

Omeo Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 16th October 2026

SCHOOL CALENDAR - TERM 4

OCTOBER

20th—1.15pm to 1.30pm School Canteen
21st—School Council Meeting
22nd—Year 6 to 7 Transition Swifts Creek P-12
28th—Kinder to Prep Transition Day 8.45—11.15

ASSEMBLY—FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER—2.45pm
MUSIC ROOM—ALL WELCOME

NOVEMBER

3rd - Melbourne Cup Day—NO SCHOOL
10th—Junior Rotary Presentation Night
11th—Kinder to Prep Transition 8.45—2pm
13th - Omeo Show
23/11 to 27/11—Grade 5 & 6 Urban Camp—Melbourne
25th—Kinder to Prep Transition 8.45 -2pm

BIRTHDAYS—OCTOBER

12th Ben Parry

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all of those who I have met so far and have helped to make myself and my family feel so welcome. We are excited to be here in this beautiful part of Victoria and look forward to being a part of something special as we help to move OPS forward and into a bright future.

What's on this Term 4?

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting term with lots of events happening. To name a few....

- 5/6 Urban Camp
- 1/2 Sleepover
- Grade 6 Big Day Out @ Lakes Entrance
- Kinder to Prep Transition
- Grade 6 to year 7 Transition
- Whole School End of Year Performance

This term we have decided to continue to have our Junior Class attend Kinder Gym each Monday afternoon with Ms Bannister. This will start next week.

The Junior Class will also attend the Community Library sessions with myself each Thursday morning at 10.00am.

Review Process:

This term and terms 1 & 2 of 2027, will see us participate in a Department led review process. This is a regular part of the school performance cycle and occurs every 4 years.

The School Review is a process whereby a panel of both auditors and stakeholders participate in a full and thorough breakdown of how the school operates. Areas such as student performance, behaviour management, communication with families, child safety, asset management, leadership and policy compliance, will all make up a large part of the process.

Input from families: Later this term, I will be asking families to participate in a short survey, aimed at gaining your insights and opinions on both where the school is doing well, and where you see we need to focus our efforts into the future. Your input will be passed on to the panel and will help to form part of the review driving questions.

The review process is a long one and can be quite consuming at times, however it is a necessary process that will ultimately help us to determine our future direction and focus.

Michael Greenaway
Principal

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FROM THE OFFICE

URBAN CAMP COSTS:

A reminder that the November Grade 5/6 Urban Camp costs will be approximately \$400 per student for families who have paid their Parent Payment Options and \$550 for those who have not made this payment. This camp is still heavily subsidised by the school.

Payment due by Monday 9th November, 2026—Please contact Andrea or Tracey if you wish to discuss payment options.

All forms and information regarding the camp will be sent home next week with students.

YEAR 7—2027 TRANSITION PROGRAM

Grade 6 students who will be attending Swifts Creek P-12 in 2027 will be undertaking a transition program commencing on October 22nd—information will be sent home with students in coming days.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Run by the Junior Room

Toasties \$2.50

Treats \$1.00

CASH ONLY—all students are welcome to purchase food from the canteen on the day.

CHECK OUT THE POSTERS THE JUNIOR CLASS HAVE MADE TO ADVERTISE THIS FANTASTIC EVENT!

BREAKFAST CLUB

CAN YOU HELP?

Our aim is to run a Breakfast Club every morning from 8.10am to 8.30am—starting Monday 26th Oct.

To enable us to be able to run the program we require some parent help each day. If you can assist for a morning, can you please fill out the attached calendar of dates of when you can help & return to Tracey or Andrea in the office by next Friday 23rd October?

OFFICE STAFFING

Andrea—Monday to Thursday

Tracey - Thursday & Friday

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JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

Miss Bannister

Class Report

It has been a busy start to the term in the junior class. We hit the ground learning last Tuesday and haven't stopped! We welcome back Lilo and welcome Hugh to the class. Tash is continuing as our Education Support Staff for term 4 and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience. This term we will be sending out a weekly class story on Dojo each Sunday afternoon with reminders of what is happening in the coming week in addition to the fortnightly newsletter. Thank you for making sure your child has their hat and sending along reader bags on Mondays.

Junior Class Canteen

I am sure you have heard the excitement that the Junior class is opening a canteen this term. Please send any treat donations along next Tuesday 20th October (you don't need to make too many as it sounds like a few students are keen to bring a treat in to sell). If the treats can be small, servable sizes would be fantastic. If you have a sandwich press, you can lend for the day that would also be fantastic.

The first canteen day is Tuesday 20th October 1:15pm – 1:30pm if you are free that day to help between 12:30 and 1:30 we welcome any parent help, providing you have a valid WWCC.

Term 4 Learning Focus

Science – We are focusing on Biology this term, particularly looking at what animals and plants need to survive

Humanities – We are focusing on the past and what has changed over time. Standby for your child to come home and interview in the coming weeks

Movement and Sport – We will continue to visit the hall once a fortnight to do perceptual motor movement with Lily who is an OT

School Library – Once fortnight we will spend time in the school library looking at books, finding new books to read and learning about the library system

Shire Library – Each Thursday starting from the 22nd Mr Greenaway will be taking the class to the Shire Library for story time and activities this will be from 9:45am each Thursday.

A reminder that I teach Monday – Wednesday and am happy to chat to parents if needed on these days.



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JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

Ash

Class Report

We have had a fantastic start to Term 4!

In Literacy, we continue to work through the Little Learners Love Literacy program, with students strengthening their reading and writing skills as they explore new sounds, spelling patterns and rules within the English language.

In Writing (Wednesday–Friday), we are busy creating informative posters all about Omeo Primary School! This is a fun way for students to put their learning into practice as we continue exploring the different features of informative texts.

In Numeracy (Thursday–Friday), we are focusing on division through sharing. Students are using lots of hands-on activities and manipulatives to explore fair and unfair sharing, before learning how to represent their thinking using number sentences.

We have also begun preparing for our end-of-year performance! This week, students found out which roles they will be playing in the concert. We have done our best to accommodate everyone's preferences, although, as we all know, it isn't always possible to make every role a perfect match! We are looking forward to bringing the performance together during our Wednesday afternoon rehearsals.

I am looking forward to a busy but fun-filled final term! As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns or would simply like to touch base.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Ash

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SENIOR CLASS NEWS

Senior Room

Hi everyone,

It is great to be back in the senior room after the term four holidays. I hope everyone had a fantastic break.

This term is promising to be another great experience for our students. Besides all the usual learning experiences; the grade 5 and 6 camp is happening in November, Junior Rotary presentation night will occur, grade 6 graduation, transition and our end of year performance.

We have continued with our focus on minute-minute partner reading. I believe it has improved the fluency of students oral reading and more confidence when sharing with the class. In writing we have been learning about Persuasive text and the various ways we can convince the reader to agree with our personal points of view. We will be exploring different ways to persuade others in the coming weeks.

This term in mathematics, we have focussed on measurement and time. We have reviewed our previous knowledge and have started to explore concepts of time more deeply. We made our own sand timers this week. The challenge was to time how long their sand timer took to loose its sand and then plan activities that we had to carry out in that time. I was impressed with the enthusiasm students showed when participating in this activity.

The senior students have continued their Claymation work this term. They have enjoyed creating plasticene characters and scenery. I have been impressed with the detail and talent that is evident in their work.

In Design Technologies, students are creating "crazy contraptions." Using ideas from *Rube Goldberg Machine (RGM)* that we explored on Youtube, students are creating their own contraptions that use everyday items such as books, blocks, paper plates etc to create a chain reaction and is fun to make and interesting to watch. The trial and error and problem solving during this time is great to listen to.

Dusty, Holly, Ben and Charlie presented their poster about Canada to the CWA at Swifts Creek on Monday. They worked hard on their poster and practiced their speeches, winning the competition for best presentation. Well done grade 6 students.

Tomorrow afternoon is the first Nursing Home visit for this term. I'm sure we will have a great time together as usual.

Thank you

Nita



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SENIOR CLASS NEWS



On Thursday 15th October the Senior Class had a visit from Ambulance Victoria Members teaching the students about all aspects of treating snake bite. Students had the opportunity to see the defibrillator and were given an information pack to take home.

Snake Bite First-Aid

- ENSURE THE SAFETY OF YOURSELF & CASUALTY - REMAIN CALM & DIAL 000 -

- LAY CASUALTY STILL - APPLY PRESSURE IMMOBILISATION BANDAGE (BELOW) -

1

Lay casualty down.
Stop them from moving.
Apply a broad pressure immobilisation bandage/snake-bite bandage.

IT WILL NOT ALWAYS LOOK LIKE FANG MARKS, OFTEN JUST A SCRATCH MARK

2

Start at the fingers or toes of the bitten limb, Continue upward covering as much of the limb as possible.
The Bandage should be as firm as for a sprained ankle.

3

Splint the limb including joints on either side of the bite to restrict movement of the limb. Keep the casualty and the limb completely still and bring transport to the casualty.

Snake Bite DO'S

- APPLY BANDAGE OVER CLOTHING, IF CLOTHING CANNOT BE REMOVED/ CUT WITH NO MOVEMENT TO THE CASUALTY
- MARK THE BITE SITE ON THE BANDAGE WITH A PEN/MARKER AND NOTE TIME OF BITE
- REMAIN CALM AND POSITIVE WHILE KEEPING THE CASUALTY STILL
- IF SAFE TO DO SO TAKE A PHOTO OF THE SNAKE FOR IDENTIFICATION; BY NO MEANS NECESSARY THE HOSPITAL WILL HAVE A TOXIDERMOMATION DETECTION KIT THAT WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE WHICH ANTI-VENOM TO BE USED

Snake Bite DO NOTS

- DO NOT SUCK THE VENOM/BITE SITE
- DO NOT WASH/SCRUB THE BITE SITE
- DO NOT APPLY A TOURNIQUET
- DO NOT CUT/SCRATCH THE BITE SITE
- DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CONTAIN THE SNAKE
- DO NOT APPROACH/KILL THE SNAKE
- DO NOT MOVE CASUALTY
- DO NOT ELEVATE BITE SITE

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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AWARDS

LUCAS MORONEY-JOHNSON

Lucas participates and shares in all class discussions with enthusiasm and enjoys sharing his thoughts and ideas. I am always excited to hear what he has to say, often he thinks of new and different ideas. Thank you, Lucas, for being an active and helpful member of the junior class!

HUGH GREENAWAY

Hugh has settled into our classroom beautifully, bringing a happy, friendly energy each day. He is very creative and always tries his best in everything he does. Thank you, Hugh, for becoming such a positive part of our classroom. We are so lucky to have you!

ADDISON MEYERS

Congratulations Addie Meyers for returning to school this term with an amazing attitude towards her learning. Addie shows excellent expression in her oral reading. She works well independently and in groups; evident in the fantastic **Crazy Contraption** she is creating in STEM classes. Keep up the excellent work ethic Addie. Well done.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

AWARDS

TAJ VAN HECK

Well done Taj for displaying your superpower when competing in high jump at regional athletics and coming third. I love the fact that you come from a very small community and have managed to perform to such a high level when you have such limited practice opportunities here. What a legend! Well done.

BEN, HOLLY, DUSTY & CHARLIE

I would like to give a special award to Ben, Holly, Dusty and Charlie for the excellent work you did creating your poster about Canada for the CWA luncheon at Swifts Creek. The fact that you worked so hard on your poster and speech when you were happy not to compete in the competition showed great dedication to your work. It was also a great accomplishment to come first. Amazing effort Grade 6 students. Keep up the good work!



A large, colorful graphic with the word 'Congratulations!' in a rainbow, bubbly font. The text is surrounded by many small stars and confetti in various colors, creating a festive and celebratory atmosphere.

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VISUAL ART

Guess who's back! It's me, Emma Tuck. I am over the moon excited that I will be teaching your wonderful students Art (juniors & seniors) and Respectful Relationships (seniors only) every Wednesday for Term 4. I secured my VIT requirements just before the end of Term 3 and am thrilled there was a spot for me at Omeo Primary.

Our focus for this term in the Arts is to develop your student's confidence in their skills, creativity, and expressing themselves through art. We have discussed forms of art that students want to explore this term, and I will do my best to facilitate as many as I can. The goal is to have your Student feeling optimistic about this subject, and to practise and develop self-reflection / regulation tools they can keep with them moving forward.

ASK ME ABOUT: This section is to encourage you to ask your Student what they have been up-to in art, create opportunities to share their learning, and spark conversations at home about your experiences with art as well.

Ask me about how colour can change the way you feel about a piece of art.

Ask me about different types of art! Not just the material, but how they are presented (hint: Performing vs. Visual).

Ask me about how visual art can be a way to share a message and let me tell you about different kinds of messages.

Recognising that I am only on site one day a week; please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions, worries, comments – or anything you might like to share with me about your Student. I look forward to getting to know not just the students, but the people who are important to them more this term.

Happy to be here -

Ms. Tuck

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SPORT

DIVISION REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our students who reached the Division Regional Athletics held in Newborough on Wednesday 14th October.

Holly Mitchell, Chloe Mitchell, Jed Keevers & Taj Van Heek.

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO

TAJ VAN HEEK

3rd HIGH JUMP



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Monthly Movie Screening



**Movie screening on
Tuesday 10 November 2026
at Omeo Service Centre**

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Join us for a special screening of a film handpicked by our library team!
Discover what stories inspire us and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with fellow movie lovers.

For specific film information, ask in library.

Storytime at your local library

**Bring your special
young person for
Seniors Week and
enjoy some stories,
rhymes, and a fun
craft activity!**



Bairnsdale Library
Tuesday 13 October
11:00am - 12:00pm

**Lakes Entrance
Service Centre**
Tuesday 13 October
11:00am - 12:00pm

**Mallacoota
Service Centre**
Thursday 15 October
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Omeo Service Centre
Thursday 22 October
10:00am - 11:00am

Orbost Service Centre
Tuesday 13 October
11:00am - 12:00pm

Paynesville Service Centre
Tuesday 13 October
11:00am - 12:00pm



Libraries
Change Lives

EAST GIPPSLAND
SHIRE LIBRARIES

East Gippsland Children's Expo 2026 Friday 23rd October - 2pm - 6pm

**Free Entry, Activities & BBQ
plus Giveaways & Prizes!**

**Meet & Greet with Bluey
& Fireman Sam!
2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm**

**Ages
0 - 12**



**Bairnsdale Squash & Table Tennis Centre
64 Great Alpine Road, Lucknow**



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IT'S BBQ DAY!
KIDS' AFTER-SCHOOL SAUSAGE SIZZLE
A little Halloween-month fun for our local kids

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2026
AFTER THE SCHOOL BUS DROP-OFF

SCHOOL KIDS — YOU'RE INVITED!
Drop in after the school bus arrives for a free sausage sizzle and catch up with your friends.

FREE GOOD STUFF!

- SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- SOFT DRINKS & WATER
- HALLOWEEN LOLLIES

BRING YOUR APPETITE — AND YOUR HALLOWEEN SPIRIT!

WHERE:
Benambra Neighbourhood House
& Dejarlais Park
34 Gibbs Street, Benambra

QUESTIONS?
Call or text 0428 599 230
benambra.neighbourhoodhouse@gmail.com
Everyone is welcome!

 Benambra Neighbourhood House



What to expect

 IT'S BBQ DAY — FOR THE KIDS! at 4pm

School kids, come along at 4 pm-ish—when the school bus arrives in Benambra.

Kids and parents from across the Omeo Region are VERY welcome.

We'll have a FREE sausage sizzle, soft drinks, water and, because it's Halloween month, there might even be a few lollies! 🍬👻

 Wednesday 21 October
 Benambra Neighbourhood House & Dejarlais Park

Come hungry, catch up with your friends and enjoy some after-school Halloween fun! Everyone is welcome. ❤️💜

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BREAKFAST CLUB CALENDAR

October 2026

Please Add your Name on days you can help & return to office by 23/10

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Parent Helper Name	27 Parent Helper Name	28 Parent Helper Name	29 Parent Helper Name	30 Parent Helper Name	31

BREAKFAST CLUB STARTS

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Possible student free	3 Melbourne Cup	4 Parent Helper Name	5 Parent Helper Name	6 Parent Helper Name	7
8	9 Parent Helper Name	10 Parent Helper Name	11 Parent Helper Name	12 Parent Helper Name	13 Parent Helper Name	14
15	16 Parent Helper Name	17 Parent Helper Name	18 Parent Helper Name	19 Parent Helper Name	20 Parent Helper Name	21
22	23 Parent Helper Name	24 Parent Helper Name	25 Parent Helper Name	26 Parent Helper Name	27 Parent Helper Name	28
29	30 Parent Helper Name					