

OME O PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 8
19/3/2026

CALENDAR DATES

April

Thursday 2nd: End of Term
Assembly 2:30pm

May

Wednesday 13th: Athletics Carnival
(School Sports) combined OPS and
Swifts Creek

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

SCHOOL DETAILS

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

FROM THE OFFICE

Parents of students in Grades 3 and 4 will be sent home on Thursday information on the camp to Karoonda Park Gelantipy running from Wednesday 22nd of April to Friday 24th April . Parents are asked to read the information carefully and return the 2 signed forms included in the package sent home. Information on the cost and how to use monies in family accounts will be provided. School Council has endorsed this camp and the subsidy that is available to families who have paid their voluntary contribution to the school. Parents are welcome to contact Andrea or Sarah to talk about this camp.

IMPORTANT

Omeo PS is hosting the athletics carnival this year. To successfully run this event we need the support of parents, friends and family members of our school community. The event is scheduled to run on Wednesday 13th May. We are after people to officiate each event (we will provide rule guides and show you what you need to do) and help support each age group. We understand taking a day off work is not possible for everyone, however if you do have the opportunity to attend we welcome and seek any support we can get. Anyone assisting on the day will need a valid Working With Children's Card. This can take up to 4 weeks to be processed so we encourage you to start the application now and pencil this date into your diary.

BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to all those with a birthday in March! **Lilu, Jiana, Maddie, Sophie, Evelyn, Tully, JedK and Jasmine!**

SCHOOL NEWS

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali

- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Child safety and wellbeing at Omeo Primary School information for families and the school community

Omeo Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website:

<https://www.omeops.vic.edu.au/>

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Sarah on 51591313 or at sarah.crompton@education.vic.gov.au

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Another great two weeks at Omeo PS. The Year 3 and Year 7 students showed their best efforts in their NAPLAN testing. It was really fantastic to hear their brains "braining" while they sat the tests! Well done to all!

The weather is changing and cooler days are here. Please ensure all jumpers are clearly named, as we have many that seem to lose their owners. Clear naming helps them find their owners again!

We have lots of exciting activities planned for the next couple of weeks, including some basketball sessions facilitated by Gippy Sport.

In Science the Junior class have been learning about different properties that can occur when we mix things together. They also found out that the tallest sandcastle in the world was recorded at over 21 metres! The Senior class have started on their assignment about endangered species. They all have chosen native Australian animals and are making an infographic about them. I am looking forward to seeing the results!

JUNIOR CLASS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MADELINE CHAPMAN

Maddie is a kind, caring and generous student. She doesn't hesitate to help one of her peers when they need support or help doing something. She arrives at school each day with a smile on her face, willing and ready to learn. Maddie loves contributing to class discussions and sharing her work. She continually demonstrates persistence across all learning areas which is leading to growth and success as we finish off term 1. Fantastic effort Maddie keep being you!

JUNIOR CLASS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

LILU ADAMS

Lilu has made a fantastic start to her first term of school, settling beautifully into our class routines and expectations. She completes her work quickly and to a high standard, always taking pride in keeping her space neat and striving for excellence in everything she does. Well done on a great start to your journey as a school kid, Lilu!

SENIOR CLASS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TAJ VAN HECK

Taj Van Heck is an exceptional student who demonstrates skills in a wide variety of curriculum areas and always tries his hardest. Taj is a great role model for other students in the class as he displays commitment to learning while being popular amongst his peers. I love having Taj in the classroom as he always has the brightest smile, enjoys learning and always shows enthusiasm. Congratulations Taj for demonstrating the value of "We are Learners." Well done.

SENIOR CLASS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

JASMINE SNAPE

Jasmine is a friendly member of the classroom who learns new strategies quickly and helps others to learn. Jasmine works very hard during classroom time to ensure her work is of a high standard. Jasmine often volunteers to do jobs in the classroom and is settling into our routines well. Jasmine is an asset to the class. Jasmine demonstrates the value of "We are

PE REPORT

The Junior class have been working on throwing, both overarm and underarm. Learning about the different techniques and how to move their bodies when throw. I encourage all students to practise their throwing and catching whenever they can outside of school. This is a fundamental skill used across many sports.

The Senior class have been learning about different was we categories sports, our current focus being Field and Striking sports and games. Students have learnt all about kickball and played in teams focusing on using game sense and tactics. It has been fantastic to see students of different year levels and abilities encourage and working as team.

For the remaining two weeks of term both Junior and Senior class will be partaking in Aussie Hoops with a basketball coach from Gippsland. This is thanks to a Sporting Schools grant the school successfully won for Term 1. This is a fantastic opportunity for all students to learn new skills and develop existing skills.

ART REPORT

The Junior class have nearly finished their self portraits which has been an excellent process for all involved. We can't wait to display these in the main foyer when done. The senior class have nearly completed their woven self-portraits, which will be displayed at the end of term.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

It has been a wonderful and busy fortnight in the junior classroom!

Ash 😊

On Mondays to Wednesdays, we have been making the most of our learning time together. We enjoyed a special visit to the kinder for a reading circle – a big thank you to Kate for reading to us. Our students loved sharing stories and connecting with the younger learners.

In writing, we have been focusing on nouns. After reading an Indigenous text rich in descriptive language, students explored nouns through a fun finger painting activity, helping to bring their ideas to life in a creative way.

In maths, we have been busy making our own abacuses using beads. These are now a great hands-on tool that we are using to support our counting and developing understanding of place value.

A key focus for us has been moving safely around the classroom and being mindful of where our bodies are in relation to others and classroom furniture. We are working hard to build safe and respectful habits during our learning time.

We are also loving our class novel, which follows a young warden who can teleport to different villages to solve mysteries. This has sparked fantastic discussions, predictions, and investigations, helping to strengthen our comprehension skills.

Miss Bannister 😊

Thursday and Fridays have been busy and exciting days in the Junior room. Last week we began to learn about Bogong Moths, linking our learning to Geography and Aboriginal and Indigenous peoples. The students had many questions and were very excited to see what a real Bogong moth looked like.

We are beginning a new writing unit this week which will take us to the end of term. Each student has chosen special person to write a letter to, involving learning how to write a letter, posting the letter at the post office and then marking on our map of Australia and the world where their letter is off to. In numeracy we have been learning all about Time, thinking about how long things take, how we sequence our days and learning how to tell time using an analogue and digital clock.

Finally, you may have heard *give me a home among the gum trees* being sung, that is because the Junior class will be performing this in a special end of term assembly Thursday 2nd April (time to be confirmed).

SENIOR CLASS NEWS

The last couple of weeks have been so busy! NAPLAN took up a lot of last week, but it enabled me to work closely with the students who were not part of it. I am really proud of the efforts my students put in to ensure they did their very best.

This week we welcomed Holly and Chloe back after their holiday in Bali and Jed S from Darwin. They had lots of exciting stories to tell about their time away.

Sonya Lalor, another community volunteer, came to visit the senior students last week. She shared how she was once a student at Omeo Primary School. When she attended, the school was a P-10 and there were between 150-200 students who attended.

Sonya has been an active volunteer in the community since she was 18 years old. She has worked for the netball and football club, the fire brigade, kinder, school, the rodeo, Recreational Reserve and the cemetery. (There are probably more things she has done that I missed!) Due to her efforts, Sonya is a life member of the football club after volunteering for 35 years!

Sonya told us that volunteering is rewarding, it makes you feel good as you are giving back to the community, you get a sense of belonging and it enables organisations to continue. Her favourite volunteer position has been organising events for the community such as "Dusting off the Drought," which enabled people to forget about the drought for a little while.



This week the senior class volunteered again by visiting the nursing home for the second time. Students made cards for the elderly that included "dad jokes." The residents enjoyed them and had some of their own to share with us. We played hangman together. We all enjoyed our time there and we hope that they like having us come and visit.



In the classroom, we have continued our focus on place value, addition and subtraction. Our literacy focus is completing written work remembering to edit effectively. Our reading is focussing on comprehension and fluency. The improvements in the students oral reading has been excellent. We have also introduced the spelling program, "Words their Way," to focus on the gaps in individual students understanding of how words work.

Our latest STEM activity has been creating rockets that fly by blowing through a straw. Jed K was the clear winner of this competition. We have continued game making in Creative Technology, learning coding to create interactive games. All students are working hard, and I am very proud of them.



Parents & Friends Committee

Small Committee – Big Impact

Although our **Parents & Friends** Committee is small, over the past 12 months we have proudly supported our school community by contributing to:

OUR BIG IMPACT – 12 MONTHS OF SUPPORT



STUDENT EXPERIENCES & EXCURSIONS



BUS COSTS FOR SWIMMING LESSONS



LAKES ENTRANCE EXCURSION



SNOW PLAY SKI TRANSPORT



STUDENT CELEBRATIONS & GIFTS



BOOKS FOR EVERY CHILD (End-of-Year)



BIG BEARS DONUTS FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL



MOTHER'S DAY & FATHER'S DAY ACTIVITIES

⚠️ What's Next?

Funds raised over the next month will go towards:

A. OUR TARGET GOAL (Funds support)

- ✓ Purchase of 2026 CBCA shortlist books
- ✓ Purchase new school bbq
- ✓ Upgrade and repair school playground

B. QUICK OPPORTUNITIES (We need your time)

- ✓ **1 HOUR VOLUNTEER** at Omeo
- ✓ **1 HOUR VOLUNTEER** at School Sports Carnival
- ✓ Attend a meeting

✨ How You Can Get Involved

- ✓ JOIN OUR PRIVATE P.F.C. FACEBOOK GROUP
- ✓ SHARE IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS
- ✓ HELP WHEN AND WHERE YOU CAN

****Reach out to PFC President Arielle Flannagan if you want to be involved.****



Together We Support Our Kids



Thank you to everyone who has contributed, volunteered, donated or supported our events. Your support directly benefits every child at Omeo Primary School.

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.

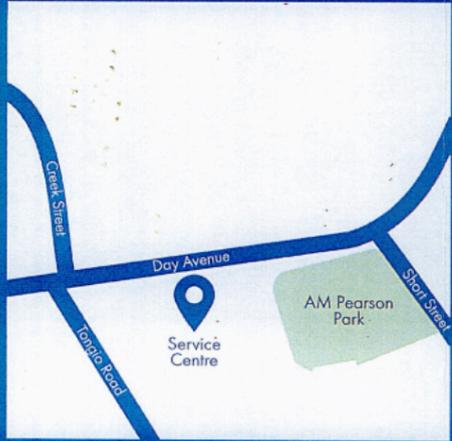


Library and learning

- 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



Notes

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We provide a wide variety of services and activities to the community including:

- Meeting Room for hire
- Public computers
- Printing scanning, photocopying and laminating services
- Lego Club
- Visitor information
- Services Australia agency

Contact Council

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Omeo Service Centre

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Opening hours
Monday to Friday
9.00 am to 5.00 pm

