

OME O PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 6
5/3/2026

CALENDAR DATES

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.

BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to Lilu for the 7th of March!!



FROM THE OFFICE

Thankyou to the 10 out of 23 families who have currently paid their Voluntary Contributions. Please be reminded that each contribution goes towards providing a range of experiences for your children. A voluntary contribution also enables you to gain the subsidy on camps and excursions, otherwise parents will be asked to pay the full amount.

Grade 3 /4 camp: The Grade 3 &4 camp, shared with Swifts Creek P12 students will this year be held earlier than the normal November and will be run on Wednesday 22nd April, 2026 to Friday 24th April 2026- the first week back after Term 1 holidays. The approximate cost at this stage is @\$400 for those who have paid their voluntary contribution, otherwise the cost without the subsidy will be @ \$580. Can parents start thinking about payment for the camp. Andrea will send home a statement of what you have in your family account and whether you are eligible for the subsidy. If you feel you will have difficulty in paying, please don't hesitate to contact Andrea, Tracey or Sarah.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Thank you to all of our candidates for school council – we really appreciate you giving up your time and energy to support our school. Our next school council meeting is on 11th March.

Volunteers. We have had a couple of volunteers this term helping out with library, and swimming. We really appreciate them coming and giving us their time, so that we can help our students to be better at what they do. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know. We can help with WWCC applications.

It's a wrap for the swimming program this year. The students have all significantly improved. It's a shame the final Thursday was a little chilly, but the students all had their lesson and tried their best. Well done too to Nita and Lynette for braving the cold water!

Jewellery. There are a number of students wearing necklaces, bracelets and other jewellery. Necklaces, in particular, pose a risk for children, especially when climbing and playing outside. Please can we leave all jewellery at home, except for a simple thin chain necklace for religious reasons, and simple single stud or sleeper earrings? This minimises possible health risks, and also reduces upset when treasured items get lost or broken.

JUNIOR CLASS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MARCELINE MCKENZIE

Marceline has been showing great improvements in her writing. She is demonstrating her ability as a learner to use who, what, when, where and why when writing her recounts about swimming. She is taking the next step and helping her peers as well. Marceline happily contributes to class discussion and enjoys sharing her writing at the end of the lesson. A fantastic example of our school value we are learners.

JUNIOR CLASS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MIA

Mia has stepped confidently into her role as one of the older students in our classroom. She is always willing to help others, and her kindness towards her classmates is what truly makes her shine. Thank you Mia, for being a reliable and enthusiastic member of our classroom.

SENIOR CLASS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

WILL

Will displayed the value of "We are Learners" this week through the creation and demonstration of his sustainable vehicle. Will won our classroom competition. I was very happy that it gave him the opportunity to work on a project with his father. I was also happy with Will's interest and enthusiasm in this challenge. Thank you, Will, for trying so hard.

SENIOR CLASS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

CHLOE

Chloe has an excellent work ethic and displays confidence and pride in her work. Chloe works quickly and efficiently and is continually growing in her skills and abilities. Chloe put in an amazing effort last week to clean the library and made the space tidy and inviting even though the power was out while she was working! It is a pleasure to have Chloe in the classroom as she always tries her hardest. Thank you for demonstrating the value of "We are Responsible."

PE REPORT

We finished our school swimming program on Thursday 27th It wasn't the hottest day for us to end on, however every student jumped in and had a go. The student's confidence and swimming abilities progressed significantly over the 4 lesson days and it is excellent to see all students are happy and safe in the water.

The senior class have been playing Ultimate Frisbee, learning how to transfer skills used in other sports such as Netball into this sport. All students have enjoyed the challenge of working out the different ways to throw and receive the frisbee.

The Junior class are continuing to refine and develop their catching skills. We have been using different size balls, thinking about how we move our body to catching and the importance of tracking the ball or object with our eyes. Next week we will be moving our focus to throwing.

ART REPORT

The senior class are continuing with their woven self-portraits. It has been fantastic to see the dedication and eye for detail from all students.

Demonstrating their ability to follow their pre drawn pattern. We are introducing a focus on self-learning goals in the art room, where students look at their artwork and decide on a learning goal and focus, they want to achieve in the next lesson.

The junior class are working on their self-portraits using marbling and oil pastels. This is an opportunity for students to explore and experiment with different art mediums. It is excellent to see the enthusiasm and creativity of all students.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

We have had another great fortnight in the junior class!

Miss Bannister

Time has been a big focus during our maths sessions each Friday. Students have been enjoying learning about days of the week, reading and understanding calendars and becoming more familiar with telling the time using an analogue clock. We are continuing to learn about how we can add more to our writing using the 5Ws and next week we are starting an exciting letter writing unit for the remainder of the term. As always creative time is our favourite way to finish the week, and we will be continuing to build on how we structure and create during this time.

Ash

In literacy, we have continued working with the Little Learners Love Literacy program. Students have been practising their phonics skills and becoming more confident recognising and using the sounds we have been learning.

For writing, students have been reading stories and then practising pictures, labels and, for the older students, simple sentences. As part of

this learning, we went on our own Bear Hunt around the school and took photos along the way! Ask your child where we found our cheeky school bear hiding.



In maths, we have finished our focus on renaming numbers and are now moving into making numbers and recognising numerals. Students have been exploring numbers through hands-on activities and games, and we have been having lots of fun while learning.



It has been lovely to see everyone continuing to settle into classroom routines and showing enthusiasm for their learning.

Have a great fortnight and as always, please don't hesitate to contact either of us!

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SENIOR CLASS NEWS

The last couple of weeks have been busy! Swimming is over. The last session was a little bit cold but we got through it. The students enjoyed a free swim, braving the weather for their last opportunity this year.

We welcome our new grade 6 girl, Grace to our classroom. She has moved from Lindenow South to join us at Omeo Primary School. Grace is settling in well and is willing to join in our activities. Well done Grace.

This week we completed the sustainable vehicle challenge. Students used a variety of ways to move their vehicles such as batteries and motors to push/pull momentum. The effort that has gone into creating these vehicles has been excellent. Well done to all the students that joined in.



Our Civics and Citizenship unit has been progressing well. We are having our first visit to the nursing home this week as rain delayed us going earlier. This week we are having a meet and greet with the residence so we can plan future visits to make the most the time we spend together. Kate Freestone has kindly volunteered to walk with us to the nursing home this week.

We have had some lovely visits from local volunteers in the last couple of weeks. Rod O'Connell shared how he began his volunteer life as a five-year-old child by helping his dad at school working bees. Rod left Omeo but returned in 1976 and was involved in fishing, footy, The Historical Society, fire brigade, hospital and was the president of the Omeo Recreational Reserve. As a parent, Rod became the Vice President of the school council and was instrumental in returning the

old school bell located in the school grounds and is still used today. Lately Rod continues to volunteer in the Business and Tourist Association and Omeo Cemetery. His favourite role was being a member of school council. Rod explained that being a volunteer not only makes you feel good but creates friendships and is of great benefit to the community.



Last week Kate Freestone visited our class and shared the things she does for the community. Kate has always enjoyed doing nice things for others and opportunities arose when she came to Omeo as a teacher. Kate is a member of the Parents and Friends Association at school and helps at all the local community events such as the Rodeo, Omeo Show and calf sales to raise money for our students. She runs the monthly book club for interested members of the community and is a member of the Hub where she often helps by sharing her computer skills. When Kate could not volunteer, she has donated her blood to help others. Kate also reads for children at the kindergarten. Kate shared her share love of cooking and made a beautiful slice for us to share.



We are still learning to make games through learning a variety of coding skills. Mathematics is focussed around learning a variety of strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems so that students can choose the ways that suits them. Literacy is running well with shared reading to improve fluency a major focus.



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

