

Omeo Primary School Newsletter



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Wednesday 1ST February 2023

Respect Inclusion Persistence Enjoyment Excellence

Calendar dates

FEBRUARY :

Wednesday 1st February- Prep rest day
Tuesday 7th February- Swimming programme Day 1
Wednesday 8th February- Prep rest day
Thursday 9th February- Swimming programme Day 2
Other Swimming programme dates: 10th/14th/16th
and 17th February.

Birthdays



Happy Birthday to Cody who will be celebrating his birthday on the 6th February.

From the Principal



Dear Families and Community,
As my first few days as Principal at Omeo P.S. end, I would like to thank the community for the welcome I have received.

What a wonderful caring town I have moved into. Our first day of school was the best I've experienced for a long time. The children are a credit to their families, and I have so enjoyed getting to know their names and finding out a little about their lives.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land that I live and work on, and pay my respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. I also express my

gratitude that we share this land today, my sorrow for some of the costs of that sharing, and my hope and belief that we can move to a place of equity, justice and partnership together. I also pay my respects to the elders of Taungurung Country, the land of my kin.



Let me tell you a little about myself. I have been working in education for 35 years and including the seven schools I worked in as a consultant; Omeo is my 14th School.

I was born in Sunshine and grew up in a place called Deer Park on the outer fringe of Melbourne. At that time, it was no more than a village and we still had milk delivered by cart. My dad was from Noojee and then Moe and my second great grandfather John Franklin was a well-known Aboriginal /Taungurung man from Broadford. My mum's family were from the Western District in Victoria, UK and France.

I love learning and I really enjoy my work. I am looking forward to teaching both classes at different times of the year and leading the school and community. I have met many parents and hope to

visit the different towns and families in the coming months. The children are starting to teach me a little about farming and I am keen to find out more.

I would like to welcome everyone to the new year, it is my hope that we can have a calm and joyful year, where laughter and learning are our key focus.

Keep well everybody. If you need to come and meet with me, I am generally available Monday to Wednesday. Let's keep communication lines open so that we can make sure that Omeo P.S is a safe happy place for learning.

Jeff Wilson

Swimming Program 2023

Our 2023 swimming program kicks off at Swifts Creek next week. We have made sure that we have experienced teachers for the program. All our teachers are either licensed swimming teachers or are finalising their training. Please make sure you have all notes in by Thursday the 2nd Feb. Thanks to Sandi for coming on board with the program.

COVID-19 – 2023: Department of Education

If your child tests positive to COVID-19 via a PCR or rapid antigen test, PLEASE INFORM the school by phone or written notification. Any child who reports a positive result is recommended to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved.

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:

A thankyou to the small handful of parents who have already paid their Voluntary fees: \$140.00 for Senior students/ \$110 for Junior students. Please see attachment at end of the newsletter which explains this in a bit more detail. Payment method preferred is direct credit into the school's account. Please see above for Bank details.

Medical form

It is vital that for the health and safety of your child/children, that the Medical Information form is completed in full. You will be required to do this for all camps and outdoor adventure excursions. **Please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return immediately to the school to allow for information to be entered prior to the swimming programme.** Please ensure that if your child suffers from Asthma, that an updated asthma plan is provided to the school. ***** New prep families will not have to complete this as this was a part of their recent enrolment.**

Family permission form

This provides permissions for a range of activities which take place at school- this is particularly important in regards to publication of student work/photos. Please ensure both your child and you have read AND understood the student internet agreement and for students in 3-6 that they also sign the agreement.

CSEF- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

This is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities- you need to hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent to be eligible. Please see the attachment at the end of the newsletter.

UNIFORM:

A timely reminder for parents to ensure that all uniform and other student items are clearly marked. This is particularly important for the swimming program. Also, please be aware of the great service EduThreads offers as well as a large collection of 2nd hand uniform (some barely worn) that is available from the school- please ensure that a gold coin donation goes to covering the costs of laundering which is done by our own staff and at their expense.

BOOK CLUB

Book club is a great service that the school provides. It is an opportunity for children to explore different literary forms and to get excited about reading and questioning. Our great P-3 teacher, Kate Freestone has coordinated and done the hard yakka for Book

Club for a number of years now- we are looking for some assistance for Kate to help coordinate this. It is not a difficult task and won't take up a lot of time but will be extremely valuable for Kate.

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

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

Andrea Shepherd- Business Manager

Student of the Week

This week the junior room congratulates:

In our first week- watch this space

This week the senior room congratulates:

In our first week- watch this space

Values & Behaviour Student Recognition

for the past week.

Our Value Mascots

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



In these first few days I would like to put a huge shout out to Alani for pitching in and helping with our Foodbank delivery. Alani seeks enjoyment and respectfulness in everything she does.

School information and news

Junior Class News

Welcome to the new school year! We have had a lovely few days together and I am so proud of all the students for their hard work and the kindness they have been showing each other. We have already begun our reading and writing workshops, with students filling their book boxes with books of interest and writing each day. Fantastic work! This semester we have Take Home Books to come to school each Wednesday (Thursday's for Prep's for February). Thanks to those students who have already brought in their book bags, they will begin home reading today! We have Art on Thursday's and P.E. Fridays, both with Mrs Grinter and we will be visiting the school library Monday afternoons to

borrow a book to take home for the week. Please bring in a bag for Library. This Friday all Prep students will be presented with their Prep Bag at assembly. All parents are welcome to come along to assemblies. This week assembly will be held on Friday at 8:45 in the Multi-Purpose room (old Music room). Looking forward to a great year!

Kate Freestone

Senior Class News

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone for making me feel welcome at Omeo PS! So far this week we have been enjoying getting to



know each other, discussing and interacting as a team to explore our ideas around what makes a great classroom and what makes a great classmate. Students used sticky notes to write down key words that described what a classroom and classmate looks like and how it or they make you feel.

We collated these words to make posters for a display in our classroom. We aim to reflect on these as required throughout the year. We have also set up our class expectations which include what students expect of each other, of themselves and of myself as a teacher. Our 10 expectations are at the front of our classroom and will be referred to as needed. We have all signed these expectations to promise each other that we will adhere to them and will give reminders to each other. We completed some Top 10 Maths assessment on Place Value. I am proud of all the students for giving their best effort on this assessment. As a team building activity students worked in small teams to create the tallest tower they possibly could out of spaghetti, pasta and marshmallows! This was a lot of fun while quite challenging at the same time.

This year our room will have myself Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday and Friday Jeff (Mr Wilson) and Mrs Grinter will be in our classroom delivering our usual program along with Art and PE.

Gemma Rendell