our students to develop socially, emotionally and academically and I know that you will join me in celebrating the efforts of our teachers and paying respect to their dedication to the profession. To my staff, 'Thank you for the work that you do every day!'

The staff would like to pass on a big thankyou to the PFA who provided a morning tea for our staff to enjoy in celebration of this day.

CHILD SAFE

Officer Primary School has a strong commitment to Child Safety and as part of this commitment we regularly train our staff to be aware of their legal and moral obligations to act on concerns regarding child safety. On Monday evening our teaching staff undertook training on child abuse risks and the appropriate actions they can take to remove and reduce these risks. Our Education Support Staff will also undertake this training.

SCHOOL REVIEW

As part of the accountability process for schools, OPS will be commencing the first steps towards the four year review by preparing a School Self-Evaluation Report this term.

Whilst we make use of a range of data that has been collected over the four year period to assess our progress towards the achievement of the goals of our Strategic Plan (2014 to 2018) we will also be seeking additional input from our community. As we progress with this process we will keep you informed of how you may have some input. Please keep your eyes on the newsletter for information on how you can contribute.

PLANNING FOR 2019

Throughout Term 4 the Leadership Team and teaching staff are involved in the process of planning for the next year. Getting this process right relies heavily on us finalising numbers at each year level so that we can determine a suitable grade structure and staffing needs. If you have not yet confirmed your intentions for 2019 please do so as soon as possible.

Over the coming week we will be finalising our grade structure for next year and will then move on to the process of placing students into their classes. On Tuesday evening the Class Placement Policy was presented at School Council. This policy explains to the community how the school manages class placement and parent requests. I have attached the policy to the newsletter. Please take some time to read the policy and direct any queries to myself. I will keep families informed via the newsletter of the timeline for acceptance of any requests.

Enjoy the beautiful Spring weather forecast for our weekend!
I hope you all have a fabulous weekend.

Lynne Brenner



SUBWAY LUNCH



The next subway lunch will be Wednesday 31st October.
Remember to have your order into the office by 9.00am, with the correct
money in the envelope.

Congratulations



Students of the Week

- Prep JT - **Cooper** for doing wonderful writing! He is sounding out words beautifully and his duck/rabbit piece was great!
- Prep JDZ- **Kody** for developing a really positive 'can do' attitude towards his work! It is fantastic to see that he is not afraid to give everything a go!
- 1/2LH - **Darcy** for being a wonderful worker and improving both reading and spelling!
- 1/2JD - **Tyler** for showing amazing improvement in his writing! Fabulous work!
- 1/2DM - **Ava** for improved writing, using correct structure and including more 'wow' words.
- 3/4NP - **Cameron** for explaining things to people when they need help, for helping people with laptops and for always helping.
- 3/4BC - **Samantha** for her amazing efforts in mental maths and handwriting sessions. She always gives 100%
- 5/6AW - **Simoné** for her awesome teamwork at Lightning Premiership and the enthusiasm she put into every game!
- 5/6YK - **Frankie** for her outstanding effort when writing her autobiography.
- I.C.T. - **5/6YK** for their amazing attitude and engagement with our introductory lesson on Cyber Bullying. Continue the great work!
1/2DM for their terrific engagement and discussion with our data collection, interpretation and display. Great work!



Congratulations

Yellow Band

Aston

JUNIOR

Term Four, Week Three 22nd – 26th October



Prep Update!

This week was probably our last 'normal' week for a little while with Swimming and Melbourne Cup coming up over the next two weeks!

In reading this week, we explored visualisation and how to make pictures in our head while we read. We also matched words beginning with the same sound, used a louder voice for exclamation marks and identified nouns in our books.

In writing, we continued to focus on procedure. We had a very interesting topic this week "How to Sneak your Monster into School!". We created short descriptions, backed up our writing with pictures and reinforced the importance of capital letters and full stops.

In maths, we wrapped up our unit on patterns. This week was a fun week where students were given the opportunity to make lots of patterns on their own and explore the use of different means to make them e.g. colour, numbers, shapes etc...

1/2 News!



In Literacy this week we have been looking at a non-fiction text about monkeys. We have learnt to locate information in the text and write about important facts that we have learnt. We have also been able to watch videos and answer quiz questions about the topic. We worked on Chunking words into smaller parts. We started to look at how narratives are set out and will begin writing our own next. In Maths, we have been finishing up our work on addition and we are much better at using strategies to add numbers together. Our topic is all about design and technology. We are excited to going to Legoland in Chadstone in November so keep a look out for a notice about that soon.

Miss Harris, Miss Hodgetts, Mrs. Dyt and Mrs. Foote

Keep up to date via our online blogs!

Prep Blog - <https://mrdezilva.global2.vic.edu.au/>

1/2 Blog - <https://mrsdyt.global2.vic.edu.au/>

Timetables



Prep IT

ICT - Tuesday
ART - Thursday
Signing - Thursday
PE - Wednesday

Prep IEZ

ART - Monday
PE - Tuesday
ICT - Tuesday
Signing - Tuesday

1/2 ID

PE - Monday
ICT - Monday
ART - Tuesday
Signing - Thursday

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 bag. 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 - Remember to have your order envelopes into the office by 9am!

SWIMMING - Swimming starts on Monday! Remember to have a chat with your child about getting changed on their own! Students are required to wear their bathers underneath their school uniform. Towel, goggles and change of clothes must come in a sturdy bag. Please make sure everything is NAMED! ☺

OPS MOTOR SHOW - Saturday 10th November - Invite all your friends!

P.E & SPORT NEWS



Important dates in Term 4:

- School Swimming Program

Week 1: Monday (29th October), Tuesday (30th October), Wednesday (31st October), Thursday (1st November) and Friday (2nd November)

Week 2: Wednesday (7th November), Thursday (8th November) and Friday (9th November).

- Colour Explosion

Friday, 7th December : 1.30pm—3.00pm

Swimming -

Our swimming program finally starts on Monday. Information regarding lesson times and what students need to bring were distributed last week. If you need another copy of this, please see Julie in the office.

Summer LP

Congratulations to all teams who competed in the SSV Summer Lightning Premiership day. You all represented our school beautifully. A special well done to our boys Tennis team who came runners up as well as our girls Volleyball team who won. Our Volleyball team have progressed through to the SSV Division Final which will occur this Friday. We wish them the best of luck!



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Regional Athletics

Congratulations to Nicholas, Lina, Chelsea and Jason who competed at the Regional Athletics day on Thursday, 18th of October. We are so proud of your incredible achievements. Well done!

Running Club

Congratulations to the following students on their Running Club achievements-

Week 2:

5km—Stuart B and Owen G

10km—Maddie F, Cohen H and Ashlyn S



Week 3:

5km— Kyan, Jordan, Koby and Parker

10km— Jamison, Stuart, Chelea, Ali, Darcy, Scarlett, Amelia, Hannah and Oscar



5/6 Police Visit - Cyber Bullying

On Wednesday we were very lucky to have Leading Senior Constable Sharon Patterson from Pakenham Police Station come to Officer to speak with Year 5 and 6 students regarding Cyber Bullying.



Cyberbullying – what is it?

- Cyberbullying can be sending mean, harmful or upsetting messages, comments, pictures or videos to hurt someone
- Don't start it or be a part of it
- It's never okay – even if it's a joke or the person was mean first
 - It can have lasting effects

Getting help

- You always have the right to feel safe
- Tell a trusted adult or contact Kids Helpline
- Nothing is so bad you can't tell someone
- You can report directly to The Office of eSafety Commissioner



Kids Helpline

1800 55 1800

kidshelpline.com.au



Office of the
eSafety Commissioner