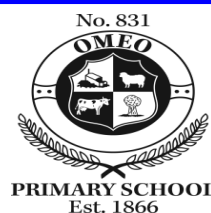


Omeo Primary School Newsletter

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Wednesday 13th December 2023

Calendar dates

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

Monday & Friday: Breakfast Club run by James & Sylvia

December

Wednesday 13th - Special Assembly - Grade 6 Reflection on Primary School Presentations. School Council Meeting and Dinner.

Thursday 14th - Mountain Bike Program
Grade 6 Dinner

Monday 18th - Last Day for students **Casual Dress Day & JSC event**

Celebration Night & School Production

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th - Pupil free days - staff training

January

January 28th - Reconnect and Welcome 2024 families
PFC event Rec Reserve see flyer below

January 30th - All students commence school

REMINDER - BROAD-BRIMMED HATS MUST BE

WORN TERM 4 - Please pack one in your child's bag.

As a school we have achieved many things. Our student data has improved in a number of ways, but there is still plenty of room for improvement. I am looking forward to the new year, to start enacting new steps for the school.

2024 Timetable: In maximising learning in 2024 we will be adjusting our timetables a little. Students will still commence school at 8:45 however, will not take recess until 11am rather than 10:45. This will allow two hours of learning time at the start of the day.

School Reports: Student reports will be distributed today. For the senior class they will also be sending home a detailed self-reflection to accompany the report. The self-reflections give some unique insights into student values and attitudes. Please review attendance information. If a child has missed 20-25% of school this year that translates to a whole year of school missed throughout their primary years. Of course the remote location of our school creates barriers and we must work together to work on these.

Volunteering 2024: To enhance our teaching and learning program next year it would be wonderful to have some parents join us once a week to make sure every child experiences success. In particular, helping in reading and writing would be great. The school will provide extra training for parents, so that we maintain our teaching approach. We would also love some volunteers to help maintain our kitchen garden program.

Staffing 2024: We are pleased to announce that Gemma Rendell will continue in the senior classroom for 2024 in a full time capacity. I am just as pleased that Kate Freestone will continue working in the junior classroom.

Birthdays



Happy Birthday to: Bradley HOWE for tomorrow the 14th December.

From our Principal

Dear Community,

The end of the year seems to have come about very quickly. As a new principal I have been privileged to be welcomed into the community. Moving from Melbourne has been difficult, but the people in the Omeo Community have made this so much easier.

In 2024 Susie Grinter will be working at her base school (Bruthen P.S.) and made the choice to leave Omeo P.S. We would like to wish Susie all the best and thank her for the massive body of work she has done at Omeo P.S.

P.E. will be taught by our Principal in 2024 or a new teacher; likewise we will be seeking an art teacher for 2024. I am also seeking one further teaching support teacher. Rest assured I will work hard in recruiting over the coming school holidays. Please contact me if you know of anyone who has a teaching qualification that might be of interest.



Year 6 Graduates 2023

Erin has shown so much leadership this year as a school leader. She has also been able to educate me in all manner of things to do with farms and Omeo Culture. She also laughs at my jokes.

Autumn has been an honest and kind person to work with. She had a fabulous time at the Dinner Plain school this year and has been able to meet some personal challenges. Autumn has shown courage having a go at Mountain Biking in term 4, despite a nasty fall early on in the year. Autumn also values friendships and cares for her friends.

James has only been back with us in the latter part of the year. I have enjoyed getting to know James and his sense of humour. His fast and clever wit, I hope will hold him in good stead for the future. James is also a keen mountain biker, who has been a good

friend to some of our younger students out on the trails.

To our graduates, I wish you well. 'Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people,' (From R. T. Bennett) because I believe you are all kind, capable people ready for a great future of your choosing.

Kind regards,

Jeff Wilson

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

IMPORTANT: 2024 summer holiday aquatics program will be closing enrolments by THIS FRIDAY- 15th December. Please get your forms in if you would like your child to be involved in the program. You can leave them at OPS and we will ensure they get to the organisers of the program.

Student of the Week



This week Mrs Freestone congratulates:

All of the Junior Room!

For being such a lovely, hardworking, resilient, cheerful and kind class! I have loved being your teacher this year and learning lots with you.

This week the senior room congratulates:

All of the Senior Room!

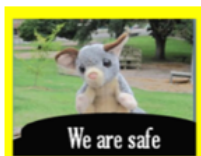
For working incredibly hard all year and for making my first year as a primary school teacher the best year ever!

Behaviours of the year:

This year the junior room congratulates:



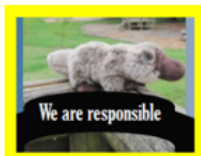
Sophie



Charlotte &
Jasmine



Chloe



Lola &
Annika



Chloe



Will Parry



Summah &
Cody



Holly



Ruby



Holly

From our Classrooms

Junior Class News

We had a fantastic final transition day yesterday with our 2024 Year 1 & 2 students stepping up and being fantastic leaders for our Preps. We especially enjoyed the Prep Bag presentation, which we did as a whole school.

It was lovely to see the bags our senior class had made for the Prep, thanks to them and Mrs Ginter for their hard work in the Art Room earlier this year. Thanks also to Rowena Turner from Schools as Hubs for putting some great things in the bags, including the Wild Guide to Starting School, and also our Omeo Primary take home book bags!

This week we have been busy making decorations for Pippa's Bakehouse, making a reflection bunting and practising the play and our song. We are also starting to bring some school books home and are busy reading Polly and Buster before the end of the year. Today we also enjoyed our final Shire Library visit for the year and enjoyed a special visit and small gift. We have had such a lovely time listening to stories, doing craft and borrowing books this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children and families from the Junior Room this year. It has been a fantastic year and I have enjoyed watching and helping the children grow. What a pleasure it has been.

Many thanks, Kate Freestone 😊

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Senior Class News

Wow! Where has the year gone?! This week we have been focusing on finishing up any work that needs to be done while reflecting on the year we have had as a team and as learners. We have been taking down displays in our classroom and sending home any work from these displays. Students have finished writing a detailed reflection on their own individual learning over the year. This has been sent home with reports today. Please take the time to read through these with your child as a lot of effort has been put into them.

Today the Grade 6's have presented their Primary Schooling Years presentations which were lovely to see their growth over the years. We are sad to

farewell James, Autumn & Erin, although we know that they are about to start their new chapter and flourish as learners and individuals. We wish them all the best!

Today we had our Senior Class Party where we enjoyed popcorn, chocolate elves and a movie, alongside Secret Santa to celebrate the year we have had as a team and as learners. Students thoroughly enjoyed this treat and had a lot of fun exchanging gifts and guessing who had bought for them! Thank you to families for buying these gifts.

I would like to thank all of the senior grade and their families for a fantastic year for my first year as a primary school teacher. I have learnt so much and am looking forward to next year! Have a fantastic, fun filled holiday break!

As always, please feel free to contact me as required.

Gemma Rendell

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School Information





EDUTHREADS

School Uniform

NEW FREE DELIVERY

ORDER BY 26TH JANUARY 2024

How it works:

- Orders can be placed by families at any time before the above day. The free delivery option will be available to select at check-out.
- Each order will be prepacked and labelled- this will include name and order reference to assist with distribution. Families will receive a notification when their order is completed and a reminder of the date for collection at the school.
- Includes FREE exchanges where the replacement will be sent in the next free delivery. Alternatively, the new items can be sent immediately to a nominated address using paid delivery.

Community Information

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES

FREE BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Christmas Craft Session For Kids

Get into the holiday mood with an afternoon of Christmas arts and crafts!

Join us for a relaxed session of Christmas-crafting designed for kids after school and make some Christmas craft to decorate your room this holiday season! All materials are provided.

Phone **5152 4225** or book in person at the library for this **FREE** event.

LIBRARIES Change Lives

Tuesday 12 December	Wednesday 13 December
Barradale Library 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm	Jakes Entrance Service Centre 3.45 pm - 4.45 pm
Tuesday 12 December Pipinsville Service Centre 3.45 pm - 4.45 pm	Wednesday 13 December Mallacoota Service Centre 3.45 pm - 4.45 pm
Wednesday 13 December Omeo Service Centre 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Wednesday 13 December Oribat Service Centre 3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

Swifts Creek Holiday Aquatic Program 2024

The following swimming and water safety program provided by Kemp Aquatics will run at the Swifts Creek Outdoor Pool

Teacher I / C = Sandi Beltrame Sessions 45 minute long From 9.45 am — 12.45pm

PROGRAM : week 1 - Jan 8th — Jan 12th 2024 and week 2—Jan 15th — Jan 19th 2024

This program is for children 4 years +

Each week costs \$60 [this does not include pool entry]. Enrol for 1 week or both weeks!

Enrolment forms available from your School, Kindergarten, Bush Nursing Centre—Swifts Creek or Kemp Aquatics

Enrolments close on Friday December 15th at either Omeo P.S. or Swifts Creek Schools

All enquires please contact: Sandi Beltrame 0412356241
Kemp Aquatics 0455548064



2024 SUMMER HOLIDAY AQUATICS PROGRAM

The following program provided by Swifts Creek Memorial Pool and will be ran at the Outdoor Pool

Teacher in Charge= Sandi

Sessions 45 minutes long

PROGRAM 1 5 DAYS Jan 8th to Jan 12th, 2024

PROGRAM 2 5 DAYS Jan 15th to Jan 19th, 2024

Each week costs \$60- This does not include pool entry fees.

You can enroll for either program 1 or program 2 or both programs. Programs start from 9:45am

Enrollments close Friday 15th December / then times will be confirmed.

Child 1. Program 1 / 2 / Both (Please circle) at Swifts Creek Memorial Pool

Participant First Name:

Surname:

Date of Birth: __/__/__

Age:

Sex: M / F

Can they face in water? Yes / No

Can they swim an efficient stroke for 5 meters? Yes / No

Can they perform a torpedo? Yes / No

Can they swim 2 different strokes for 25 meters each? Yes / No

Any medical issues yes/no- if yes please attach details

Child 2. Program 1 / 2 / Both (Please circle) at Swifts Creek Memorial Pool

Participant First Name:

Surname:

Date of Birth: __/__/__

Age:

Sex: M / F

Can they face in water? Yes / No

Can they swim an efficient stroke for 5 meters? Yes / No

Can they perform a torpedo? Yes / No

Can they swim 2 different strokes for 25 meters each? Yes / No

Any medical issues yes/no- if yes please attach details

Child 3. Program 1 / 2 / Both (Please circle) at Swifts Creek Memorial Pool

Participant First Name:

Surname:

Date of Birth: __/__/__

Age:

Sex: M / F

Can they face in water? Yes / No

Can they swim an efficient stroke for 5 meters? Yes / No

Can they perform a torpedo? Yes / No

Can they swim 2 different strokes for 25 meters each? Yes / No

Any medical issues yes/no- if yes please attach details

Responsible Persons Details:

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact Ph: _____

Please return with payment (\$60 per week per child)
Enrolments close on Friday 15th December – then times will be confirmed.

Direct Credit- Swifts Creek Memorial Swimming Pool BSB: 083519 Account No: 51 600 6956 Reference: Name/ Surname/ swimming lessons	Cash (in envelope with form to school) or Direct Credit
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