

Omeo Primary School Newsletter

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Wednesday August 30th 2023

Calendar dates

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

Monday & Friday: Breakfast Club run by Mila & Erin

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

7th September: School Information and tours for new families

12th September: Footy Colours Day - *gold coin donation*

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Annika Overall for the 31st August and Dusty Gardiner for the 6th September.

From our Principal

Dear Families,

A short one this week.

Pivot Well-Being Program

Please return forms distributed last week for this.

Attendance

Daily school attendance is important for young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and

values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

Frequent unexplained absence may mean that as a parent/carer you may not have met your obligations under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

If you know your child is having frequent absences and need help with this please contact the school and we can put a plan in place.

I will be sending out notifications of unexplained absences over the next few days. Please provide explanations where possible.

Attached to this newsletter you will find an information sheet that can help in understanding our processes.

Parent Opinion Survey A few weeks ago I put out an email out and wrote about the Parent Opinion Survey. This survey provides opportunity for parents to have input into future directions of the school and provide impressions / opinions about how the school is travelling as an organisation. If you still haven't had the chance please fill out the survey by going to:

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent> and use the pin **957903**. We would be grateful if as many parents as possible fill this out, so that we can use the information for future planning.

Father's Day: Unfortunately we will not be running a father's day stall this year.

Kindest Regards,

Jeffrey Wilson

Kate Freestone

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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:

Levi Fyfe

For being such a helpful class member. Well done Levi for your excellent work charging our iPads and helping with all things technology!

This week the senior room congratulates:

Eli Fenton

For taking responsibility for his learning and helping to set-up Breakfast Club. Well done Eli!

From our Classrooms

Junior Class News

We loved having Mrs Bannister back in our class for the day yesterday to show off our lovely new furniture and how much we have grown since her last visit. Well done to all students for helping make her day successful.

This week we are finishing off our multiplication unit with a lolly bag sharing activity....that may include lollies! We are also finishing off our Wild at Art writing and making some nice (and funny) fathers day gifts. We have also been learning about contractions, and I will pop the link to a cute video you can watch at home, then be on the lookout for contractions in your reading!

Looking forward to a relatively normal last few weeks of term, it's been another busy one!

Senior Class News

We have been busy writing a short story for Father's Day! Students have taken the time to create character profiles on their dad/special person in their life - these character profiles have shaped the stories that have been written.

We have strengthened our multiplication strategies and students have been using them in a variety of ways. Students are becoming comfortable with using different strategies at different times and are finding what best suits their learning may differ from their friends' way of doing things, yet they still achieve the same or similar results!

Homework - Apologies for homework not being home as yet - the week flew! It has been sent home today with a new due date of **Monday 11th September!**

Have a fabulous week!

Gemma Rendell

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On Thursdays and Fridays we have been studying the process of creating stop motion animation. Students have been learning about how to create these using Imotion on the iPad. We will be working towards a more significant project during term four based on a significant theme.

Jeff Wilson - Friday classroom teacher.

School Information

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.

Footy Colours Day

Bring a Gold coin donation to raise money for recycling bins at school and other things we need.
Date is Tuesday 12th of September.
Wear your team's colours and guernsey and GO GO all the footy teams.



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



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179 Day Avenue

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STUDY HUB -
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From VCE to PhD and all study in between, students will soon be welcome to use the facilities and resources of Study Hub - Omeo including high-speed internet; course, career, disability and financial information; one-on-one meetings with Learning Skills Advisors; and group research and learning techniques workshops.

Find out more at gestudyhub.org

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Local Learning & Employment Network

Same-day notification of unexplained student absences

fact sheet for parents/carers

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using your school's IT platform. This is the UEducateUs platform
2. **Telephone:** the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. **Email:** the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
4. **Class Dojo:** Many parents use this platform to contact us.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?

Ask your school for a copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences.