

# Omeo Primary School Newsletter

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**Wednesday 20th March 2024**

## Calendar dates

**Wednesdays 3:00:** Assembly in the Music Room, all parents welcome

### March

**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



## From our Principal

Dear Families,

### Parent Helpers:

**Smile Squad** - Last call to enrol your children in the smile squad.

### NAPLAN

Congratulations to our students who participated in NAPLAN over the past week.

### Out of School Hours Care Program

Please take two minutes to fill out the following survey regarding implementation of our out of school hours program.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** Nominations close at 4pm today.

**CHANGES IN BUS TIMETABLE:** As mentioned in previous newsletters there will be changes to the bus timetables starting next term. These changes are the result of a review from the Department of Education and Department of Transport. This is a result of declining enrollments and budgets. The main change is to the Benambra bus which will be routed through Cassilis after leaving Omeo, thus requiring more time. The rollout begins at the start of next term. Please communicate with Swifts Creek as the organising school for feedback and include Omeo Primary School in any communication. After the first six weeks the schools have scope for review.

## 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 8 OUT OF 28 families who have paid voluntary fees.**

. The school uses these fees to provide a range of experiences for our students as well as resources 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!**  
**Thankyou to those parents who have returned enrolment and permission forms. It is very important that this information is sent back to the school. Please remember to fill in and send back with your child.**

#### **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

**PFC MEETING THIS AFTERNOON  
(20/3) 3.15 PM**

#### **Student of the week**



This week the Junior room congratulates:

##### **Demi King**

For being such a superstar at keeping her glasses on this week! Well done Demi for showing persistence with something new, they are really helping with your learning and look fantastic!

This week the Senior room congratulates:

##### **Will Pendergast**

For showing persistence and determination within his learning. Well done Will for working so hard in the senior room!

#### **From our Classrooms**

##### **Junior Class News**

This week we have been working hard on our understanding of the structure of narratives (opening, problem, climax and resolution). We have been reading narratives and plotting them onto a Narrative Mountain, and then having a go at planning our own narrative. These will be written and published next week.

In maths we have been playing a fun (but noisy!) game called Get Out of My House. For some students this game helps with efficient number recognition and subitising (knowing how many dots on the dice quickly). Other students are using a different version to work on their automatic number facts. Some students have been sent a copy of the game and dot war along with resources in their take home books bags this week. Please keep them at home and play as much as possible over the holidays. They can be returned next term.

Regarding take home books, I will send them home over the holidays with a few extra books inside for those families who want to keep up the routine. It is perfectly fine however, if you and your child want a break over the holidays! Our M100 words also came home yesterday. Children will be tested each Monday on these words. They need to be recalled automatically, not sounded out.

Many thanks, Kate Freestone 😊

[kate.freestone@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kate.freestone@education.vic.gov.au)

### **Senior Class News**

It has been another busy week with NAPLAN finishing up and working through our tasks in the classroom. Students have shown persistence and flexibility this week. Well done team!

In mathematics we have been continuing our place value focus, alongside problem solving. We have been working in pairs to solve some problem solving tasks which ensured we were then able to explain and show our thinking. In literacy we have been working on predicting the text and visualising what is read aloud from a text. Students have shown that they can thoughtfully describe what they can visualise and then make predictions from this. We have been focusing on texts related to ANZAC day and these have been enjoyed by students.

Thank you to the families and community members who were able to attend the Season for Growth information session last night.

Well done to all students who have been consistently reading 3-4 nights (and plus some!) a week. Remember that our Do IT Diaries are due back **every Monday!** We are seeing students hitting the reading milestone for 25+ nights which is a fantastic effort!

As always, please feel free to contact me as required.  
Gemma Rendell  
[gemma.rendell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gemma.rendell@education.vic.gov.au)



Thanks to those families and community members who came along last night to our session with Wendy Ronalds. It was a fantastic night, with delicious pizza from New Rush to top it off. Wendy said they were the best pizza's she has ever had! Thanks Nat, Aaron and Rod. Thanks also to Bec Hammond for providing childcare. If you were unable to attend but would like the handouts Wendy distributed please let me know, as I have some spares.

Wendy began her session with a lovely comment about how of the many schools she has visited, Omeo Primary is a stand out in regards to the way we

support the wellbeing of our students and families to such a high degree. Please remember to reach out if

there is something we can do to help support your child or families well being.

Kate Freestone

Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader



# 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**

# April LEGO Club Sessions



**Junior LEGO enthusiasts are invited to attend our school holiday LEGO Club session in the new year!**

This session will incorporate freestyle creativity – make whatever you’d like!

Come along and unleash your imagination!

The library will gladly accept donations of old or new LEGO brand pieces for our LEGO Club collection.

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

**Bairnsdale Library**  
Wednesday 10 April  
4.00 pm – 5.00 pm

**Lakes Entrance Service Centre**  
3, 10, 17, 24 and 30 April  
3.40 pm – 4.40 pm

**Orbost Service Centre**  
8, 15, 22 and 29 April  
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

**Paynesville Service Centre**  
3, 10, 17, 24, 30 April  
3.40 pm – 4.40 pm

**Omeo Service Centre**  
3, 10, 17, 24 and 30 April  
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

**Mallacoota Service Centre**  
4, 11, 18 and 24 April  
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

# Migration

## *School Holiday Film Screening*

**PG**

Parental  
guidance  
recommended

Very mild themes,  
some scenes may scare  
very young children



Join us for a viewing of the film,  
*Migration!*

Mack is an adventure-loathing duck who does not intend to leave his New England pond anytime soon.

However, he is convinced by his more adventurous wife, Pam, to head south for the winter.

Join the two ducks, along with their two kids Dax and Gwen and Mack's Uncle Dan, on a brand new adventure this school holidays!

Wednesday 3 April  
Bairnsdale Library  
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Friday 5 April  
Lakes Entrance Service  
Centre  
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Friday 5 April  
Omeo Service Centre  
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Monday 8 April  
Orbost Service Centre  
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Monday 8 April  
Paynesville Service  
Centre  
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Wednesday 10 April  
Mallacoota Service  
Centre  
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

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

**EAST GIPPSLAND**  
SHIRE LIBRARIES

**AGES**  
**12**

**5-**

**FREE**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

# Birdfeeders

## *School Holiday Activity*



Get into the swing of your school holidays with the library's school holiday program!

Come along and join in the fun with a full activity session!

Come ready to listen to stories, play games, win prizes and customise and decorate your own birdfeeder and special pen to take home at the end! All materials are provided.

Phone 51 52 4225 or book in person at the library for this FREE event.

**Thursday 4 April**

Omeo Service Centre  
1.30 pm – 4.00 pm

**Thursday 4 April**

Lakes Entrance Service  
Centre  
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

**Thursday 4 April**

Paynesville Service  
Centre  
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

**Friday 5 April**

Orbost Service Centre  
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

**Tuesday 9 April**

Bairnsdale Library  
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

**Tuesday 9 April**

Mallacoota Service  
Centre  
10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Libraries  
Change Lives



# STEM Fun

## *Come and Try Day*



**Come and try some of our new STEM gadgets!**

Try out our Bee-Bots, Osmo, Gravitrax and Snap Circuits.

Drop in anytime between the times listed to join in on the fun.

Parents/carers are required to accompany their children.

For more information about this FREE event, phone 5152 4225 or ask staff at the library.

**Omeo Service Centre**  
Tuesday 2 April  
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

**Mallacoota Service Centre**  
Tuesday 2 April  
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

**Bairnsdale Library**  
Friday 5 April  
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

**Lakes Entrance Service Centre**  
Monday 8 April  
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

**Paynesville Service Centre**  
Friday 12 April  
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

**Orbost Service Centre**  
Friday 12 April  
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

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**Libraries**  
**Change Lives**



**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](http://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.

