

Omeo Primary School Newsletter

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Wednesday 13th March 2024

Calendar dates

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

March

Wednesday 13th- LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 13th - 22nd - NAPLAN (Year 3 & 5)

Tuesday 19th - Change & Loss parent session (see below)

Wednesday 20th - Finance 5pm/School Council 5.30

Thursday 28th - End of Term 1 2:30 finish, buses @ 3

Monday 25th - 28th - Smile Squad (Note change of Dates)

April

Monday 15th - Term 2 commences

REMINDER - BROAD-BRIMMED HATS MUST BE WORN TERM 1 - Please pack one in your child's bag.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Arle!

From our Principal

Dear Families,

As you know, in recent times I have had to endure some time in hospital. Rest assured I am feeling so much better and look forward to the coming weeks of doing my best for our students, teachers and community.

Well done to Sylvia and Ruby who competed in the district swimming competition last week. You showed marvelous school spirit.

Smile Squad Just over two weeks to book your child's place.

NAPLAN

Naplan is upon this will be carried out in the well-being room. Students will be supported to do the best they can and give everything a try.

Date	Actual time	Test	Duration
13/03/2024	9:00 am	Yr 3 Writing	40 mins
13/03/2024	11:30am	Yr 5 Writing	42 mins
14/03/2024	9:00am	Reading	45 / 50 mins
15/03/2024	11:00am	Language Conventions	45 mins
19/03/2023	9:00am	Numeracy	45mins

Should a student miss NAPLAN there is provision for a student to do one catchup test. Please contact the school if this is required.

Out of School Hours Care Program

Dear parents, as mentioned in last week's Newsletter I will post a short and easy survey to help us understand how families may utilise the program. This will be sent out on UEducateUs and Dojo. Remember this is at cost, however it is means tested, so often a low. So for all families I hope this will offer affordable school age child care.

Bus Schedule: Over the last couple of years there has been a review of the bus schedule, with fewer children living in the outreaching areas, the government has made some changes to the overall service. Families who use the buses, will have a hard copy letter from Swift's Creek regarding the changes and some of the scheduled times.

Kind Regards,
Jeff Wilson Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: We are calling for nominations of two parent member positions on the Omeo Primary School Council. All parents are eligible and should the number of nominations exceed places we will go to a ballot.

If you are interested please visit the school office to access. Nominations close at close of business

Wednesday 20th March 4pm

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 24

Voluntary Contribution

A BIG thankyou to the 6 families who have paid voluntary fees.

Three weeks ago we included the school's parent payment policy. The fees are voluntary. The school, as explained in this policy, uses these fees to provide a range of experiences for our students as well as resource them to tackle the work done in the classroom.

There are a variety of ways in which fees can be paid. Please read these carefully.

The school looks forward to having strong support from our families so we can continue to provide the best for students. Please speak with Andrea or Jeff if you have any questions.

ATTENDANCE: Thank You to the many parents who contact the school either directly or through UEducateUs to explain their child's absence. The school has a duty of care to ensure that absences are explained. Ashleigh will be managing Attendance records, working on these each Wednesday. If your child has an unexplained absence, you may be contacted through UEducateUs, directly by email or a phone call from Ashleigh. If you receive communication from school about an absence which doesn't make sense, please contact the school and we will sort this out.

The department of education is frequently checking up on high absence and so having information helps us keep them informed.

ENROLMENT DETAILS FORM-TO BE RETURNED!

Parents of students in Grade 1-6 will receive enrolment details we currently have on record. It is very important that we have up-to-date details in case of an emergency. When you receive this in the

next week or so, please check carefully and return, signed with any amendments. You will also be asked to complete a permission form for a variety of activities- please fill in, sign and return. We hope to have some of these forms up on UEducateUs.

Parents and Friends Committee

RODEO FUNDRAISING AND FREE ENTRY!

Each year we run a drinks stand at the Omeo Rodeo (Easter Saturday). We have been asked to do the same this year. This event requires volunteers to sell soft drinks from about 10am-4pm, usually in 2hr shifts. We really need families to put their hands up to help this year, many of the regular families who have helped year after year are unavailable this Easter. If you are available to help for a couple of hours please let me know ASAP. Thank you to those who have already offered to help!

The Rodeo kindly provides free entry to those who are volunteering, so please give me a call or send me a message to let me know if you can help and to secure your free entry into the Rodeo!

CALLING FOR ALL THE ESKIS!! We really need eskis! We don't have access to a refrigeration trailer at the rodeo and so rely on eskis to keep the drinks cold! If you have one (or 5) we could borrow, please drop them to school by Tuesday the 26th of March, clearly named!!

Ash- 0408 990 981

Student of the week



This week the Junior room congratulates:

Kelly Domegracia

For making such a fantastic transition to primary school. Well done Kelly on your amazing efforts during the swimming program and for being such an excellent learner!

This week the Senior room congratulates:

Ruby Braithwaite

For showing a dedication to following our School Positive Behaviour matrix and reminding others to do the same. Thank you Ruby for your leadership and kindness that you distribute throughout Omeo PS.

From our Classrooms

Junior Class News

In the Junior Room this week we are finalising setting up our reading and writing communities. Thank goodness, now we can get into our actual workshops.

This is perfect timing as last night our teaching staff commenced our first 'teaching sprint', in which we will focus on the introduction of the reading session. Next week we will begin shared reading where the whole class reads aloud from the same big book each day. This assists with fluency and phrasing, vocabulary and reading strategies.

Each Tuesday morning Liz will take the class for maths, with a focus this term on graphing. This allows me time to do some work in my Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader role. We are continuing our work in place value for the remainder of the term in maths for the other days.

On Monday we will commence our M100W program with students being provided a series of words to learn to read or spell, which will be tested every Monday. The words, and sometimes some extra sets for games, will be in your child's Take Home Book bag. Thanks to those families who have remembered to bring take home and library books each week, some students have nearly reached the first milestone of 25 nights!

Many thanks, Kate Freestone 😊
kate.freestone@education.vic.gov.au

Senior Class News

I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend and had fun in the sun! We can't wait to see you at our leadership assembly today! Please see the invite within this newsletter. We will be announcing who our new school leaders and junior school council members are!

We welcomed the grade 2's into our classroom and have been working hard on writing to a time limit in preparation for NAPLAN. These pieces will also be used as assessment pieces. Students discovered the importance of ensuring our plan is detailed prior to beginning writing. I am super proud of all students for producing some beautiful writing work!

Well done to all students who have been consistently reading 3-4 nights (and plus some!) a week and recording this in your DO-IT Diary! Remember that

our home reading folders along with our signed Do IT Diaries are due back **every Monday!**

As always, please feel free to contact me as required.
Gemma Rendell
gemma.rendell@education.vic.gov.au



Lots has been happening over the last few weeks in the mental health space at Omeo Primary School. Sasha, social worker from Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) has commenced her sessions with the majority of students who have been referred, and will be up and running with all 7 students next visit.

Lauren Short has recommenced her sessions, bringing along her therapy dog last time. We have also begun some small group sessions with Kerrilee Kimber, who is working with Year 4-6 girls. Please ensure you have returned the permission slip by next Monday 18th as she will be commencing the formal sessions then.

We will also be welcoming Louise Oswald from RFDS who will be commencing the Seasons for Growth program with the Year 6's next term, to help prepare them for their transition to Secondary School. Donna Hall from Mind will be working with small groups of students in areas of need.

Please try and come along to our session on Tuesday 19th to hear Wendy Ronalds talk about change and loss and how we can best support our children. New Rush will be providing pizza for dinner, and Wendy is such a lovely person, you won't regret it!

SMILE SQUAD IS COMING TO THIS SCHOOL!



DEAR OMEO FAMILIES,

THE SMILE SQUAD TEAM FROM RFDS ARE COMING TO OUR SCHOOL **18/03/2024 TO 22/03/2024** AND **25/03/2024 TO 28/03/2024**.

SMILE SQUAD IS THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT FREE SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM. THIS MEANS ALL STUDENTS CAN GET A FREE DENTAL CHECK-UP, PREVENTIVE SERVICES, AND TREATMENT AT SCHOOL.

HOW TO ACCESS FREE DENTAL CARE

WE NEED YOUR CONSENT BEFORE WE CAN PROVIDE SERVICES. CONSENT IS USUALLY PROVIDED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

SIGN UP TO SMILE SQUAD AT:

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/SMILESQUADVIC](https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic)

OR USE THIS QR CODE:



Children's **DENTAL
CARE**



You are invited to a parent session to help your child learn to live with change & loss.

When: Tuesday 19th March 5:30 – 6:30
followed by dinner

Where: Omeo Primary Season's Space

Dinner and childcare provided

In the Seasons for Growth program
I loved the different seasons and how they
can relate to losing someone.

Help support your child through change such as:

- ❖ Transition to and from Primary School
- ❖ Moving house and school
- ❖ Life after COVID
- ❖ Change in family circumstances
- ❖ Death of person or animal close to the child

Meet our presenter:

Wendy Ronalds

Community Resilience Officer, East Gippsland

Wendy's career has seen her be a teacher, chaplain, and a trained Season's Companion. She walks alongside children in their journey of grief and loss. Wendy feels blessed to be supporting the beautiful community of East Gippsland with MacKillop Season's programs.



We have received this offer of free counselling for children. Please read below.
Permission form can be accessed here:

📄 Referral document Connect Me.pdf



Connect Me

A free counselling and support program for 4-11-year-olds in Gippsland

Is your child:

- feeling stressed, worried, anxious or overwhelmed?
- having trouble sleeping?
- experiencing distress or bad memories that impact on their daily activities?
- feeling a sense of panic, loss or anger?
- experiencing relationship difficulties?
- withdrawing from their usual activities?
- feeling teary, numb or detached?

If your child is experiencing these or other challenges as a result of the bushfires, COVID-19 or general life challenges, our counsellors are here to support them.

How we can help

We can provide free counselling sessions and case management support, without a GP referral, to connect your child with education, personal, physical or community services.

Services are available:

- via video and telephone appointments
- face-to-face at schools and kindergartens across Gippsland.

We encourage you to contact us for more information or to make an appointment.



(03) 5175 9500



traralgon@rav.org.au



rav.org.au/traralgon to send us an online enquiry

This service is funded by the Gippsland Primary Health Network, which is leading the primary mental health and suicide prevention stepped care response of Gippsland.

Connect Me Flyer 22011a | www.rav.org.au

We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waterways of Australia and support Aboriginal people's right to self-determination and culturally safe services.



ALL PRE-SCHOOL FAMILIES INCLUDING BABIES ARE INVITED!

KINDER GYM

WITH CINDY MASS

10.30 - 11.30AM

HELD AT THE OMEO HALL
EVERY ALTERNATING MONDAY

DATES FOR TERM 1, 2024
5TH FEBRUARY
19TH FEBRUARY
4TH MARCH
18TH MARCH

CONTACT ROWENA TURNER
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ALL PRE-SCHOOL FAMILIES INCLUDING BABIES ARE INVITED!

OMEO PLAYTIME GROUP

WITH CINDY MASS

10.30 - 11.30AM

JOIN CINDY FOR FREE PLAYTIME SESSIONS WITH PLAY-ACTIVITIES SET UP FOR YOUR CHILD TO EXPLORE!
IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO MEET OTHER PARENTS.

HELD AT THE OMEO HALL

EVERY ALTERNATING TUESDAY
STARTING 6TH FEBRUARY

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ALL PRE-SCHOOL FAMILIES INCLUDING BABIES ARE INVITED!

OMEO RHYME TIME

WITH TRACY KENNEDY

10.00 - 10.45AM

NO COST!

DATES FOR TERM 1, 2024
FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 1ST MARCH
FRIDAY 15H MARCH

HELD AT THE EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL OFFICE

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DANCE DANCE DANCE

MONDAY: BALLET 7-13YRS: 3.45-5PM
MONDAY: TAP 7-13YRS: 5.15-6.30PM
TUESDAY: COMBINATION 2-6YRS 3.45-4.45PM
TUESDAY: BALLET 2-6YRS 5-6PM
WEDNESDAY: ADULTS 6.30-7.45
COMMENCING FEBRUARY
\$12.80 PER SESSION - TERM 1 (8 SESSIONS) = \$102.40

PAYMENTS FOR THE LESSONS MUST BE PAID BY 8TH OF FEB FOR YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE. FULL TERM PAYMENT REQUIRED. NO REFUNDS ETC FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

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