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# OBERON PRIMARY

## POST

### A MESSAGE FROM MR. MCCOOMBE

Welcome back to Term 3 at Oberon Primary School! We are thrilled to have our students return for another exciting term full of learning and fun! The beginning of this term has seen students display a smooth transition back to school and settle well into their routines.

One of the highlights for our students in Term 3 is the new synthetic grass area near the Prep classrooms. The students are enjoying the space and the opportunity to play on a comfortable and safe surface.

Acting Prime Minister Richard Marles visit - Acting Prime Minister Richard Marles paid a special visit to Oberon Primary School to witness the inclusive playground, made possible by the Schools Upgrade Fund that the Government and Mr Marles provided. This significant grant funded our natural inclusive space which provides a sensory experience for our students and includes an indigenous theme throughout. During his visit, Mr Marles had the opportunity to engage with students, staff, and members of the community, experiencing firsthand the Oberon culture. Mr G and his students even engaged Mr Marles in some bush cooking as he toured the playground and school.

School arrival - To ensure a smooth start to each day, we would like to remind everyone that our dedicated teachers are on duty from 8:45 am. Students are encouraged to arrive from this time, allowing them to settle in and prepare for the day ahead. We appreciate the cooperation of families in ensuring punctuality and regular attendance, as it sets a positive tone for the day's activities.

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 3

August

1st - Breakfast Club

1st - Student Expo

1st - Totally Random starting

1st - School Council

2nd - Winter Warmers (every Wed for Term 3)

2nd - Student Expo

4th - 100 Days of Prep

4th - National Torres Strait Islander and  
Aboriginal Children's Day

4th - Assembly

7th - District Athletics Day (3-6)

11th - Prep Veggie Patch Botanic Gardens Excursion

14th - Responsible Pet Ownership (Prep-2)

14th - National Science Week

15th - NZ Playhouse Performance



I acknowledge the Wadawurrung people as the traditional owners of the land. I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the first people of Australia.



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**Before and After School Care** – For families who require supervision before and after school, we remind you that we do have both before and after-school care services. These services are provided for students outside of regular school hours. We understand the demands of busy schedules, and our aim is to support families by providing convenient options for childcare.

**Winter Warmers** – Once again we would like to thank our wonderful Parent Club for providing Winter Warmers this week. We are very lucky to have such an active Parent Club at Oberon that provide so many opportunities for our students!

**Student Expo** – Next week we will be holding our Student Expos on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. During the student-led expo, for the most part your child is in charge of showing you what they have been doing and learning at school. When students have the opportunity to explain and demonstrate their learning, they are not only communicating their accomplishments and understanding, but also sharing with you what and how they are learning.

The Student Expo will:

- Place students at the centre of their learning.
- Celebrate learning happening in the classroom.
- Provide quality time between parent and child.
- Open communication between school and home.
- Promote the practice of real life-skills such as communication, organisation and leadership
- Teach self-evaluation and self-reflection skills.

We look forward to sharing the wonderful efforts of our students.

**School Parking** – A reminder to all families regarding the staff car park. We ask that you do not park in the staff car park when dropping students off in the morning or picking up students in the afternoon. Please do not park in the Disabled car park at any time unless you are authorised to do so, this includes dropping off and picking up your child.

The staff car park is available for staff only as unfortunately we do not have enough parks for all our staff. Please be aware of parking around the school as well. Inspectors will be routinely checking the area especially along Dorothy Ave to ensure parking rules are followed.

As we move through Term 3, we look forward to seeing the continued enthusiasm and dedication of our students in conjunction with the many exciting activities and experiences we have planned at Oberon and let's hope the Cats continue to stay in the top 8 by the end of the term!!!!

*Sta McCoombe*

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- ☑ Don't forget your money for Winter Warmers. Running every Wednesday for Term 3.
- ☑ Book Club due by the 30th  
No book club in August due to the book fair being held

## GR8 VALUES

Weeks 1, 2 & 3.







Wednesday the 26th of July  
The acting prime Minister Richard Marles came to Oberon Primary School. Everyone was so excited to meet him and we made some damper with him and it was scrumptious. Even Richard tried it and he said it was delicious too.

INGREDIENTS:  
Flour  
Water

How to make damper:  
Step 1. Add Flour and water.  
Step 2. Mix with hands.  
Step 3. Get a stick.  
Step 4. Mould the damper around the stick.  
Step 5. Cook over fire.  
Step 6. Add toppings if wanted.  
Step 7. Eat it up.

By Indiana Whiteway





# COME ALONG TO OBERON'S BOOK FAIR FOR 2023!

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMMENCING MONDAY 14TH OF AUGUST AND WILL RUN EACH DAY UNTIL FRIDAY 18TH, 3.15PM - 4.00PM

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR PROVIDES A RANGE OF RECENTLY PUBLISHED CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTS FROM AUSTRALIA AND AROUND THE WORLD.

PLEASE NOTE ONLY CASH IS AVAILABLE AS A PAYMENT OPTION.

DON'T FORGET THAT A PERCENTAGE OF SALES GOES RIGHT BACK TO OUR SCHOOL SO WE CAN THEN PURCHASE NEW BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY!



## SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

# You're invited to our Scholastic BOOK FAIR



**AXOLOTL**  
NO ONE REALLY KNOWS AN AXOLOTL. You've never seen axolotls like this before!  
100125952 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

**\$10**



**BAA BAA BLACK BELT**  
This sheep is a wacko master! Or is he?  
100126000 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

**\$12**



**DOG MAN**  
Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea  
100123795 | GRAPHIC NOVELS | AGES 7+

**\$10**



**NETBALL STAR**  
NETBALL NEWBIE  
Liz nervously tries out for the netball team.  
100125159 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+

**\$9**



**THE BAD GUYS**  
EPISODE 17: LET THE GAMES BEGIN!  
Meet the real Dread Overlord Splooght!  
100125357 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+

**\$10**



**I KNOW YOU'RE LYING**  
Sasha wants revenge, but first she needs to find the truth.  
100124804 | PB NOVEL | AGES 10+

**\$12**



**DRAGON DIARY**  
PURPLE AND SILVER  
Keep your secrets safe in this lockable notebook.  
100125927 | ACTIVITY | AGES 8+

**\$15**



**FAMILY HOLIDAYS DISASTERS**  
CRASH LANDING  
The world's most embarrassing family goes on holiday, and it won't end well!  
100126129 | PB NOVEL | AGES 8+

**\$10**

Find these books and more at the Fair!

**EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**

**SCHOLASTIC REWARDS**

**Hats Off to Reading!**

AUSTRALIAN MADE:  AUSTRALIAN AUTHOR  AUSTRALIAN PRINTED & PAPER  AUSTRALIAN PRINTED

**SCHOLASTIC**



# Pyjama Day for 2023!

WELL DONE TO ALL THE OBERON STUDENTS FOR  
NOT GETTING DRESSED LAST FRIDAY!

WE RAISED OVER \$250 FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.







# OBERON PS STUDENT EXPO



## OPEN TIMES

**TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST**

**3:15 – 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST**

**8:45 – 9:30**

### PURPOSE

The Expo provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their learning with our families and community members.

### WHO CAN ATTEND

Parents and carers are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

### WHAT IS AN EXPO?

During each session, students will share their learning including writing samples, maths games and a range of learning activities.

### TEACHER CATCH UP

This time will also allow parents to talk with their child's teacher about their achievements and future learning goals.

We hope to see everyone there to share in our students' accomplishments!



## **Our new play area!**

**Students are taking full advantage of the new synthetic grass area on these lovely winter days! Lots of down ball and chase games happening which we love to see!**



**Well done to our volleyball team who came third, representing Oberon and being great ambassadors for our school. A special mention to Aaron from Vic Beach that helped the students in the lead-up to the tournament and on the day!**





# NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC WEEK IS A SPECIAL TIME IN AUSTRALIA WHEN WE CELEBRATE AND HONOUR THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES. IT STANDS FOR NATIONAL ABORIGINES AND ISLANDERS DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE.

ONE IMPORTANT PART OF NAIDOC WEEK IS TO SHOW RESPECT TO THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LIVING IN AUSTRALIA FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS BEFORE OTHERS CAME TO LIVE HERE. IT'S A WAY FOR EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND THEIR RICH AND DEEP HISTORY.

NAIDOC WEEK IS ABOUT LEARNING, UNDERSTANDING, AND CELEBRATING THE CULTURE, TRADITIONS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE. IT'S A TIME OF JOY AND RESPECT FOR EVERYONE, AND WE ALL COME TOGETHER TO APPRECIATE THE SPECIAL HERITAGE THEY BRING TO OUR COUNTRY.



The 3/4 students wrote postcards to Elders or special people, acknowledging their guidance, sharing of knowledge and support

## For Our Elders



# HARDWORKING

**HARD WORKERS ARE:  
DETERMINED  
FOCUSED  
RESPONSIBLE  
DISCIPLINED**



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



\*Ants are able to carry up to 50 times their own body weight. Their super-strength is particularly useful for hauling food and defending the nest. Worker carpenter ants may travel up to 90 meters to gather food – not too shabby for an insect that's only about 2cm long.



The Grade 1/2 Students were set the task of creating a comic that had to include a character that was Hardworking!



# Compass

- Please submit absences by 9:30am on the day your child is away from school.
- If your child has an unexplained absence, you will receive a text message at 10:30am on the day they are away. Please follow the prompts from this text message to add an attendance note. This helps to eliminate future follow up 😊

## Option 1: Entering an Attendance Note via the website

1. Open the home page of the Compass website.

2. Click on '**Add Attendance Note**' (make sure it is selected from the correct child's profile if you have multiple children enrolled).

3. Enter **absence details** as prompted in the pop-up window.

4. Click the '**Save**' button.



What is an Attendance Note?

An Attendance Note is used to explain when your child is absent or late for school.

## Option 2: Entering an Attendance Note via the app

1. Open the **home screen** of the Compass app.

2. Click on '**Shortcuts**' at the bottom of the screen.

3. Click on '**Submit attendance note**'.

4. Select the **child** who will be, or is absent.

5. Enter **absence details** as prompted.

6. Click on '**Add attendance note**' to save this to your child's profile.



Scan here to access the free Compass app



[Android](#)



[Apple](#)

Website: <https://schools.compass.education>



# TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

## HERE'S HOW TO TELL



### STAY HOME IF ...

Your child feels too sick for regular activities

Yellow or green pus appears

The temperature on an oral thermometer reads 100° F or higher (100.4 for an ear, rectal, or forehead temp)

You suspect flu—it spreads rapidly

Your child has a migraine—throbbing, severe pain with moodiness, fatigue, and sensitivity to light

Redness and itchiness affect all or most of your child's body

Your doctor suspects—or diagnoses—strep throat

Your child is vomiting or has uncontrollable diarrhea



### GO BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER ...

Fever decreases and your child feels better

The amount of pus decreases, using antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours

Body temperature reaches normal

Fever has been gone for 24 hours

Taking pain medication

The rash is gone—or the doctor gives the OK

24 hours after beginning antibiotics

Vomiting stops and your child has control of bathroom breaks

### SYMPTOM

← COUGH AND OTHER COLD SYMPTOMS →

← EYE DISCHARGE →

← FEVER →

← FLU →

← HEADACHE →

← RASH →

← SORE THROAT →

← STOMACHACHE →







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## Enrol now for 2024



Please contact our  
office on 5243 1613  
to find out more & to  
book a tour.



For more information about  
our wonderful school please visit...  
[oberonps.vic.edu.au](http://oberonps.vic.edu.au)





**Enrol now  
for 2024.**

"Oberon Primary is a great school because everyone is nice & the teachers help us solve problems"

Lucas, Grd 2.

**OBERON P.S.**

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"I like Oberon P.S. because I learn how to write and I like going on excursions".

Ivy, Prep.

Located in the heart of Belmont on over 6.5 acres of land, our school is a small, friendly & vibrant community with just over 200 students.



"I love Oberon because the teachers help me to push myself beyond my limits and they make the classroom a fun place!"

Amelia, Grd 4.

**To find out more  
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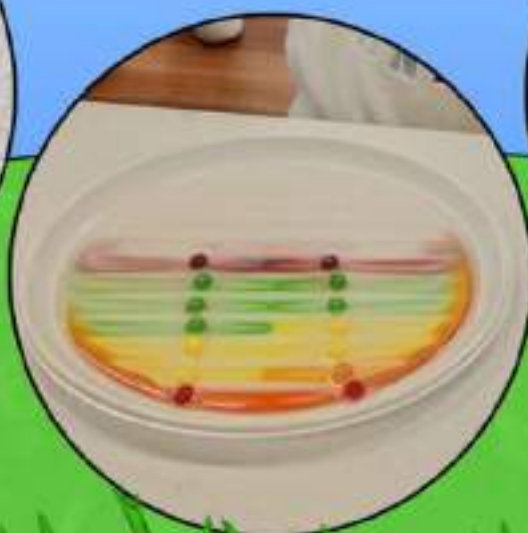


**GET READY  
TO HAVE A BALL  
WITH EXTEND!**



Extend is launching back into Term 3 with piles of fun activities and a wide variety of creative programs.

With Extend, you'll be able to experience a brand new term that offers pure comfort and joy!



Have a ball in Term 3 with Extend!  
Make your bookings at [extend.com.au](https://www.extend.com.au) today!