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Term 4 Week 6

NEWSLETTER

Calendar dates

NOVEMBER

18th: Prep transition day 8:45-11:15am

25th: Prep transition day 8:45-11:15am

26th – 28th: Grade 3/4 camp to Beechworth

DECEMBER

1st: Prep transition day 8:45am-2:00pm

9th: Prep whole school transition day full day

15th: School presentation 5:30pm

16th: Year 6 Dinner

18th: Student Free Day / Parent-Teacher conversations

19th: Student Free Day and the last day for 2025 – enjoy your break and see you in 2026, Jan 29th!

School assembly's are held fortnightly on Friday's at 2:45pm in the Music Room. All welcome!

From the office

Thank you to parents for returning permission forms for the 3&4 camp to Beechworth from 26th-28th November 2025. Please ensure that you have contacted me regarding payment of \$350, whether it is being taken from your account, paid up front, or in instalments. There has been a change of date to the Grade 6 dinner. It will now be held on Tuesday 16th December, with presentations starting at 5pm and dinner at 6pm, at the Benambra Pub. Students will select from one of three dinner menu options and a soft drink the week prior.

Art report

As a whole school art project this week we went on a scavenger hunt in the school yard to collect items to make recycled art. These artworks will be entered into the Omeo Show. A big thank you to Omeo Hardware Store for their generous donations contributing to the artwork with some materials also being provided from our homes. There will also be other artwork on display by our children at the Omeo Show this Saturday. Be sure to stop by the pavilion and check out the children's amazing creations.

Birthdays!

NOVEMBER:

Mia Flannagan



PE report

In PE this week we continued our unit on cricket, practising our throwing and batting skills.

School details

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Please mark your transactions with your family name and what it is for eg. Shepherd Fees25



School news

EDUTHREADS: FREE DELIVERY during the week starting the 1st December. Please order by the end of Wednesday 26th November to take advantage of free delivery.

Parent – Teacher conversations:

Teachers will be available on Thursday 18th December for any families who wish to have a conversation with their child's teacher. Please give the office a call on 5159 1313 to schedule a time.

Coming Soon

Omeo Primary School presents:
SHREK

Dear Parents/Carers,
The Omeo Primary School students have been rehearsing for our end of year production which will be held at THE HUB on Monday, December 15th, 2025 at 5:30pm.

Prep-Grade 3 students are to come as a fairytale character of their choice, if they do not have a specific part.

The Senior class and most of the Grade 3 students know the character/s they are playing. If you need clarification, please contact us at school.

Thank you,
Omeo Primary School Staff.

From the Principals desk

Another busy fortnight at Omeo Primary School. We are very pleased to announce that Ashleigh Pendergast has received "permission to teach" which means that she will be able to lead the delivery to the Junior class while Kate is away. We wish Kate a speedy recovery.

This week has been a bit different with the 5/6's enjoying their camp. Reports from Nita have been very positive, and the photos we have seen show that they have been having a brilliant time.

On Tuesday, the P-4 students went to the Cenotaph for the Remembrance Service. It is a valuable life lesson for them to learn from and about historical event and the sacrifices that were made for us to live as free people. We

pay our respects to those from Omeo, Australia, and worldwide to those that lost their lives or loved ones in the Great War and the other wars since.

The 3/4 students have been enjoying a new teacher this week. Miss Crompton has been working with them on reading comprehension – VIPER tasks, as well as their adventure story, and some Maths Magic squares, and reviewing various number concepts.

Thursday brings the VET, who is coming to vaccinate our sheep and help the students learn a bit more about sheep health.

Wishing you all a pleasant fortnight.



Junior Class report

This fortnight has flown by, with a few special events keeping us busy, and last week being such a short one, we find ourselves nearly halfway through the term!

Tuesday was Remembrance Day, and students coloured poppies to wear when we went to the town service. In the lead up to Remembrance Day we have talked about the symbolism of the poppy, why we observe the two minutes silence and why it is an important day for Australia.

In Mathematics, we have been exploring measurement; guessing the height of classroom objects (ask your child if they can remember another word we use for guessing in maths) and using informal materials to measure them. See if your child can tell you how many blocks high their drink bottle is, or what the tallest object they measured was. We will continue our unit on measurement: using more formal methods for measuring, and order objects by height. On a Wednesday, the Junior class are exploring money with Miss Bannister, and last week we were lucky enough to have Jackson bring some currency from his recent travels, see if your child can remember where the money was from and what interesting shapes they were!

Our morning literacy rotations consist of phonics work, guided reading and independent reading. Our students are in a great routine, move well between tasks, and seem to really enjoy learning

the intricacies of our complicated language! Ask your child if they have learnt any weird new words recently (hint, remind them that it is the name for an unstressed syllable)! This week we have begun an assessment writing task called 'The Day My Teacher Went Mad', and we are having a lot of fun reading some example pieces and planning our own narratives.

The Omeo Show is this weekend, students have created some recycled art and will be decorating biscuits later in the week. These will be entered into the show, along with some writing pieces (thanks Mrs Lynn, for helping with this) so make sure you check them out on Saturday!

Have a great fortnight, please feel free to reach out for any reason,

Ash 😊

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Student of the week

Kelly- what a learner! This week, Kelly threw himself into finishing his information report on Komodo dragons, even asking if he could come in and work on it at lunchtime! Well done, Kelly, it has been lovely to see you so enthusiastic about your learning, keep it up!

Student of the week

Lucas- such a thinker! Lucas tackles reading tasks with a lot of thought and care; he thinks deeply about what we are reading and has great ideas about the world, how things work, and why people do the things they do. Thank you, Lucas, for adding your thoughts and ideas to our class discussions. You are a very valuable member of our class.



Senior Class report

No senior class report this week as Nita has been off having fun on Grade 5/6 camp. We will post a special update next week with lots of evidence of fun from camp. Here is a sneak peak.



SCHOOLS AS HUBS

Kindergym with Lily Hawkins
Omeo Hall

Dates for Term Four:
Monday 20th October
Monday 3rd November
Monday 17th November
Monday 1st December
Monday 15th December

9.30 to 10.15 a.m. Ages 0-5 years
No cost



Uniting

SCHOOLS AS HUBS

Omeo Rhyme Time with Emma Chapman
East Gippsland Shire Council Office - Omeo
Held fortnightly on Fridays



Ages 0-5 yrs
No Cost

Dates for Term Four:
Friday 10th October
Friday 24th October
Friday 7th November
Friday 21st November
Friday 5th December



9:30am-10.15am



Uniting



Community news

BreastScreen Victoria Women’s Health Mobile Clinic will be at Omeo District Health from Monday, 8 December to Friday, 19 December for routine breast screens and women’s health consultations.

To book a free 10-minute breast scan for woman, and trans and gender-diverse people aged 50 to 74 without symptoms, please visit breastscreen.org.au , call 13 20 50 or scan the QR code below.

Free 10-min breast screens

Dates: 8 to 12 December 2025

Location: Omeo District Health,
12 Easton Street

To book call **13 20 50**

To find out more about the program and check if you are eligible, go to breastscreen.org.au



Book here

For more information on the free 45-minute consultation for woman of all ages, including teenagers, please visit breastscreen.org.au/whmc and to book an appointment, please call 03 9675 0050.

Women’s Health Mobile Clinic now in your community

**Free and confidential, 45-minute women’s health consultations
with a nurse practitioner**

This service is available to women of all ages and teenagers, providing care close to home

- Cervical and bowel screening
- Contraception (IUDs & Implants)
- STI testing and treatment
- Pregnancy options
- Menopause and bladder health
- Pelvic pain and irregular bleeding
- Any other women’s health concerns



We are visiting: Omeo, from 8 to 19 Dec 2025

To book scan the QR code or call **03 9675 0050**
or visit breastscreen.org.au/whmc



Hearing or speech difficulties TTY 13 36 77

interpreter support 13 14 50



Newsletter and website article: Schools in Category 0, 1 and 2 on the Bushfire At-Risk Register



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School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.



Our school has been identified as being in one of the highest fire risk categories - BARR 2. On elevated fire danger days, schools in the highest levels of risk take pre-emptive actions to minimise the risk of being caught in a fire in these conditions.

Our school will action its pre-emptive plan for **relocation, learning from home or closure** in on a day forecasted as **Extreme fire danger rating** in our **local government area (LGA), Omeo Shire.**

Our school will also **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **East Gippsland, fire district.**

We will let you know when we are enacting our pre-emptive action plan by sending a message through uEducateUs Please be aware that no one will be on site on days where the school has enacted this plan.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and such as reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by include as relevant - reading our newsletters, [insert URL], by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is include as relevant - relocated, undertaking learning from home and/or closed due to elevated fire danger or closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).

- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are enacting your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the department's policy?

The Department of Education annually assesses the fire risk of all schools and early childhood services with the support of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 6). Schools and services that are categories 0-3 are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). Schools at some risk of bushfire and grassfire are published on the Category 4 List.

The department's Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy requires schools at high risk of bushfire to enact pre-emptive action plans based on LGA-level fire danger forecasts. Conditions can vary significantly across the wider weather district, so using local forecasts helps us to respond appropriately to risks in our local area and maintain stability and educational continuity for our students and school community. This policy is consistent for all schools at high levels of risk and this approach is supported by emergency services.

The policy also requires that all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

Why do we use the LGA forecast?

When the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provides public fire danger rating forecasts, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which include numerous Local Government Areas.

As conditions can vary significantly across a wider weather district, the department uses BoM LGA forecasts for some pre-emptive actions to respond appropriately to risks in the local area and maintain safe educational continuity for students and the school community. LGA forecasts are a subset of the weather district ratings and while not issued publicly, are provided to emergency services and government departments to support planning and operational activities.

This policy is consistent for all schools at high levels of risk and this approach is supported by emergency services, including the Country Fire Authority (CFA).

What do we do when our LGA has a different fire danger rating to the wider fire weather district?

As we respond to local conditions, there may be days during the fire season when our fire weather district, East Gippsland is forecast as an Extreme fire danger rating, but our LGA is at a lower level of fire danger. On these days our school operations will continue as normal; however, we will be taking action in line with fire services' advice by:

- checking our Emergency Management Plan and taking any necessary preparedness actions
- actively monitoring our local conditions and warnings
- having plans and procedures in place for if a fire starts to support us to take immediate action.

While our school will continue to operate, we encourage our school community to consider their own [bushfire survival plan](#) and reassess any travel through bushfire risk areas. We encourage you to follow your family bushfire survival plan and the advice of emergency services.

There may also be days where our LGA is forecast as Extreme fire danger, but Omeo Shire is not. On these days we **will** enact our pre-emptive action plan.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will also **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating in Omeo Shire fire district**.

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the BOM forecast and related public safety messaging is confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by uEducateUs

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.