

Omeo Primary School Newsletter

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Wednesday 6th March 2024

Calendar dates

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

March

Wednesday 6th Mar - Division Swimming

Wednesday 6th - Prep rest day (final)

Monday 11th - Labour Day (no school)

Wednesday 13th - LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

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

Tuesday 19th - Seasons for Growth parent session

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,

First term seems to be moving along incredibly quickly.

Smile Squad This free service is available in the last week of school. Scan the code below. If that is tricky we have hard copy forms at school.

Pivot Wellbeing Monitor During 2023 we used Pivot to monitor student wellbeing on a weekly basis. These short surveys are helpful to make adjustments for students and make sure they are ready to learn. Please give permission on the UEducateUs platform so that we can continue to do this work

NAPLAN

Next week we will be commencing the yearly NAPLAN testing. This test is about capturing a snapshot of learning progress and is part of a much broader range of assessments that students at Omeo P.S. For children to do their best at NAPLAN we have spent time teaching them how to understand the way a test is written and how to approach test taking. We also create a quiet, formal and supportive environment.

For students who are sitting NAPLAN this year we have sent home a hard copy information leaflet and cover letter. If your child is doing NAPLAN and you have concerns or questions please direct them to me.

District Swimming Sports

Thank you to the students, teachers and parents who made the trip to Bairnsdale for the District Swimming Sports last week. Congratulations to Ruby who placed well and to Sylvia who have both made it through to the district events. Congratulations to all our students who tried their best and enjoyed their day by cheering and encouraging each other.

Out of School Hours Care Program

We have started the process by which we will be putting this program out to tender. We already have some interest from a provider and a few parents in

the community who may be interested in working in the program. We are hoping to grow the program by building it up little by little. Next week I will put out a short survey asking days and times that will be of greatest need. Please fill out this survey when it becomes available.

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.

Voluntary Fees: These fees while voluntary allow the school to supply students with books and stationary and also helps cover the cost of the school swimming program. Payment is easy using our school bank details listed below. \$160 for Prep-5 and \$130 for grade 6.

Calf Sales: I am so grateful for the huge amount of volunteers and students who worked fundraising at the calf sales yesterday. Investment of time shows a great care for our school and community. Read more in Ashleigh's report.

I hope everyone has a terrific long weekend.

Kind Regards,
Jeff Wilson

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

Wow! Well done team on a very successful calf sales bbq. A huge thank you to the parents and grandparents who stepped up and helped out with organising, baking and cooking on the day. It was a great fundraising event which will enable us to make some fun purchases for our school!

Thank you and welcome to the new members of the PFC who joined us for our AGM last week. It is really exciting to see some new, keen faces! If you would like to join our PFC please reach out, we meet 2-3 times a term on a Wednesday afternoon but would

be very willing to adapt this time to fit in better with more people!



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. It would be a shame to have to let this great fundraising opportunity go, as it is one of the biggest for our little school and accounts for a large portion of our fundraising for the year. If you are available to help for a couple of hours please let me know ASAP as we need to let the Rodeo know if we are unable to attend. 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!

Ash- 0408 990 981

Student of the week



This week the Junior room congratulates:

Chloe Mitchell

For being such a fantastic role model and leader in our classroom! Thanks Chloe for all your help spotting others who are displaying our expected behaviours and encouraging them to continue. You are an asset to our class.

This week the Senior room congratulates:

Mila Ayton

For showing incredible persistence and dedication within your writing. You have demonstrated the ability to create amazing sizzling starts! Well done!

From our Classrooms

Junior Class News

Yesterday we visited the Shire Library along with the Kinder! It was so lovely to see our students help and encourage the Kinder children. Jodie the librarian also commented on the great work they did.

Well done to all children and families for their excellent work reading at home. I was so pleased to see all the nights that children have read and the different family members they are reading with at home.

This week we are finalising our English Online assessment. This will involve students in Prep and Year 1 sitting with a teacher and completing literacy activities.



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

Yesterday we commenced our science and health unit. We listened to a great song 'I like to eat like a rainbow' and coloured in some fruits and vegetables to create a rainbow. We will continue to look into the benefits of healthy eating and also look into the science behind plants.

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

Senior Class News

A massive well done to all students this week! It has been a busy week between District Swimming and School Leader applications and speeches. To all swimmers at District swimming you represented Omeo PS fantastically with your great sportsmanship and persistence in your events! Thank you to all parents, grandparents and supporters for coming to watch and help.

A massive congratulations to Ruby who is going through to Division swimming championships in 50m freestyle and 200m medley relay, and to Sylvia who is going through in the 200m medley relay and representing our school and region today! The 200m medley relay is made up of Ruby & Sylvia and two Swifts Creek P-12 students as we compete under the 'High Country' banner. We are very proud of you!

All students in grade 5 and 6 have written and submitted their school leader applications, along with presenting their speeches in front of the whole school. Well done to these students for putting the effort into their application and speaking extremely well in front of a large audience. All students and staff across the school will now vote for who they believe will be a great leader for our school.

Please see our leadership assembly invite within this newsletter for next week, where we will announce who our new school leaders and junior school council members are!

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!**

Are you connected to our Class Dojo? If not please contact me ASAP and I will connect you. This will be a way that we share learning and I aim to share photographs of our experiences as I can.

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


A PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND RECREATIONAL SCREEN TIME

SURVEY

We want to hear from you!

ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF EAST GIPPSLAND AND THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF A SCHOOL AGED CHILD/REN?

The GLCH Health Promotion team need your help to get our children more physically active!



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO COMPLETE THE SHORT SURVEY BY 29 FEB 2024



Glippsland Lakes Complete Health

Dear Families,
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.

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




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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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OMEO RHYME TIME

WITH TRACY KENNEDY

10.00 - 10.45AM

HELD AT THE EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL OFFICE

NO COST!

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




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DANCE DANCE DANCE

MONDAY: BALLET 7-13YRS: 3.45-5PM
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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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