

OMEEO PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 2
5/2/2026

CALENDAR DATES

February

5th: Swimming program

10th Information night and
BBQ

11th Finance Committee and
School Council

12th: Swimming program

19th: Swimming program

26th: Swimming program

**School assembly's are held
fortnightly on Friday's at
2:45pm in the Music Room.
All welcome! First assembly
for 2026 will be Friday
6th Feb.**

ART NEWS

We started off the year creating a whole school mural which is now on display in our front foyer. We took our inspiration for Kandinsky's concentric circle artwork. I look forward to a fun and creative term in the art room with all students.

SCHOOL DETAILS

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Account No: 10006685

Please mark your transaction with family name and what it is for eg: Shepherd Fees24.

SPORTS NEWS

This week we started our school swimming program at Swifts Creek memorial pool. All students were enthusiastic and willing to participate. Even in the space of two lessons, we show many students improve their confidence and movement in water. I am sure Thursdays will be a big day for all students over the next three weeks. Each student will be completing a swim and survive passport over the next 3 weeks which will highlight the skills and knowledge they learn whilst at swimming.

SCHOOL NEWS

The School Office is manned 5 days a week from 8.30-4.30. Andrea works Monday-Thursday and Tracey – Thursdays and Fridays. **Unfortunately we have no EFTPOS- however payments can be made through online banking: CBA BSB 063-857 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10006685.**

UEducate Us: This is the main platform we use to communicate with our school community. It is used by parents to inform the school about attendance, it is used by the school to communicate in real time about events happening at the school, it is also the reporting platform used by the school. Please ensure that you familiarise yourself with the platform, that you have access to this and you understand how to use it. If you have issues, please don't hesitate to speak with the school.

Voluntary Contributions: Voluntary contributions of \$200 per child are due now. The \$200 covers all classroom materials, our swimming program, other excursions and incursions. By paying this voluntary contribution it also enables you to be subsidised for school camps. If you feel you don't want to contribute to the school then unfortunately for camps you will need to pay the full unsubsidised price. This would also include the ski program.

CSEF: Camps , Sports and Excursion Fund - \$400 available through your Family Account:

To be eligible for this funding you must be a parent or carer who holds a Centrelink Health Care card. If this is you, please see Andrea or Tracey in the office. You will be required to fill out a short application form and provide your CRN-Customer Reference Number.

Conveyance Allowance: This is available for those families who have to drive their child to the nearest bus stop. You have to fill out a bus travel form and identify how far away you live from the nearest bus stop. Please see Andrea or Tracey.

Omeo Primary School are looking for volunteers to assist with our Term 1 swimming program. This will commence on Thursday 5th February, running for four Thursdays. If you would like to help out, please contact the office. If you do not have a working with children's check we can help with this. Thank you in advance.

INFORMATION NIGHT AND BBQ:

This has been communicated on UEducate Us. The evening will be held on Tuesday 11th February with families invited to attend to meet with and be provided with information from our classroom teachers- Nita, Lynette and Ashleigh. It will begin at 5pm with a BBQ to follow from 5.45 onwards.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome to 2026!

We welcome Emma Tuck and Deb Martinez-Mazzallo to the team! They will be mainly based in the Junior room, but they will also be helping out in the Senior room on occasion and with the Swim Program. Welcome back to Tracey after a Term, who will be back in the office on Thursdays and Fridays.

We have an exciting year ahead, with lots of activities planned, starting with the Swim Program and with LifeSaving!

We also have the Ski Program in Term 3, Orienteering back for Term 4 as well as some fantastic activities planned for curriculum areas.

This term, I am teaching both classes for Science. The Senior class have begun their Biological Science Unit, based on the environment. We have begun learning some specialist terminology such as "Habitat" and "Ecosystem". The Junior class will be learning about Chemical Reactions and start investigating "Mixtures" later this week.

Some housekeeping.

Please remember to pack healthy lunches. Lollies cause an insulin peak, that actually depletes the blood sugars, meaning brain function is impaired, as well as causing cavities to teeth.

Jewellery. Please limit earrings to one pair of studs or sleepers. No necklaces (except for religious purposes, which must be tucked under shirts at all times. There is no need for any other jewellery and school will not be held responsible for losses.

School Uniform. If anyone needs any top ups of school uniform, we have a lot of second hand items available for a gold coin donation.

Home time. Can ALL parents let us know what the usual arrangement for pupils to leave at the end of the day is, unless they catch the bus? For example "Sarah will walk home by herself at the end of the day", or "Lily will be collected by one parent". If there any changes to this, please inform the office. We want to ensure all students safety.

Looking forward to an action packed term with lots of smiling faces and fun!

JUNIOR CLASS REPORT

Welcome to Term 1!

We've had a great start to the year, with everyone settling into the class beautifully. Our early focus has been on helping students feel comfortable, confident and familiar with school and classroom routines as we ease back into learning together.

For Term 1, the Junior Class educators will be:



Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We always appreciate hearing how your little people are going at home, and any insights you'd like to share about how they're settling in at school. Working together makes a big difference 😊.

Our preferred contact method is email; we are also happy to make appointments to chat on the phone or in person before or after school.

Have a great fortnight,
Ash & Lynette
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lynette.bannister@education.vic.gov.au

Junior class timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	check in	check in	check in	check in	check in
8:50-9:50	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy
9:55-10:45	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
10:45-11:15	recess	recess	recess	recess	recess
11:15-12:15	Numeracy	Numeracy Library	Numeracy	Numeracy	Science
12:15-1:15	Art	PE	Digi tech Class novel	P&P Resp. relationships	Numeracy
1:15-2:00	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch
2:00-3:15	Design and tech	Numeracy Class novel	Library Maths games	Humanities	Dojo redeem Assembly

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KELLY

Thanks for being such an enthusiastic member of our classroom! Your excitement for learning and being with your friends is contagious and helps get us all in the mood to learn! Keep up the pace!!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

LAYLA

For being so keen to participate! Layla has slotted back into the routine of the classroom beautifully and has been such a kind helper towards the other students. Thanks Layla for helping us all so much already!

SENIOR CLASS NEWS

It has been a great start to the senior year. The students have settled very well into the school routine and they are all getting along very well.

We have spent the last few days working out groupings for literacy and numeracy. We worked in our new literacy groups for the first time on Wednesday. Students have a selection of non fiction and fiction books and are learning how to do recounts.

We are currently focusing on place value in mathematics and the grade three students have started learning their multiplication tables.

Students have a blue folder they are taking home each night containing a multiplication chart, books to read, a journal and a word study book. At this stage I am encouraging home reading and using their journal. If students do any work at home such as reading or practicing their tables, they can write this in their journal. There is a place at the bottom of each week for parents and students to sign.

Swimming is starting this week and we are all very excited. The weather is perfect!

School Leadership positions are open again. Applications for School Leader and other positions are due on Friday and must be completed outside classroom time.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me at school.

Thank you,
Nita

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

BRADLEY HOWE

Bradley has worked very well this week. He has attempted all tasks with enthusiasm and dedication. Bradley listens to instructions and displays excellent behaviour. He is always happy and willing to join in anything we do. Bradley has displayed the value of "We are Learners" Well done Bradley.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

HOLLY MITCHELL

Holly has started the year well and is thriving in the learning environment. She is friendly and helpful to others. Holly tries her hardest in all activities and is a delight to teach. I am looking forward to watching her grow and thrive in all areas this year. You have started the year extremely well Holly, demonstrating the value of "We are responsible."

FAMILY FUN DAY

MOMENTS WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY,
UNITED IN JOY!



 Come Join Us for a Family Fun Day! 

Bring the whole crew down for a day full of laughs, colour and good vibes!

 Gold Coin Donation for BBQ lunch - bring your energy and be ready for a good time!

It's the perfect day to get the kids active and enjoy a fun community day out.

Don't forget to wear white!

Can't wait to see you there!

 **Family Fun Day – It's Back & More Fun Than Ever!** 

Families are invited to join us for a fun-filled community day celebrating friends, family and togetherness. The day will include colour fun activities for the kids, plenty of laughs, and a BBQ lunch available with a gold coin donation.

 Date: 21st March 2026

 Time: From 11:00am

 Location: The Rec Reserve

 What to wear: White (for the colour fun!)

It's a great opportunity to get kids active and enjoy a relaxed, inclusive community day out. We would love to see as many local families there as possible.

Thank you very much for your support and for helping us share this event. Please feel free to reach out if you need any further details.

SCHOOLS AS HUBS

Omeo Rhyme Time with Emma Chapman



Dates for Term One:
Friday 6th February
Friday 20th February
Friday 6th March
Friday 20th March



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 One:
Monday 9th February
Monday 23rd February
Monday 23rd March



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



Welcome to the Omeo Service Centre

Our friendly staff are always available to assist you in many ways, from finding a book to using the internet.

The welcoming environment provides a quiet space for taking a break, studying or just relaxing with a book.

We also offer Visitor Information which includes maps, brochures and local knowledge.

Omeo Service Centre is also a Services Australia Agency, available for self service or assisted appointments.

Council services

Anything that you may need from Council can be done at our Centre.

- Community activities, engagement and consultations
- Collect and submit forms and applications
- Making payments i.e. Rates, Permits
- Book community raffle sites
- Planning Applications – lodge, view online, submit feedback
- Council minutes and agendas – view online
- Diabetes Sharps Containers – exchange program
- Animal registrations, new, renewal and make changes
- Forge Theatre tickets – purchase.
- Report an issue, roads, waste collection, footpaths and more
- Waste schedules and information,
- Visitor Information Centre, including Omeo Mountain Bike Trail information.



Library and learning

- Books and jigsaw puzzles
- Music CDs and DVDs
- Talking books (MP3 and E-Audio Playaway format)
- Home Energy and Water Efficiency Kit

Access to:

- Inter-library loan and shared library service – borrow books from all over Victoria
- eBooks, eAudio
- Online databases
- Ancestry online
- Free internet access
- Storytime
- School holiday activities
- Lego Club
- Monthly movie

