

Omeo Primary School Newsletter



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Wednesday 22nd July 2026

TERM 3 CALENDAR

JULY

Tuesday 21st - Ski Day 1
Monday 27th - Kinder Gym
Tuesday 21st - Ski Day 2

SCHOOL INDUSTRIAL ACTION THURSDAY 23rd JULY

The Australian Education Union has called on its members to take stop work action this Thursday. This action will not impact Omeo Primary School. Classes will run as planned.

AUGUST

Tuesday 4th - Ski Day 3
Thursday 6th - Whole School Snow Day
Monday 10th - Kinder Gym
Tuesday 4th - Ski Day 3
Thursday 6th - Whole School Snow Day
Tuesday 11th - Ski Day 4
Monday 24th - Kinder Gym

Tuesday 25th - Book Week Parade & Community Story Telling Day

SEPTEMBER

Monday 7th—Kinder Gym
Friday 18th - Last Day Term 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have certainly hit the road running this term at Omeo Primary School this term! It's been a busy week and a half.

Firstly I'd like to thank everyone for welcoming me so warming not only to the school, but the community as a whole. I have already been introduced to a lot of parents, and community members as well as our really supportive School Council team. If I have not met you yet, please pop in and say g'day. My office door might look shut, but that's only to keep the heat in, not to keep people out!

It has been lovely meeting all the students. They really do seem like great kids. My role throughout this term is to help the school run smoothly and to ensure students, teachers and families are supported as much as possible, until a permanent Principal arrives.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be teaching a lot of the time, but I am happy to return your calls as soon as I can, or if you'd prefer, reply by email - and of course, if you can't get me, either Andrea or Tracey are in the office to pass any messages on.

Kind regards,
Clare Edwards
Acting Principal

PS. To keep things as simple as possible this term whilst improving communication, newsletters will go home every second Wednesday in paper copy, as well as on uEducateUs.

FROM THE OFFICE

The Ski program is underway from this week. A big thankyou to all the parents who were so great with getting signed paperwork in, paying for Skiing and for those who have volunteered to be up there for our kids-awesome effort.

All families should have been notified through UEducate Us that the Snow Play Day scheduled for the 14th July was postponed and we hope to run this on the 6th August, 2026. Those families who got their paperwork in do not have to repeat this. Families who didn't get these in will receive these next week. Please sign and be aware that there are some families who are required to pay a contribution towards the bus.

Parents are reminded that UEducate Us is the school's way of staying in touch with families about what is happening at the school. The school newsletter is great but doesn't replace the spread of information through this forum. If you are unsure of how to access this please let us know and we will assist you to become familiar with this platform.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



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Brendan Fitzgerald

Brendan has approached the start of Term 3 with excitement and enthusiasm. He is a willing learner who consistently strives to make positive choices that support his learning.

Brendan has also been a wonderful classmate, particularly in the way he has welcomed and supported one of our new students, helping them feel included, valued and cared for. His kindness, compassion and friendly nature make him a valued member of our class, and it is always a pleasure to have his smiling face in the classroom.

Ben Parry

Ben has displayed the value of "We are Responsible," through settling quickly into the classroom routine. He works well independently and as a member of a team. Ben's oral reading is expressive and clear. His fractured fairy tale is developing well.

Ben has shown commitment to his Junior Rotary work through volunteering at the Early Learning Centre. Well done, Ben.

Jasmine Snape

Jasmine is a very enthusiastic student. Her reading is developing well, and she uses excellent expression in her voice when reading out loud. Jasmine has been working hard creating her fractured fairy tale and is now modifying it into a play. Jasmine has been grasping new mathematical concepts well. She is a friendly student and enjoys all classroom activities. Well done Jasmine for displaying the value of "We are Learners."

FROM THE JUNIOR CLASS

Welcome to Term 3!

It's so great to be back in the classroom as a teacher, and the term has kicked off to a great start! It has been lovely to welcome Chance, Dayne and Ryder into our class and I would like to extend a big welcome to Christine who has brought a wealth of knowledge to our classroom in her role as an Education Support!

Our literacy program looks a little bit different this term as we deliver Little Learners Love Literacy as a whole class, rather than having multiple rotations. Students have responded really well to this and have provided some positive feedback to Lynette and me as we continue to finetune this new way of doing things!

On a Wednesday- Friday, our writing focus is on information texts and over the coming weeks, students will create their own informative piece about an Australian animal of their choosing. Last week we practiced gathering information and writing a short piece about kangaroos- ask your child if they can tell you something interesting about the kangaroo!

In numeracy on a Wednesday- Friday, our focus will be on multiplicative thinking; multiplication and division, and we will be following the Top 10 program for this.

Have a great fortnight, and as always, please don't hesitate to reach out for any reason!

Cheers

Ash 😊

FROM THE SENIOR CLASS

It was great to catch up with my students after the two-week break. We have settled back into our classroom routine. Everyone is excited about skiing!

In Literacy sessions this term, our class is focussing on fractured fairytales. A fractured fairytale is a retelling of a traditional fairytale with a twist – characters, setting, point of view can all be changed to create a fun version of the original. We have read examples of these in class, viewed some YouTube clips that date back into the late 1950's so that students can develop a real understanding of how their story can develop. To add an extra layer, after planning and creating their story, students are writing fractured fairy tale plays that we can then act out in the classroom.

In mathematics we have explored how to translate, reflect and rotate shapes. This has led to revising the cartesian plane and developing a better understanding of coordinates. This week we are going to create our own tropical islands on grid coordinates to further develop our understanding.

We finally completed and shared our "All Abilities Playgrounds" that we created in STEM last term. The moveable play equipment that the students created were very impressive. The thinking and reasoning to explain why their playgrounds were suitable for everyone was thoughtful and clearly showed their understanding.

Last Wednesday, we visited the nursing home, sharing our holiday stories and playing games. The residents seem to really enjoy our visits and are joining in activities with the students.

I am really looking forward to another term full of learning and fun.

Thank you
Nita.

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THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Lynette Bannister and her merry team of volunteers who have stepped in to ensure the ski program could continue this year.

Legendary effort at short notice!

Thank you to the "garden fairies" who have moved some of the very heavy outdoor seating into the sunshine so that the students have some warmer places to sit during recess and lunch. Much appreciated.

BOOK WEEK

Tuesday 25th August

Don't forget to get out your thinking caps and razzle dazzle up a few costumes for Book Week.

Planning is underway for another great community walk, but there is nothing worse than finding out the night before that your child needs a costume!

The theme is:

SYMPHONY OF
STORIES



PHOTO WALL



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SCHOOL SKI PROGRAM



News from the Slopes

We had a fantastic first ski day on Tuesday!

The Omeo Primary School Ski Program has been running for many years now and is a fantastic opportunity for local students to learn how to ski. This year we have 11 students taking part - with a mix of students who had never skied to students who have been skiing in the program over the past years and ski in their own time with family.

I would particularly like to praise all students for how well they represented Omeo Primary School. The feedback from both instructors was glowing and so complimentary. They were impressed with the level of skiing and the progress of all students in the 2 hour lesson.

This year Jasmine, Sophie and Addison took the slopes as first time skiers and by the end of the day had all achieved great success! Jasmine made it onto both the Summit and Big D chairlift with the help of Emily, one of our volunteers. Addison and Sophie both independently rode the summit trainer and skied down turning and snowplowing with huge smiles and a great sense of relief as it all started to click.

We are so lucky to have Dianne and Carter Bloom on board to help our beginners out. Both Addison and Sophie didn't give up (even when the ski boots started to feel a little heavy and uncomfortable). They persisted, listened and followed instructions. I am very proud of our beginners making such gains in just one day. I look forward to doing some laps with the intermediate skiers next week.

If you are interested in getting your family and children into skiing and snowboarding, Hotham is currently advertising a special Locals Deal for ski and snowboard lessons. Please see the attached flyer to take advantage of this deal.

Lynette Bannister

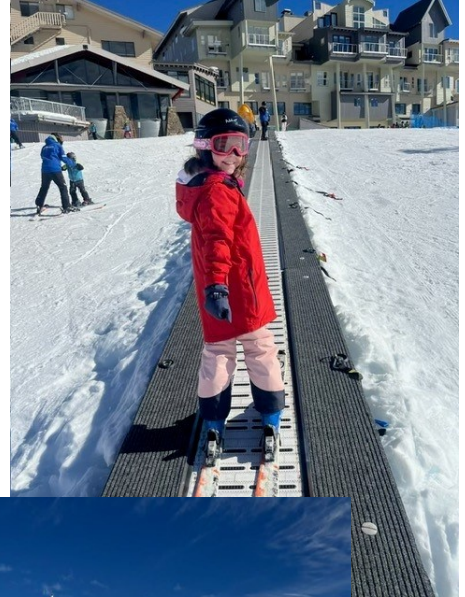
A BIG THANKYOU TO LYNETTE & ALL THE VOLUNTEERS HELPING TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Omeo & District Agricultural & Pastoral Society (ODAPS) Inc is excited to introduce the Rural Ambassador Award Program at this year's Show being held on the 12th and 13th of November. The Rural Ambassador Award Program highlights community and show involvement, talent, creativity and ingenuity of young rural Victorians. The program engages young citizens to showcase their involvement within their local community. The program allows participants to develop their computing and personal skills through an application process, interview experience, on-stage presentation as well as, meeting new people with similar interests and developing interpersonal skills.

There are two ambassador sections:

Juniors - open to ambassadors aged between 16 to 19 years as of 13th November 2026 and,

Rural Ambassador - open to ambassadors aged between 20 and under 30 years as of 13th November 2026. Candidates must reside in Victoria.

Winners announced as the ODAPS Junior and Rural Ambassador will progress to the Regional process and then to the State Finals to compete against other finalists with the winner and runner up awarded with a cash prize.

For more information on this exciting opportunity, please contact Christine via email at omeoshowsec@gmail.com.

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RB SELLARS



SCHOOLS AS HUBS

Omeo Rhyme Time with Emma Chapman



Dates for Term Three:

Friday 24th July
Friday 7th August
Friday 21st August
Friday 4th September
Friday 18th September



Held fortnightly on Fridays
East Gippsland Shire Council Office - Omeo
9:30am-10:15am

Ages 0-5 yrs
No cost



Schools as Hubs

Omeo Kindergym with Lily Hawkins

Dates for Term Three:

Monday 27th July
Monday 10th August
Monday 24st August
Monday 7th September



Omeo Hall
9:30am-
10:15am
Ages 0-5 yrs
No cost

