

*Oberon Primary Post
Issue 1, 16th February, 2024*

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

A WELCOME MESSAGE BY MR. MCCOOMBE,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024 and again welcome back to all members of the school community as we commence another school year. The past two weeks has seen our students regrouping with old friends, forming new relationships and displaying excellent learning behaviours. All students have been part of our Starting Right program and displaying our GR8 values. We also welcome many new faces to our school and community and we have enjoyed checking in with our new students.

During our walks around the school we have been witness to the wonderful supports and learning tasks that we offer and we have been extremely pleased to note that our staff are working hard to ensure that all of our students are thriving in an environment that values and celebrates learning and encourages student wellbeing.



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

February

12th-23rd - Grade 5/6 Bike Ed Program
22nd - 5/6 Bike Ed Excursion to Barwon Valley Park
23rd - Assembly (2.45pm)
28th & 29th - Parent Teacher Meet and Greet

March

4th - 7 - Dental Van
8th - Curriculum Day (NO STUDENTS)
13th - Labour Day Public Holiday
13th - 18th - Naplan
18th - 28th - School Swimming Program
22nd - National Ride to school Day
22nd - Assembly (2.45pm)
28th - Last Day of Term 1 (2.30 finish)



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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As our students are transitioning into the new school year, try out some of these recommendations with your family:

- Be positive and enthusiastic. Your child is more likely to look forward to school if you're positive about it.
- Find out about what your child is learning at school. By doing this, you can support your child's learning and find out how your child is adjusting to school.
- If your child is having difficulty at school, talk to their teacher. Your child can also say what they think might help them.
- Keep talking to your child about school. Ask them about their new experiences, what they like and what they find hard. Focus on the positives.
- Share feedback about your child's experience of starting school and remember it may take time to adjust to a new classroom and teacher.
- Organise time for your child and their new friends to play together.

School Communication – There are many forms of communication used between school and home to ensure parents are kept informed about what is happening both in the classroom and at a whole school level. Compass is the primary way the school communicate to parents. Seesaw is also utilised by classroom teachers to share and celebrate student learning. Please contact the office if you require further information about Compass.

Road Safety – A reminder for existing and new families to please use the supervised crossing when crossing the road and please use the designated entrance of the school and not the carpark when entering to ensure the safety of our little and not so little people!

Parent / Teacher Meet and Greet – This year we will be holding our annual 'Meet & Greet' sessions on the 28th and 29th of February from 2:15- 5:30pm. Bookings for these will open next week. A message will be sent out on Compass to let parents know they are ready to book. Bookings occur via Compass. This is a time to meet the teachers and make the teachers aware of any information about your child you think they should know about your child, as well as the teacher letting you know how they have settled into the year. Please note that Mr Fraser (3/4F) will be conducting his 'Meet and Greet' sessions at the start of Term 2, when he returns from his leave.

School Council 2024 – A reminder that nomination form are available at the office until 4:00pm Monday February 19th. We have had some 2023 members renominate however we will have two parent positions to fill due to retiring parents from the council.

Attendance – We know that 'every day counts' at school for our students at Oberon Primary School. Below are some tips that can help with students attending school and we are always here to help!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- ☒ Preps full time from 18th of March.
- ☒ Board brim hats must be worn until the end of April.
- ☒ Don't forget your water bottle and healthy snack and lunch for the day.

GR8 VALUES

Week 1 & 2 Starting right!

In these weeks we ensure students are settling in well to their new grades and learning routines.

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Top attendance tips for parents

- * Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
- * Remember that every day counts
- * There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- * Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- * Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- * Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing.

TeamKids – Before and After School Care with our new provider TeamKids has commenced, providing a great service for our school community. The children in attendance have had a great time and we have received excellent feedback from students, staff and parents! Last week we had 18 students attend which we believe is a world record for Oberon PS. The activities that the team have organised for our students have been extremely engaging and are targeted at the students' interest.

Bike Education – We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 5/6 students for a wonderful first week of Bike Education. To see our students so active and engaged in bike safety and developing their riding skills is terrific. Next Thursday the 5/6 students will be riding to the Barwon Valley Fun Park. If there are any parent volunteers who would be available to assist on the day, by either riding with us, or driving down to the park, please get in touch with your child's teacher. It will be a great day!

We hope you have a great weekend ahead and look forward to seeing everyone next week!

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PARENT CLUB



What we do

Parent club work collaboratively with the school and community members to support the school, staff, and wonderful students to help build a sense of community and create a vital link between the school and the families. We organize and implement fundraising events to assist in purchasing resources for the school and in upgrading the grounds.

Parent club with approval of school council, plan and discuss future fundraising events, discuss ideas and feedback from the school community.

OUR MOTIVATION IS THE CHILDREN, AND CREATING EVENTS THAT ARE ENJOYED BY ALL.

PREVIOUS EVENTS

Whole school disco!
Bunnings BBQ!
Mothers, fathers and special persons Day gift stall!
Colour fun run!
Special lunches
Winter warmers

HOW TO JOIN

Joining parent club is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents, teachers, school staff and help bring the fun to school events! To join PC you are encouraged to attend our Annual general meeting in the beginning of term 2 (date TBD) or speak to a member about joining! Meetings and events are not mandatory, we understand that members have other commitments, please do not feel that you are obligated to attend all meetings and events, you are encouraged to support PC only when and where you can!

WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE MR G AND HIS FAMILY FOR THE EXCITING ARRIVAL OF BEAUTIFUL BABY MOLLY!



Keep an eye out in the newsletter each fortnight for the AGM date, parent club report, upcoming dates and events!

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OUR OBERON LEADERS



SCHOOL CAPTAINS

CONGRATULATIONS TO
CAMILLE, ELIZA,
RYAN AND ARISHA.



HOUSE CAPTAINS

CONGRATULATIONS
TO RIVER, APRIL,
KIARA, PAIGE, INDI,
MILLA, CAM AND
EMMA.

OUR SRC REPS

SRC MEMBERS OF 2023!

THE OBERON SRC'S (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL) ARE A TEAM OF RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL AND CARING STUDENTS WHO WILL COLLABORATE TOGETHER AND GIVE VOICE TO THE STUDENT BODY THIS YEAR. THEIR ROLE IS TO LISTEN TO THE PERSPECTIVES AND OPINIONS OF THEIR PEERS AT OBERON, AND TAKE ACTION BY COMING TOGETHER TO CREATE SOLUTIONS, ORGANISING FUNDRAISERS AND SPECIAL EVENTS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED!



MEET THE TEAM

5/6B - TOBY AND FAITH

5/6G - LUKA AND AMELIA

5/6C - LILA AND ETHAN

3/4G - AMBER ANN MAEVE

3/4F - MISCHA AND HALIA




3/4T - RHYS AND TOM

1/2NS - MIA AND KAI

1/2C - JACK AND FINN



1/2S - ELLA AND ZAC

PJ - IMOGEN AND EVIE



Zero Packaging at Oberon

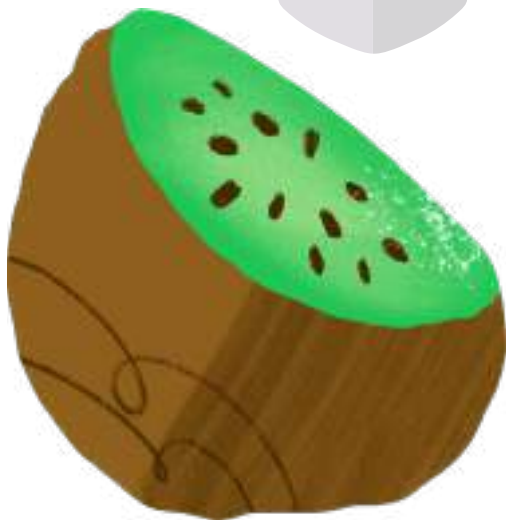
All food must be
'nude' to go outside!






Packaged food is for eating
in the classroom only!



You can unwrap
items first before
taking outside. Even
better if you leave the
wrappers at home.







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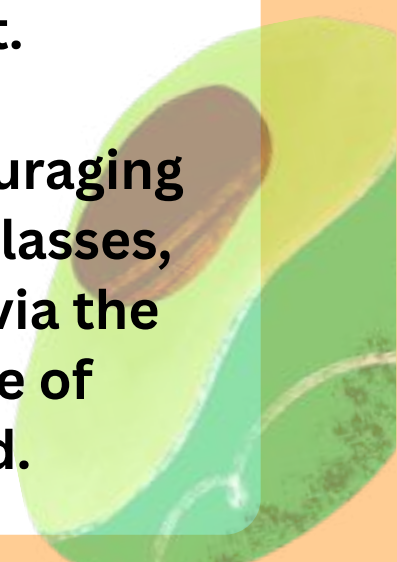
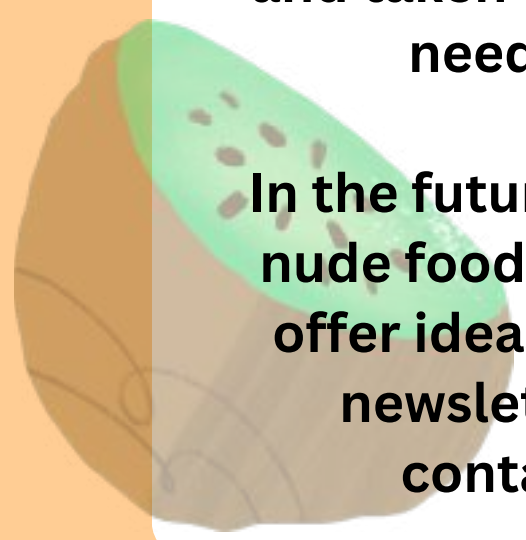
Wouldn't it be wonderful if we didn't have rubbish in the school yard!

Preps do not take packaging outside. I implemented this last year and it worked well. Kids either ate in the classroom or only took unwrapped items outside. Fruit was always eaten during fruit break times so no apple cores or banana skins made it outside either.

Of course, this means that each class will need at least 3-5 minutes of eating time before the bell. All packaging can be placed in classroom bin. Muffins can be unwrapped and taken outside whereas Twisties would need to be eaten in class first.



In the future we could look at encouraging nude foods, especially with older classes, offer ideas for nude food choices via the newsletter, and promote the use of containers for storage of food.





Well done to our 5/6 students for a wonderful first week of Bike Education.

Next Thursday the 5/6 students will be riding to the Barwon Valley Fun Park.



PIC•COLLAGE

Welcome BBQ



A huge thank-you to
Students, families and staff
for a great welcome BBQ to
start the year!



PIC•COLLAGE

Welcome to our newest group of 19 Preps!
They've had a great few weeks getting to
know their peers, learning routines, and
making lots of new friendships.



PREP J 2024



PIC COLLAGE

Welcome to Team Kids!

If you need before or after-school hours care please see the link below to register.

<https://oberonps.vic.edu.au/out-of-school-hours-care/>



TEAMKIDS HAS JUST ARRIVED



START DATE
30
JANUARY

AT OBERON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TeamKids are delighted to have been chosen by Oberon Primary School to deliver Before and After School care, starting 30th January 2024.

At TeamKids we do things a little differently and can't wait to share our premium level care to you and your families.



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SUSTAINABILITY,
HOMEWORK,
DANCE, MUSIC,
CULTURE
+ more...

CRACKERS,
CHEESE, FRUIT,
HUMMUS, SUSHI
MUFFINS,
CUCUMBER,
MINI PIZZAS
+ more...



OBERON PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Hello School Community,

I would like to take the time to introduce the team at TeamKids. My name is Natalia, and I will be the director of service and joining me at the service is Kyara.

We began the term with a Pupil Free Day and loved seeing the positive reactions from parents and teachers to the new setup at TeamKids. We've spent the last few weeks getting to know the children better and are excited to build stronger connections within the school community.

Kyara and myself, extend our gratitude to the school and parents for the warm welcome, and we're excited about getting to know you all better!

As we say at TeamKids 'Let the fun begin!'



IMPORTANT DATES



 **TUE 13TH FEBRUARY**

Pancake Day | TeamKids ASC

 **MON 11TH MARCH**

Labor day | TeamKids is closed

 **THU 28TH MARCH**

Last day of term | TK ASC open from 2:15pm



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Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening
Tuesday 5 March, 2024 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Open Day Tours
Wednesday 6 March, 2024: 9:30am to 10:30am

**Selected Entry Advanced Learning
Program Information Evening**
Tuesday 26 March, 2024: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

For further information, contact our office on
(03) 4243 0500 or
matthew.flinders.girls.sc@education.vic.gov.au



MFG
**Matthew Flinders
Girls Secondary
College**



St Joseph's College Geelong

College Tours

St Joseph's College Geelong invite you to join our College Tours this semester.

We are proud to continue offering an innovative education, and we welcome all senior primary school boys and their families to come and visit us.

Year 7 applications for 2025 are now open, apply via the college website.

Bookings essential, register via our College Website: **sjc.vic.edu.au**



Tours commence at 9:00am

Monday 18 March Wednesday 20 March
Tuesday 26 March Wednesday 27 March
Wednesday 17 April Friday 19 April

INDOOR CRICKET

Register a team
or
individual player!



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Seasons starting soon!

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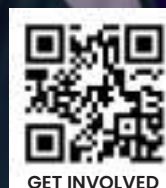
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Class focus begins with building confidence in singing (which can be tricky around your peers!) ... working into exploring our vocal ranges and abilities, including a large variety of musical styles (requests taken at any time!!) and harmony work where appropriate.

All our activities will be based on sound vocal technique, with breathing and singing skills at the forefront. Musicianship and music theory education will be integrated into all of our vocal work as well as performance skills (and opportunities!).

We work together as a group to learn and grow our vocal skills while enjoying our time with each other. This allows for greater learning opportunities with harmonies and balance as we all develop and learn together.

S.I.N.G. is a fun, creative and inclusive space where sound vocal techniques are the underlying foundation of all activities.

Armstrong Creek East Community Hub

Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm

Term One fees (8 weeks) : \$132

Based in Armstrong Creek

Everyone Welcome

No Auditions

Classes begin Feb 7th

No Experience Necessary

Contact SHAYNE 😊 for more info ...

PH : 0429 08 4343

Email : sing@singitnowgeelong.com.au



Aged 7-22? Do you play violin, viola, cello or double bass?

Any week is **Come & Try Week** at Bay City Strings.

Bay City Strings has been the home for Geelong's young string players for more than 30 years. We nurture and inspire young musicians to reach their full potential in a fun and friendly environment.

Would you like to join Bay City Strings? You can join at any time.

We rehearse in St David's Church Hall
at the corner of Aphrasia St and Talbot St in Newtown
from 4.15-6.00pm each Friday during term
(with a snack break at 5:15)
and we are looking for string players of all abilities.
We perform a concert at the end of each term.



AMEB grades are a guide to our levels:
We are rebuilding and our groups are fluid.
Our ensembles cover Preliminary to Grade 2, Grades 3 to 5, and Grades 6+.

A late starter? Don't think you will be the lily ones - students are placed in ensembles with consideration to social age as well as musical level and the music is adjusted to suit your level.

Cost: \$170 each term, discount available for families.

Come & Try

Any questions, please contact Rachel Anderson 0400 642 328
or email bcs.news@outlook.com