

Omeo Primary School Newsletter



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Wednesday 5th August 2026

TERM 3 CALENDAR

WHOLE SCHOOL SNOW PLAY DAY TOMORROW

Bus leaves 9.30am
BYO Snacks, Lunch
and Snow Clothes

AUGUST

Thursday 6th - Whole School Snow Day

Friday 7th - School Assembly 2.45pm

Monday 10th - Kinder Gym

Tuesday 11th - Ski Day 3

Thursday 13th - Ski Day 4

Tuesday 18th - District Sports Bairnsdale

Wednesday 19th - School Council Meeting

Monday 24th - Kinder Gym

Tuesday 25th - Book Week Parade & Walk

Tuesday 25th Aug – 2nd Sept Somers Camp

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3rd - Senior Class Science Day

Monday 7th - Kinder Gym

Wednesday 16th - School Photo Day

Friday 18th - Last Day Term 3

**Don't forget to get
your BOOK WEEK
COSTUMES READY
for the 25th of Aug!**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A friendly but important reminder to parents:

Transport Arrangements

*If you make arrangements for a friend or other family member to collect your child, **PLEASE contact the school to let us know.***

While we understand this may seem "over the top" in a small community (where many families have strong connections and friendships), staff are not legally able to release children into the care of others (even known friends or relatives) without permission from parents. A quick call or email to school will solve this problem and will help avoid confusion and difficulties for everyone. Thanks for your understanding about this.

Student Wellbeing Concerns

Although it's not what we want to hear happening, it is not unusual for children to experience social issues and difficulties at any school. This is sometimes amplified in small schools where friendships can be limited due to student numbers and family and home connections.

I have already introduced a number of social skills and Respectful Relationships activities with the Junior Class (as I teach them regularly throughout the week) to address some issues, but like everything in life, it takes time to make change.

*If you have concerns about your child, **please come to speak with me directly.** It is really important the Principal (especially in small schools) knows exactly what is going on, so they can have a full picture and work out a whole school strategy with teachers to address things properly. Doing this also helps to minimise gossip, stories getting crossed or issues being overlooked.*

Thanks again, Clare Edwards Acting Principal
clare.edwards@education.vic.gov.au

FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS: High Country Café who do our Wednesday Lunch orders have contacted us to ask if Sushi could be removed from the menu (due to little interest in ordering this) and be replaced by Pizza Slices at \$4. This was agreed and the menu change will take effect from next Wednesday 12th August, 2026.

BOOK WEEK: East Gippsland Shire are running their annual Book Week Writing and Drawing Competition- see the newsletter for more information.

EDUTHEADS - SCHOOL UNIFORM: There will be a new free delivery of uniforms if parents order Online by 2nd September, 2026. These will be pre-packed and labelled with your name and sent directly to the school.

2ND HAND UNIFORM: We have a large inventory of 2nd hand uniform items that in many cases are near new and have no name on them. If you wish to look through this collection, please see Andrea or Tracey. Purchase of any item is a gold coin donation. We would also like to encourage parents to ensure their child's items of school clothing are clearly named.

SCHOOL BANK DETAILS: When transferring money into the School Account, please mark your transaction with your family name and what it is for eg: *Shepherd2026Camp*

Bank: CBA BSB: 063-857 Account Number: 1000668

Thank you from Andrea and Tracey

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



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Student Name

Harvey Meyers

Harvey has been giving 110% in his literacy and writing. He listens to feedback and suggestions and then has another go taking this on board. Particularly with his ability to sound out and spell words in writing. He should feel very proud of his efforts.

Student Name

Chloe Mitchell

Chloe has demonstrated a strong commitment to classroom work through completing her treasure map and brochure and all writing assignments that we have worked on this year. Chloe is also very helpful in the classroom, constantly assisting me with technology issues on the many occasions it is faulty! Chloe puts a lot of effort into all her work. Well done, Chloe.

Student Name

Jed KeEVERS

Jed has produced some very good work this semester. He is concentrating harder and finishing tasks such as his "fractured fairy tale" and treasure map. He has a friendly nature and is kind to his classmates. I have been pleased with his attitude to work so far this term. Well done Jed for demonstrating the value of "We are Learners."

FROM THE JUNIOR CLASS

Home Readers & Things to do at Home

We swap home readers every Monday and students are able to borrow a school library book or two to bring home as well. Remember our goal with reading at home is to help your child become a fluent reader, not read lots of different books in one week. Encourage re reading sentences when they need to sound out words, use the heart words, speed words and sounds in the back of each book if you are looking for extra to do at home. We have just purchased more readers for the junior classroom which means students will now have a bigger range of books to choose from when taking a reader home and reading in class.

As of Monday each student will have a laminated sheet and whiteboard marker in their reader bag. If students are looking for 'more' to do at home they can use this to practise writing out speed, heart words, letter and number practise. This is an added bonus and will not be checked or assessed.

Junior Class Science

We have an exciting project happening in science in the coming weeks. If you have any empty tissue boxes could you send them into the junior room please.

Thanks from Miss Bannister

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

District Athletics

Communication has now been sent out to all students/parents who are involved in this. I have also created a Dojo class for District Athletics, this is where I will communicate information regarding the day.

Warrick Fraser from Swifts Creek will be the teacher in charge of the High Country Team. I will continue to update you with more information as I receive it. I am also setting up training next Monday and the following Monday for any students who wish to practise their event before Districts on the 18th August in Bairnsdale.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me
lynette.bannister@education.vic.gov.au or via the Dojo Class.

Thanks, Miss Bannister

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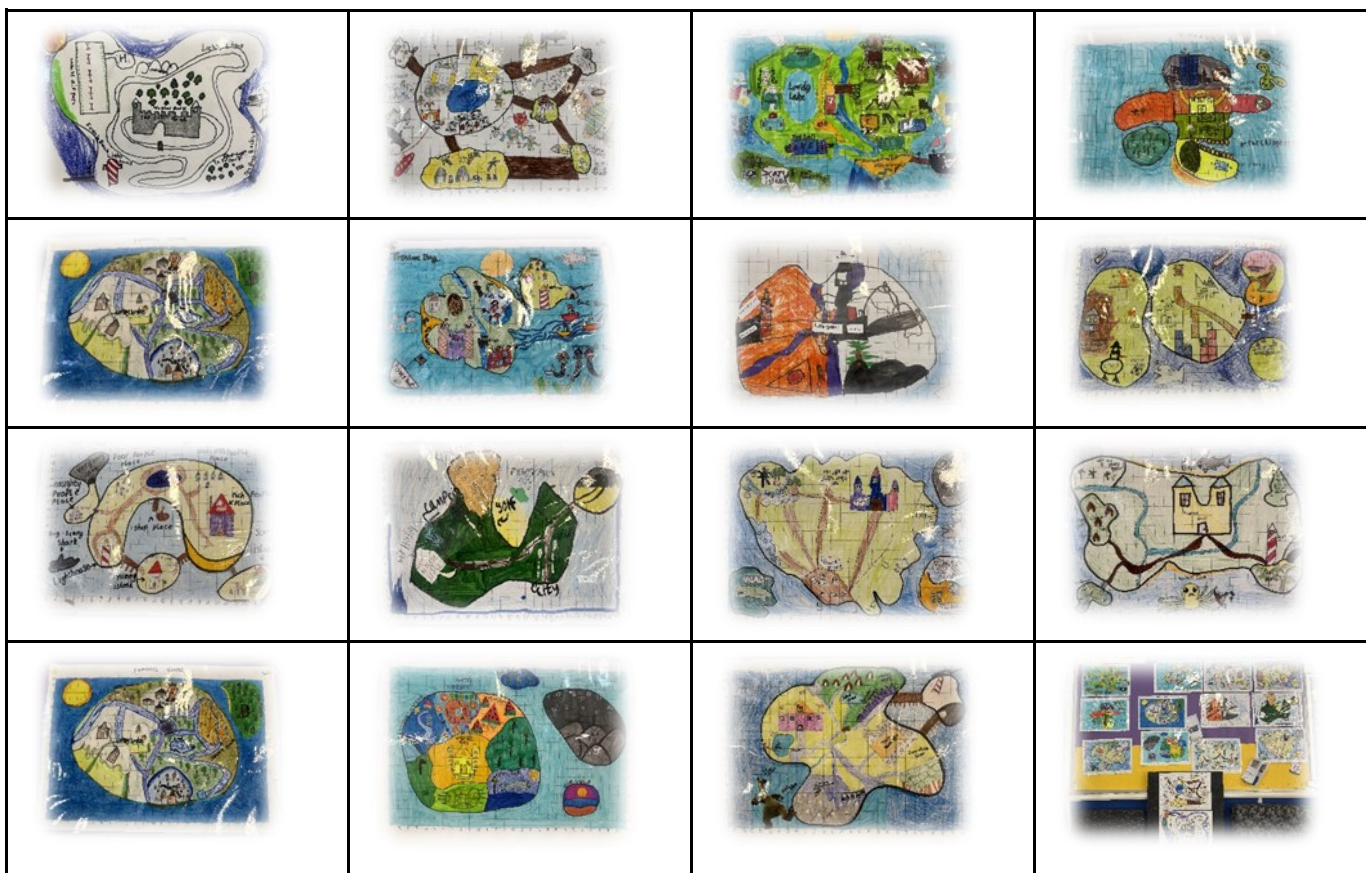
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SENIOR CLASS ACTIVITIES

FROM THE SENIOR CLASS

We have had another busy fortnight in the Senior Room. Students have been creating treasure maps as part of their math's unit covering Transformations, Grid References and Coordinates.



After these were created, students made a travel brochure, using coordinates to direct tourists to accommodation, activities and the buried treasure! We are now applying our knowledge by hiding things in the school grounds, and using coordinates from Omeo Primary School orienteering maps, to find them.

In Chemical Science we have been investigating reversible and irreversible change. We shared our knowledge of reversible change with the residents of the nursing home. We all blew up balloons and let them go in unison; flying all over the room! We then taught them how to finger knit. If the knitting is pulled apart it is a reversible change as it can be reused. None of the students were keen to undo their work and spent the next few days making their knitting longer and longer!

We have almost completed creating our own fractured fairytales and even acted out a few last Friday. We are going to participate in the CBDA Book Week, "Draw a Picture/Write a Story Competition with the title: **When I opened a book, and music came out...**" which closes Thursday August 20th, 2026.

Thanks from Nita

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SCHOOL SKI PROGRAM

News from the Slopes

We had another amazing day on the mountain this week. The students got to experience fresh snow, snow falling as they skied and how cold it can get at the top of some lifts, but no one complained, gave up or cut their day short. Many would have kept skiing if we let them!

For our new skiers all rode two chair lifts and showed so much improvement in their skiing. They should feel very proud. For our experience skiers many enjoyed 'getting air' on the jumps in the terrain park.

Again a big thank you to all our parent and community volunteers for helping out on the day and Mitch our bus driver who can fit chains quicker than anyone I know!

See everyone next Tuesday and Thursday for our final week of skiing!

Please Note – Our make-up day is next THURSDAY 13th August this will be our last ski day for 2026. It is very important you contact Andrea in the office and confirm if your child can attend or not, otherwise you will be charged for this day. This must be done by the end of this week.

Thanks from Miss Bannister.

**ONCE AGAIN, A BIG THANKYOU TO LYNETTE & ALL THE FANTASTIC PARENT
AND TEACHER VOLUNTEERS HELPING TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM HAPPEN!**

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SNOW PLAY DAY

We are all very excited about our whole school Snow Play Day tomorrow. A big thank you to Andrea for organising the excursion (a lot of behind the scenes work goes into making these extra activities happen). Also a big thanks to Lynette Bannister for lending a number of students snow boots, clothing and toboggans from her family collection. It's very generous and greatly appreciated.

JUNIOR CLASS ACTIVITIES

The Junior Class has been enjoying their two additional community based activities.

So far this term, we have participated in a PMP session in the hall and three Shire Library sessions. Today children learnt all about caring for your teeth and were even given free toothbrushes and teeny tiny toothpastes!

SENIOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

A big thank you to our Senior Class students Bradley, Dustin and Holly who have been helping in the Junior Class on Ski Days.

So far, the Prep, One and Two students have been lucky enough to enjoy some baked treats produced by the trio, I including pikelets and choc chip muffins.

Well done Holly, Dusty and Brad. It's really impressive the way you have taken on these task so responsibly.

PHOTO WALL





CBCA BOOK WEEK 2026

DRAW A PICTURE/WRITE A STORY COMPETITION

‘When I opened a book, and music came out...’

You open a book and, instead of words, beautiful music begins to play! As the melody fills the air, something magical happens. Where has the book taken you? Who will you meet? What exciting adventures await you?

Draw a picture or write a short story about the magical place you discover when music comes out of a book.

ENTRY FORM- These are available at the school. Teachers in their classes and in Art classes will assist students to enter into this great competition.

Name:

Grade:

Regular Library Branch:

Phone Number:

School:

Prizes awarded in each category.

First prize - \$50 book voucher Second prize - \$30 book voucher Third prize - \$20 book voucher

Prep and Grade One - Draw a picture Grade Two and Three - Write a story Grade Four to Six - Write a story There are three ways to enter (remember to attach your entry form to your work)

1. Deliver your entry to any East Gippsland Shire library location.
2. Mail your entry to: East Gippsland Shire Library 22 Service Street Bairnsdale VIC 3875
3. Email your entry to library@egipps.vic.gov.au with the subject line “Writing competition entry”.

Conditions of entry

EAST GIPPSLAND
SHIRE LIBRARIES

1. The entry form must be attached to your entry.
2. Pictures may be drawn, painted or a collage.
3. Stories must be 50 to 500 words.
4. One entry per child.
5. All works must be original.
6. Entries will not be returned. Keep a copy of your entry.
7. The judges’ decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
8. Entries may be used for public display in East Gippsland Shire Council Libraries or Service Centres.
9. The closing day is Thursday 20 August 2026.
10. The winners will be contacted from Wednesday 26 August and a prize ceremony will be on Saturday 29 August 2026.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Book Week Parade & Community Reading Walk Omeo Tuesday 25th August

All parents are welcome to join in with the celebrations.

Dress up as your favourite book character.

Parade commencing at 9:30am - Omeo Primary School

Followed by a walk around town, with readers from the community located at various venues.

The kindergarten and pre-school families will join the Prep-6 school students to be part of this event. The walk will commence after the parade at approximately 10:15am.

There will be an opportunity to stop off at the Omeo Hall mid way through the community walk for morning tea along with a book display.