

Omeo Primary School Newsletter

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Wednesday 21st February 2024

Calendar dates

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

February

Wednesday 21st - Prep rest day

Monday 26th - Parent Info session

Wednesday 28th - Prep rest day
- PFC Meeting @ 3:15 in Library

Thursday 29th - District Swimming Sports

March

Wednesday 6th - Prep rest day (final)
- Finance Committee/School Council

Monday 11th - Labour Day (no school)

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

Smile Squad (Dental Van)

Tuesday 19th - Seasons for Growth parent session

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

April

Monday 15th - Term 2 commences

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

due to damage at the Bairnsdale pool after extreme weather last week. The new day is Thursday 29th February, 2024.

Volunteers

I would like to thank the volunteers who attended swimming. It helped keep our students safe and be organised.

Our school would love extra volunteers for a couple of hours a week-

- processing books and shelving books in the library
- Breakfast club ½ hour a few times a week
- Help with reading and take home books
- Help with the learning tutor program
- Other events during the year.

Outside of School Care Program

I am commencing the process for establishing this program. I have already had some community members offer their services. If you are qualified or intending to train in child care; we will be recruiting. Having people who are interested and available to do the work will help us in seeking an external provider.

Our Parent Information Session

We are looking forward to our parent session next week. It will kick off with information and then a sausage sizzle. Over the last year we have made a number of changes to our work at the school and have new programs such as Indonesian as one of our offerings. We would love to see as many parents as possible join us.

Kind Regards,

Jeff Wilson

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Oliver and Josh for the 18th, 11 years old and Evie for the 18th she was 5 years old. And happy birthday to Ruby for tomorrow she will be 10 years old.

From our Principal

Dear Community,
Already we are into important parts of our school year.

Swimming Program

Our final day of swimming on Monday showed that all children have continued to grow in their learning. The district swimming has been rescheduled twice

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 4 families who have paid voluntary fees.

Two 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.

CSEF: This stands for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. To be eligible for the \$150 for each child, paid into your school account, 'a parent or legal guardian MUST be the holder of an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card'. Families who are eligible and have accessed it last year, please check that you are still eligible. These families will be automatically rolled over. Please see Andrea if you are a new parent and feel you are eligible.

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.

Student of the Week



This week the Junior room congratulates:

Jasmine Snape

For her amazing efforts during swimming. Well done Jas for trying hard and improving so much with your swimming! You are a little mermaid!

This week the Senior room congratulates:

George Hill

For encouraging and supporting a range of students within the swimming program and for encouraging peers to do the right thing in the yard and class times.

Well done George for taking responsibility and showing great leadership.

From our Classrooms

Junior Class News

We are so excited to be back in the classroom every day now after a fun and successful swimming program. This week we are focussing on learning the expectations in different aspects of school, such as the reading and writing workshops and out in the yard.

Yesterday we visited the Shire Library for the first time this year. It was great to get back and see Jodie and Julie again. We enjoyed some stories about e-safety as part of Safer Internet Day 2024, which was earlier in February. Some information brochures with advice came home yesterday.

Take home books came home on Monday, and are to be returned each **Monday** along with school library books. Students will receive Dojo Points for each night read and change their books. Further information has been put on the class story on Dojo. This week we welcome Levi's mum Renata in on Thursday morning to read with the children. Thanks Renata!

Today we welcomed Koa into our class in year 1. We love having new friends to play with at school and look forward to getting to know Koa.

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

Senior Class News

With our last swimming lesson day on Monday it has been fantastic to see growth in every student's swimming skills and abilities! Well done to all! It is also now lovely to be back in the classroom to re-establish a normal routine. Students have done this quite well already this week and have shown that they are eager to learn.

All senior students have been given their 'DO-IT' diaries in a clear folder along with a 'good-fit' book that they have chosen. These are our home reading folders. Senior students are expected to read at home 4 nights a week, write these in their diary and get the week signed off by a parent/guardian. Our home reading folders are due back **every Monday**, where I will check in with your student and sign their diary. Students who read more than the 4 nights a week will earn extra Dojo points for each day extra they do!

In class we have continued working on our narrative writing pieces and focusing on putting quality time into planning our stories. In mathematics we have continued our focus on place value and understanding that we are all mathematicians in our own ways! Students in grades 5 and 6 are continuing to work on their school leadership position applications and are doing a fantastic job!

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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School Information



It has been wonderful to have some families contact school regarding the services I discussed last week. This week Melissa Johnston wasn't able to come in due to the make-up swimming day, however is scheduled again on Monday 4th. On Monday too we have Kerrilee Kimber visiting, who is a Child Counsellor and Therapeutic Case Manager with Relationships Australia. Please reach out if you would like to come in and chat with Kerrilee, or would like your child to.

This Friday we are excited to welcome Sasha Wood, a social worker from the Royal Flying Doctor Service to commence her fortnightly visits to Omep Primary. She has some students booked in for sessions, and will also be meeting with some parents.

Last year myself, Jeff, Gemma, Ash and Frank were privileged to become companions for the fantastic Seasons For Growth program. Our lovely trainer Wendy is coming to visit on Tuesday 19th of March after school to run a parent information session about the program. We will be commencing some Seasons for Growth sessions with students later this term.

Many thanks,
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**



Join us for


back to school



INFORMATION NIGHT

We look forward to families joining us at school for our annual welcome back, information session and sausage sizzle!

COME ALONG TO FIND OUT...



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOMS THIS YEAR?

HOW CAN I BEST SUPPORT MY CHILDS LEARNING?

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH AFTER SCHOOL CARE?

WHY IS MY CHILD SPEAKING INDONESIAN?!



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 5.30PM

INFORMATION SESSIONS- CLASSROOMS

BBQ & PRINCIPAL ADDRESS- OUTSIDE AT 6.30PM



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

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GIPPSLAND

An Australian Government Initiative

Relationships Australia

VICTORIA

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




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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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ALL PRE-SCHOOL FAMILIES INCLUDING BABIES ARE INVITED!

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
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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