

Omeo Primary School Newsletter



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Monday 24th August 2026

TERM 3 CALENDAR

BOOK WEEK PARADE & COMMUNITY WALK TOMORROW

8.45am School Start 9.30am Parade in Hall

See Friday's Newsletter for More Details

AUGUST

Tues 25th—Somers Camp Starts
Book Parade & Community Walk

SEPTEMBER

Wed 2nd Sept & Fri 4th Sept— FATHER'S DAY STALL
Wed 2nd—Somers Camp Ends
Thurs 3rd—Senior Class Science Day
Wed 16th —School Photo Day
—School Council 5.30pm
Fri 18th—Last Day Term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 5th—PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday 6th—Students return

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As promised, here is the extended version of last week's newsletter. A big thank you to all our staff who work hard (often well outside their paid hours) to ensure Omeo families continue to have access to a great little country school for their children.

A"SHOUT OUT" to Bradley Howe, who is recovering from a school tee-ball accident—we miss you

GOOD LUCK TO OUR SOMERS CAMPERS ON TUESDAY!!! Regards, Clare Edwards (Acting Principal)

FROM THE OFFICE

School Uniform: A reminder that 2nd hand school uniform is available for a gold coin donation. Please see Andrea or Tracey at the office.

School Photo Day: Please be advised that Wednesday the 16th September is school photos day. Information regarding how to order photos online will come home to families on Monday 24th August. If you have any questions about this please see the office. Reminders of this date will be announced as the day comes closer in September.

Urban Camp: The grade 5 & 6 camp in November will see our students going to Melbourne. Details and costings will be provided early in Term 4. This looks like an action packed camp with lots of exciting experiences offered. At this stage the cost to parents will be around \$400 with the school subsidising part of the total cost estimated over \$600. For these camps to be successful it is hoped that all students in Grades 5 & 6 can attend. Please have a discussion with Nita, the Senior classroom teacher and the Principal if you believe your child is hesitant about attending.

2027 Grade 6 Leaver's Jumpers: Eduthreads, our school uniform suppliers have contacted the office requesting of us that Grade 6's in 2027 come up with a design for their jumper/jacket/shirt. Andrea will be approaching current Grade 5's to come up with what they would like to have on this. Once a design is decided on we will get a sample of what this will look like. Once a decision is made, these jumpers/jackets/shirts will be available for purchase from Eduthreads online early in the new year.

Andrea is in the office Monday to Thursday – Tracey Thursday and Friday.

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JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

FROM THE JUNIOR CLASS

We are becoming Ninja Numeracy champions!

Our Numeracy program Top 10 has some excellent hands on learning so on a Monday and Tuesday we are using one of the top 10 activities to revise and build fluency in maths. Students are working through number Ninja belts learning and reciting all ways to make their belt number. Take a moment to ask your child which belt they are on and see if they can tell you all the ways to make their number. Once students can pass the 'grading' they move on to the next number.

In literacy we have begun a book study, using 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. Over the next few weeks we will read, re read and look at different elements of text from characters, to illustrations, to hidden messages and more. The purpose of this is to help students think about and understand what is happening in a book. These skills can then be transfered to when there are reading their own books.



When reading at home take time to ask questions and discuss what is happening in the book.

In science this term, it's all about physical science and to make it exciting we are integrating science with design and technology. Our first project is to build and launch a flying saucers. We have begun the build process and next week will experiment with using a pulling movement to launch them. Watch this space in the next newsletter for some photos and reviews of how the launch goes! Following our flying saucers we will be building cars so if you have any empty tissues boxes please send them in for us to use.

Please... if you have any questions about your child's learning and what we are doing in the classroom, don't hesitate to get into contact via:

lynette.bannister@education.vic.gov.au

Thanks from Miss Bannister

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SENIOR CLASS NEWS

FROM THE SENIOR CLASS

The students in the Senior room have been busy creating plasticine creatures as part of their Claymation work in STEM. I have been impressed with their attention to detail and care they have been taking during this process. I have added some photos of their work below.



We have been working hard to complete short stories for the Book Week story writing competition. The title was, "When I opened a book and music came out." While there are some great prizes available if they win, it is also an excellent writing prompt to engage the students in their creative writing.

We have been working with a visiting Education Improvement Leader, Michelle Young, who is guiding the students and I in new ways to teach and learn spelling. We have been looking at morphemes, prefixes and suffixes. Michelle has taught the students twice while I have observed and now, I am starting to implement the new methods.

In mathematics we are working on Multiplicative thinking. The senior students do some type of multiplication activity as a warmup to our maths lessons every day, so they all have a good understanding of most of their tables. We are learning three different ways to solve large multiplication problems, and the students can decide the way they prefer. We have explored the traditional vertical method and the lattice method so far.

We have continued learning about reversible and irreversible change in science. Last week we made play dough, colouring it using primary colours. We then mixed primary colours together to create secondary colours: purple, green and orange. This demonstrated irreversible change.



The Snow Play Day was awesome. Tobogganing was so much fun! We also visited the nursing home last Wednesday and played games with the residents. Next week we are going to perform Fractured Fairy Tale plays with them.

Four of my students are heading off to Somers Camp next week and I hope they have an amazing time meeting other students and participating in this exciting opportunity.

Thank you, Nita

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SCHOOL SKI PROGRAM

News from the Slopes

Last Thursday was the final day for the 2026 ski program.

We had 11 students participate in the program this year with great success! Over the 4 days we experienced blue bird sunny days and snowy cold days with some wind and low visibility thrown in. However it didn't change the enthusiasm and energy on the mountain.

All students improved their skiing and also their ability to cope with challenges, make decisions, persist and keep trying, be apart of a team, listen and follow instructions and so much more. The morning 2 hour lesson followed by 2-3 hours of free skiing in the afternoon meant students had plenty of time to explore the mountain, hit the jumps at the Big D and ski on various terrain that matched their ability level. A big shout out to Jasmine, Addie and Sophie who had never skied before and finished skiing blue runs! Addie and Sophie even managed to conquer Slalom Gully to ride the Village Chair! Our intermediate skiers Will, Jed S, Jed K, Taj, Evelyn, Chloe, Ben and Landyn managed to get some Heavenly laps in on the last day and we had to pretty much drag them back to the bus, not to mention the airs they were getting off the jumps at Big D!

I would like to thank each of the students for representing Omeo Primary School so well, the instructors had nothing but praise and positive feedback and I received other comments of how well-behaved you all were.

I do want to highlight that the ski program wouldn't be successful without the support of parents and members of the community who volunteered their time to help out on the mountain. Some on skis, some not but without each of these individuals we wouldn't have had the successes, and we wouldn't have been able to run the program! Thank you to Di and Carter Bloom, Emily Wilcox, Pat O'Brien, Natalie O'Connell, Josh Van Heek, Phil Chapman, Graham Snape, Bianca and Anthony Meyers and Martine Plowman.

Another thank you goes to our sponsors. With their donations it meant our program was affordable and accessible to more students. Ridgewood Partnership, Carter Marine Group, Toby Turnbull, Bairnsdale Tyre Service, Stoneaxe, Omeo Rural-Damien Pendergast and Snow Monkey. Finally, thank you to Mitch our bus driver who made getting to and from the mountain so easy, even when we had to fit chains!

Thank you to parents as well for supporting the program, making sure your child had the gear they needed, getting them to school early and being able to pick them up later. I hope and I think I know that many of the students now love skiing and want to keep skiing any chance they get. Let's do it all again next year in 2027!

From Miss Bannister

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO LYNETTE BANNISTER FROM ALL THE OMEO PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY.
WITHOUT HER TIRELESS EFFORT, THE SNOW PROGRAM WOULD HAVE HAD TO BE CANCELLED.**

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SPORTS NEWS

District Athletics

On Tuesday 18th August Holly, Chloe, Evelyn, Jasmine, Addie, Jed, Taj and Landyn competed in the District Athletics Carnival in Bairnsdale as members of the High Country Team. Everyone did a fantastic job and put in 110% in their events. It is fantastic to see students representing the school and most importantly challenging themselves to compete at the next level. Thank you to all parents who went along and supported the team. A big shout out to the following students who placed in their events.

Chloe Mitchell

1st 9/10 year old girls 80m Hurdles

2nd 9/10 year old girls Triple Jump

Holly Mitchell

1st 12/13 year old girls Long Jump

1st 12/13 year old girls Triple Jump

2nd 12/13 year old girls Hurdles

3rd 12/13 year old girls Discus

Jed Keevers

1st 11 year old boys Hurdles

1st 11 year old boys 100m

3rd 11 year old boys Long Jump

Landyn Snape

3rd 11 year old boys 200m

2nd 11 year old boys Long Jump

Taj Van Heek

2nd 9/10 year old boys Long Jump

Holly and Chloe ran in the 12/13 year old girls

4x100m relay and placed 2nd, qualifying for Divisions.

Based on these results some of the students have qualified for Divisions, being held in Bairnsdale on Monday 7th September.

Further information will be provided to those who have qualified once we receive it.

Thanks, From Miss Bannister



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

EAST GIPPSLAND
SHIRE LIBRARIES

FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

CBCA Book Week

Special Storytime



Join us for a special Storytime in celebration of CBCA Book Week!

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore the magic of stories and the joy of reading. Enjoy engaging tales that inspire creativity and imagination, along with fun songs and rhymes!

Storytime sessions are designed for children ages 2-5, each session will last approximately 45 minutes.



Bairnsdale Library
Tuesday 25 August
11.00 am - 12.00 pm

Lakes Entrance Service Centre
Tuesday 25 August
11.00 am - 12.00 pm

Mallacoota Service Centre
Thursday 27 August
2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

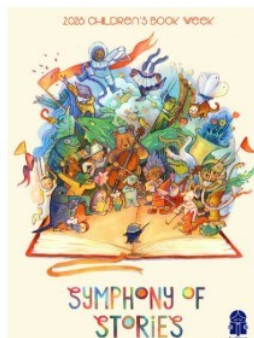
Omeo Service Centre
Wednesday 26 August
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Orbost Service Centre
Tuesday 25 August
10.30 am - 11.30 am

Paynesville Service Centre
Tuesday 25 August
11.00 am - 12.00 pm

FROM THE SHIRE LIBRARY-OMEO SERVICE CENTRE

Book Week 22 – 28 August



September Movie of the Month – **Queen Bees** -
Tuesday 1 September 2026 - 2pm-4pm.

If you have not already registered and wish to attend, please book direct through our [trybooking](#) page, [TryBooking Australia](#) or calling us on (03) 5179 5110.

We look forward to seeing you.

Monthly Movie Screening



**Movie screening on
Tuesday 1 September 2026
at Omeo Service Centre**

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Join us for a special screening of a film handpicked by our library team!
Discover what stories inspire us and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with fellow movie lovers.

For specific film information, ask in library.



Closes 31 July

**EXTENDED
UNTIL 31 AUG**

Extended until 31 August: Get 20% off your vehicle rego

Get 20% off your registration to help with the cost of living. Applies to light passenger vehicles only.

Applications close 31 August 2026.

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UPCOMING FATHER'S DAY STALL

A SPECIAL GIFT FOR SOMEONE
WHO MEANS THE WORLD

PRICES FROM

\$1

UP TO

\$5

WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPT
FRIDAY 4TH SEPT

