

Issue 12, 25th August, 2023

# OBERON PRIMARY

## OBERON POST

### A MESSAGE FROM MR. MCCOOMBE

As we approach the end of August, it's hard to believe how quickly this year is passing by! This time of year sees many of our students and staff competing in local sporting finals. We would like to wish all of those students and staff the best of luck with their finals endeavours! Unfortunately, the mighty Geelong Cats will not be competing in finals in 2023!

**Book Week:** The entire school has had the great pleasure of participating in the 2023 Book Week Celebrations. This year's theme is Read, Grow, Inspire. Our celebrations included the famous Oberon Book Character Dress Up Parade as well as a range of fun and engaging activities across the week. Thank you to all of our amazing staff who planned such a wonderful week for our students.

**NZ Playhouse Performance:** NZ Playhouse again provided a wonderful experience for our students, offering an educational and entertaining opportunity through the world of theatre to Oberon Primary School. Such events provide our students with both cultural and artistic awareness whilst also enjoying a fantastic performance.

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 3

August

25th - Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)

29th - Parent club meeting 9am - 10am

29th - Father's Day Stall (running over 3 days)

29th - Breakfast Club

30th - Winter Warmers

31st - Prep Fire Education

September

1st - School Disco

1st - Assembly 2.45pm

4th - Father's Day Breakfast 8.30 am

5th - School Council

6th - Winter Warmers

7th - Whole School Photo 9am

12th - Breakfast Club

14th - Grade 1/2 Sleepover

15th - Assembly



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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**2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:** A reminder that our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families, who have been randomly selected, to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. A random sample of approximately 30 per cent of parents/caregivers/guardians has been selected to participate in this year's survey. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be open until Friday 8 September 2023. Parents/Caregivers/Guardians who have been randomly selected will be sent out a survey link. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

**Student Attendance:** At Oberon, we are continually working on supporting our students to attend school as much as possible. This has so many benefits for our students and we also get to see more of their smiling faces when they walk past our new signs! Please read the information below that again reiterates the importance of attending Oberon Primary School.

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year.

By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes. Coming to school every day, for the whole day, is vital. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day. We understand that on the odd occasion, your child may be late for school or need to leave earlier than 3.15 pm. Please collect either a late arrival pass or an early departure card for these instances.

**Exiting Students:** If you have a child in Foundation through to Grade 5 who is planning to leave Oberon Primary School at the end of 2023 could you kindly email the office at [Oberon.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Oberon.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

### **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

☑ Friday 25th  
(TOMORROW)  
is a Curriculum Day  
Student Free Day

### **GR8 VALUES**

Weeks 4, 5, 6 & 7.

#### **Fair and Trust**

Know about responsibilities as well as rights

Believe in justice and a fair go for all

Honest and trustworthy

Consider their values



*Sta McLoonbe*





# FATHER'S DAY STALL

**TUES 29TH  
WED 30TH  
THURS 31ST**

**PURCHASE AT RECESS TIME**

**\$5 CASH PER PRESENT**

**PLEASE NOTE FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST  
WILL BE ON MONDAY THE 4TH OF  
SEPTEMBER AT 8.30 AM**





WE PRESENT TO YOU

# OPS DISCO

TICKETS \$5  
BEING SOLD BY SRC

DURING EATING LUNCH TIME

TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR

FRIDAY 1ST OF SEPTEMBER

PREP - GRADE 2 | 4.30 PM - 5.45PM

GRADE 3 - GRADE 6 | 6.00 PM - 7.15 PM





CHILDREN'S  
BOOK WEEK  
#CBCA2023  
19 to 25 AUGUST



READ  
GROW  
Inspire

# BOOK WEEK

21st - 25th August 2023

*Whole School Breakfast*







# BOOK WEEK

21st - 25th August 2023

*Celebrating The CBCA Shortlisted books*









# OBERON NEWS



## FASCINATING BOOK FACTS

Did you know...

1. The fear of running out of something to read is called Abibliophobia.
2. Up to 50 books can be made from one tree.
3. The most expensive book in the world is *Codex Leicester* by Leonardo Da Vinci. It was purchased by Bill Gates for 30.8 million dollars!
4. It is estimated that there are over 900,000 new books published each year.

## BOOKWORM QUIZ: TEST YOUR LITERARY KNOWLEDGE

\*Answers below

1. Who spent his childhood living in a cupboard under the stairs?
2. Who lived in Donaldson's Dairy?
3. What animals are Wilbur and Charlotte?
4. What does BFG stand for?
5. What was the Scarecrow going to ask the Wizard of Oz for?
6. Where was the Green Sheep?
7. What did the Very Hungry Caterpillar eat on Monday?
8. What pet does Sally have in The Cat in the Hat?
9. What is the name of the magical land in The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe?
10. Who wrote the stories about the Magic Faraway Tree?

## WELLNESS THROUGH WORDS: HOW READING BOOSTS YOUR HEALTH

- Exercises the brain
- Improves concentration and focus
- Improves sleep quality
- Increases general knowledge
- Reduces stress



## SOME OF THE SHORTLISTED BOOKS WE HAVE BEEN READING:

### EARLY CHILDHOOD



### PICTURE BOOK



## BOOKTASTIC WORD SEARCH

B O O K G R S L H  
U D M W O E N E D  
I F A H S O N A D  
B K T E V R Y R W  
A U L E R A R N E  
A A L X K T O A Z  
T S E G A P T Q X  
W O R D S D S T I  
X Q I I V T D M H

Author	Pages
Book	Read
Genre	Story
Learn	Tales
Novel	Words

## THE DAILY CHUCKLE

Q: What is Chewbacca's favourite book?

A: Hairy Potter.

Q: What kind of books do rabbits like to read?

A: Ones with hoppy endings.

Q: Why was the maths book crying?

A: It had lots of problems!

Scan the QR code below to view the 2023 CBCA Book of the Year winners:





# Responsible Pet Program visited the Preps and Grade 1/2s!



## What was it all about?

After the best maths ever!!! We went down to the hall where we met Rebecca. She taught us almost everything about being safe around strangers pets. All the 1/2s gathered around. Rebecca put a picture on the screen. We were looking at the screen and we put our hands up and answered the questions. She was really good around pets she brought her dog Humphrey. At the end the students that behaved the best got to pat Humphrey. Then we got some special sheets and answered some of the questions on the sheet we got a sticker sheet and had the stickers for the activity. I think the once in a year experience was great!

The end.

Mitchell R 1/2T

After maths, we went to the responsible pet ownership session. I went in calmly this is what we learnt:

We learned how to be safe around stray dogs also how to pet a strangers pet doggo.

The people were Rebecca, the doggo was Humphrey. It was the...BEST!! I loved when we got activity sheets.

Here's more stuff: after some of us went over to the cone to pet Humphrey.

When it was my turn his tail wagged because he could smell the strawberries and toast I had for breakfast! (Wow his smell sense is amazing!) Did you like the story? Thank you for reading<3

Riley VD 1/2S

On Monday the 14th of August, Humphrey and he's owner came to Oberon Primary School. They showed the Preps and the 1/2s how to be safe around dogs. Humphrey's owner explained how to pat dogs and what dogs are not safe to pat, these dogs wear a red and yellow collar to show they are unfriendly. We also learnt how to ask an owner if you can pat their dog and then played a song that demonstrated that we needed to first stand 3 steps away, ask if we can pat the dog, let the dog sniff your hand and finally pat the dog on the back. We now know what to do if a dog is angry. We stand still and look at the ground and make sure your hands next to you and stay quiet.

By Charlie S, Remi H and Jack W 1/2S





# NZ PLAYHOUSE TREASUREISLAND





# FAIR AND TRUST

KNOW ABOUT RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL AS RIGHTS

BELIEVE IN JUSTICE AND A FAIR GO FOR ALL

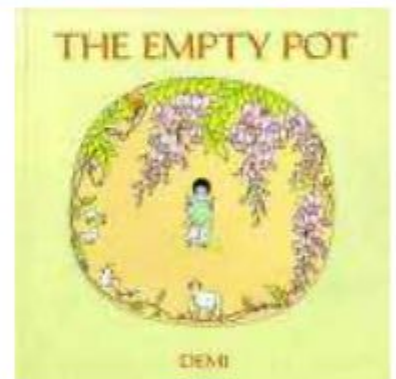
HONEST AND TRUSTWORTHY

CONSIDER THEIR VALUES

*The Grade 1/2 students read the Empty Pot this week and reflected on how they can be fair and trustworthy students at Oberon PS.*

*Check out their amazing responses!*

*The Empty Pot is a great story that focuses on how the truth always wins.  
If you would like to listen to this story click on the link below the book cover.*



*The Empty Pot*





**KIDS SHOWS WITH MARTIN HEPPELL  
TOURING VICTORIA SEPTEMBER 2023**

**RESILIENCE  
PROJECT**

# 3 HAPPY TRICKS

TICKETS AT [LIVENATION.COM.AU](https://www.livenation.com.au) 



**A school holiday kids show combining fun and positive mental health!**

The countdown is on for the Term 3 school holidays,  
and we know you're always on the lookout for engaging, educational events  
to share with your school community.

Designed for primary school aged children and their parents/carers,  
these one-of-a-kind shows combine fun and positive wellbeing strategies  
to help families build resilience.

There are tickets available in Frankston, Wodonga, Wangaratta,  
Dandenong, Darabin, Ballarat, Geelong, Bendigo and Shepparton,  
and we'd love to see your students there.

## JESSICA LEE CREATIVE

TERM 4

# KIDS ART

@Grovedale Neighbourhood House

8 sessions 5:30-6:30pm beginning 10th & 11th October 2023.  
Classes are suitable for children aged 5+ of all artistic abilities.

### On Safari Tuesday's

ON SAFARI will see  
students plan and create  
3 different PAINTINGS  
across 8 sessions.  
Students will be  
challenged with different  
subject matters &  
techniques.

### Characterisation Wednesday's

This DRAWING class will  
see students exploring  
different compositions  
as they create their own  
character inspired by  
Disney, Superheroes and  
Villains and Monsters.