

Omeo Primary School Newsletter

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Wednesday 26th April 2023

Calendar dates

Wednesdays 2:45: Assembly in the Music Room, all parents welcome

Friday mornings: Breakfast Club run by Renata and Ryan

APRIL

26th: School Council Annual Report to the community

MAY

2nd : Student/parent/teacher Conferences 3.30-7pm

4th: Student/parent/teacher Conferences 3.30-5pm

Birthdays

Happy Birthday

Bailey Kerrison for the **19th April** and to Holly Mitchell who is having a birthday on **May 2nd**.

From the Principal

Dear Families,

As this week commemorates the Anzacs I am reflecting on the peace and safety that we are able to enjoy in Australia. My heart also goes out to those nations in conflict, especially Ukraine and Sudan. It is my hope that these countries can come to peace soon.

As a teenager I spent seven years in the Air Cadets and had the great privilege of meeting many service men and women when marching in the Melbourne Anzac day March. I recollect feeling grateful to these

people as I opened the dawn service leading a parade of fifty or so Air Cadets.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people served in our armed forces throughout the wars.



In WW2 Almost every able bodied Torres Strait Islander male had enlisted.

At this time I would like to acknowledge the service of my Great Grand Uncle Albert Franklin who served in WW1 in

Egypt. He was one of many indigenous enlisted men. I would also like to acknowledge the service of my Great Uncle Gordon who resided in Swifts Creek after WW2 and my Great Aunt Irene who served in the air force.

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*

Have a great week,
Regards,
Jeff Wilson (Acting Principal)

Parent Teacher Student Conferences:

As flagged in the newsletter before the end of term we are offering student, teacher, parent conferences next week on Tuesday and Thursday evening. These sessions are strictly 15 minutes. The Tuesday time slots are from 3:30-7pm and Thursday from 3:30 - 5pm. The main goals for this event are to reflect on first term achievements,

examine challenges and set goals for the coming term.

To schedule a time for interviews go to the UEducate us hub. Login credentials have been sent home today with this newsletter. Navigate to events and interviews and find a suitable time.

As this is the first time we have used a digital system please call the school if you have difficulties.

COVID-19 Guidelines

COVID-19 Guidelines - With the coming of cooler weather we may see an upsurge of COVID-19 cases. The following guidelines apply at this stage -

It is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are used by students and staff:

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild
- If you are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19
- If you are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.

Students who report a positive result are recommended to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved. Students who isolate as a result of a positive COVID-19 test should be supported in the same way as students with an extended absence due to illness or injury, with learning materials provided to support their continued learning.

Parents/carers should contact the school if a student tests positive to COVID-19 (via a PCR or rapid antigen test). Please contact the school if you require Rapid Antigen Tests.

**School bank details CBA: BSB: 063-857;
Account No: 10006685. Please mark your transaction with family name and what it is for eg: *Shepherd Fees 22***

From the Office

Voluntary Fees: NOW DUE !!!!! HAVE YOU PAID YOURS?

Thank you ONCE AGAIN to the parents who have already paid their Voluntary fees: \$140.00 for Senior students/ \$110 for Junior students. Payment method preferred is direct credit into the school's account. Please see above for Bank details. **Some of your fees go towards our successful swimming program- the bus costs are always the most expensive part of the programme, so looking forward to those fees being paid to the school for 2023.**

If you have any questions about anything mentioned here 'From the Office' or just have a general query, please don't hesitate to contact me- Andrea on 5159 1313 or by email-

andrea.shepherd@education.vic.gov.au

I work 3 days a week: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Looking forward to receiving the requested information, fees and forms from parents.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM

Sophie Brown is our current School Nurse who will be doing health assessments with our preppies in the coming month. They also accept referrals for children in Grades 1-6- a parent can initiate this referral or it may be your child's teacher. The sorts of assessments are: vision and hearing screening; mouth check and general developmental assessments. Please talk with your child's teacher, Jeff or Andrea if you would like a referral form.



Student of the Week - Demonstrating our school values.



Our Value Mascots

Back: Emma Enjoyment, Pippa Persistence, Riana Respect,
Front: Isaac Inclusion, Eddie Excellence

This week the junior room congratulates:

Charlotte Paech

For showing Inclusion by including others in her game and showing Excellence in the classroom by taking on learning opportunities with enthusiasm and always making her best effort.

This week the senior room congratulates:

Summah Gardiner

For showing Excellence when working in the Junior Room. Well done Summah for helping the younger students with their learning, you did an amazing job!

School information and news

Junior Class News

Welcome back to term 2! I hope you all had a lovely break and managed some quality time with your children. This term I am changing the seating arrangements. The Year 3's and Preps will have their own designated tables in the classroom, while the 1's and 2's will move around the other tables. This is to allow both the Year 3's and the Preps opportunity to begin to develop some independence. With our classroom library furniture due to arrive this term we may again have some changes to table and classroom structure to accommodate this. Watch this space!!

This term we are commencing our Addition unit, with a pre-test to start and activities and lessons designed to meet students at their area of need. Within reading and writing we are beginning a unit on poetry. In Word Study we are continuing our Word Sorts, and spelling will see weekly Look Say Cover Write Check words and tests for the Grades 1-3. Preps are to continue to practice their Golden and Red words accordingly.

I look forward to another busy and fun filled term with lots of learning and growth. I look forward to touching base with you all next week for the chats, to set some goals and celebrate success.

Kate Freestone

Senior Class News

I hope everyone has had a fantastic school holiday break and enjoyed the sunshine this week! I hope you have had some time for family connection and to have a rest. This term is set to be another busy one with lots of learning and teamwork ahead, we are jumping back into our routine and expectations around our classroom and yard behaviour remain the same.

Students had a fantastic first day back learning about ANZAC Day, making ANZAC biscuits and working with the junior room in a cooperative and helpful manner. Well done to those students who were able to represent our school at the ANZAC march yesterday, it was so lovely to see students showing respect and including younger students and siblings within the march.

In mathematics we have completed the Top 10 Mathematics addition pre-test to see what knowledge we already have around addition. Addition will be a main focus this term. We will use knowledge learnt from term 1 around place value and decimals to lead into furthering and building on our knowledge.

Within literacy we have been focusing on recounting events throughout our holidays and writing about them. Putting events in order of occurrence while trying to remember what we have gotten up to has been tricky for some, although everyone has shown persistence and helped each other remember key things.

I am looking forward to another fantastic term with our students and families! Please ensure you schedule a parent/teacher/student conference next Tuesday or Thursday. I am looking forward to touching base with you all!
Have a lovely week!

Gemma Rendell

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We are trialing having Breakfast Club **every morning** over the next few weeks with a limited menu and yard duty teachers supervising. Renata and Ryan will continue their Friday morning club with more

breakfast options such as cut up fresh fruit, baked beans and porridge.. Thanks to Renata and Ryan for their work every week in providing this opportunity for your children.



Community Information

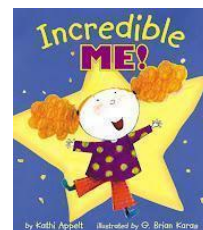


Storytime is back!

No bookings are required.

Storytime (for ages 2 - 5)

Omeo Library | Wednesdays at 11.15 am



REGISTER AND WIN!

Omeo Auskick Centre
4:00pm, Thursdays.

Quick!

The next 10 to sign up will receive a FREE
AFL club prize pack.



[Play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)

BEING SAFE ONLINE



MARNIE LYON
Digital Forensic Officer, Cybercrime Squad, Victoria Police

ALISHA GILLILAND
Community Liaison Education Coordinator, GCASA

 7.30-8.30PM
Tuesday
2 May

DISCUSSIONS AND INSIGHTS

- The cybercrime squad and what they do
- Cybercrime current trends
- Social media and online spaces that young people access
- Common misconceptions around online cyber safety
- How to support young people to stay safe online
- How you/young people can report online cyber issues
- Top tips for adults/parents/carers

Registration <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gippsland-centre-against-sexual-assault-prevention-education-calendar-tickets-518243017817>

Access via link provided to registered participants 2 days ahead of session

