

# Omeo Primary School Newsletter

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## Wednesday August 23rd 2023

### Calendar dates

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

**Monday & Friday:** Breakfast Club run by Mila & Erin  
Book Fair 9:00 - 9:30, 11:30 - 12:00 Book Fair open for online ordering/purchasing  
District Athletics.

**22nd - 24th:** Book Fair open before & after school (8:15-8:45, 3:15-4:15)

**September:** We will be having an off-site emergency drill on 5th September.

**7th September:** School Information and tours for new families

Thanks to Carmen Fitzgerald for taking a few extra children.

### Pivot Well-Being Program

Today or yesterday you will have received a letter regarding a well-being check in program that all Far East Gippsland students will be a part of. It links well-being with success in learning and provides very helpful information for schools. I have sent home a permission slip for this. Please if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to give the school a call.

### Attendance

In Omeo it is difficult to maintain full attendance. Our relative remoteness and limited services in town makes it difficult. Please make sure that you inform the school of absence and that way we have a good record. In doing so we can look at our attendance data and pressure the Education Department for better services. Absences can be recorded on UEducateUs.

### Book Week, Book Parade, Book Fair

What a wonderful thing to move to different spaces in the town and have community members read to our children. Thank-you so much to our volunteers - Sharon, Shep, Katie and Phil.

Thanks also to Kate Freestone who has organised the range of events in the school as well as working with Rowena coordinating events.

Thanks also to Kate, Natalie and Ashleigh for setting up the Book Fair.

**Ski Program** Well it looks like the snow season will probably be finishing early. Can parents please return any school jackets and school gear, so we can tidy and have it ready for next year.

**Father's Day** We are working on something a little different for this year. We'll let you know.

### Birthdays



**Happy Birthday to George Hill for the 22nd August and Landyn Snape for the 26th August**

### From our Principal

Dear Families,

**Mountain Bike Program** During term 4 we will be launching our Mountain Bike learning program. This is being conducted over four weeks by all terrain bicycles and aims to train our children in technical skills and safe riding, making the most of our unique location. We will be using student's own bicycles where suitable. We are also working on building up a school fleet. Early next term we'll have a technician come in to check for safety. Children from Prep-6 will participate.

**District Athletics** Thank you to all the parents who shipped their children to the district Athletics Carnival. It was a successful day for our children.

Kindest Regards,

Jeff.

#### From the Office

**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

**ATTENDANCE:** Through UEducateUs, we can send notifications that your child has been absent and you have not provided us with a reason. Please respond to these as we have a legal obligation to pursue non-attendance without a reason.

#### 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:

#### **Sophie Chapman**

For showing excellence as a learner in the classroom. Well done Soph on working so hard at your reading, writing and spelling, you are a super star!

This week the senior room congratulates:

#### **Bailey Kerrison**

For showing compassion and kindness in our classroom and including others in learning and outside play. You are a valued member of the senior classroom and Omeo Primary School community.

#### From our Classrooms

#### Junior Class News

What a fantastic Book Week we have been having this week with an excellent parade on Monday followed by our much loved community walk. Well done to all children and families for such excellent costumes!



We have been lucky enough to get many of the shortlisted books for our school and class libraries and have been enjoying reading them. Yesterday we shared them with the kinder children on their regular visit.



We have also enjoyed some online sessions.

Yesterday, the senior class joined us for a session with author/illustrator Andy Geppert who talked us through his book Backyard Birdies and helped us draw some pictures. Tomorrow we are having another session with Matt Cosrove who writes the Macca the Alpaca and Dharma the Llama books, among many others.

Kate Freestone

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#### Senior Class News

We thoroughly enjoyed the book week dress up and community book walk on Monday! Well done to everyone for looking fabulous with their costumes! Some very creative characters and costumes. A massive well done to the students who represented Omeo PS at the District Athletics in Bairnsdale on Monday! You have done us proud!

We are excited to be back into our school day routine after a very busy Term 3 so far!

We have been building our multiplication strategies and have discovered that we recall different strategies depending on the problem to solve and have been able to use each strategy in our number talks and explain why we are using it and how we use it.

We have been finishing working on our Wild at Art written pieces and will have these complete this week. We have been focusing on Word Study and having key area focuses per group. Students are seeing connections between word study and their reading and writing. I have been hearing comments such as 'That's the same sound that I had in my word sort!'.

Homework - Well done to all students who have completed and returned their homework on time! A friendly reminder to those that haven't returned their homework to please do so. New homework is out today and is due back **Monday 4th September**. Please continue reading 20 minutes each night and logging this in your reading log.

This will be the last homework for the term!

Have a fabulous week!

Gemma Rendell [gemma.rendell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gemma.rendell@education.vic.gov.au)

## School Information



Still time! We will be open tomorrow before school 8:15-8:45, and after 3:15 - 4:15. Please come along and help support our school!

### OPEN AFTERNOON AND INFORMATION SESSION THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2:30 & 4:30

We will be running school tours at 2:30 and then again at 4:30 on Thursday 7th September for prospective 2024 families. This will be followed by an Information Session with our Principal Jeff Wilson and 2023 Junior Room teacher Kate Freestone.



### Dr Rob Gordon visit to East Gippsland

Join a conversation with Dr. Gordon, a clinical psychologist who has dedicated his career to helping traumatised communities recover after disaster

**Cann River Bush Nursing Centre**  
Tuesday 29 August, 1.30pm

**Mallacoota Mudbrick Pavilion**  
Tuesday 29 August 5.30pm

**Buchan Recreation Reserve**  
includes Wairewa community  
Wednesday 30 August, 12.30pm

**Benambra Recreation Reserve**  
includes Omeo district communities  
Wednesday 30 August, 5.30pm

**Sarsfield Hall**  
includes Bruthen and Clifton Creek communities  
Thursday 31 August, 12.30pm

This is FREE and open to all community members in these districts. Light refreshments will be provided at each event

To read about Dr Rob Gordon and register for catering purposes, [click here](#) or scan here

