Omeo Primary School Newsletter

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Thursday 29th October 2026

SCHOOL CALENDAR - TERM 4

OCTOBER
28th— Kinder to Prep Transition Day 8.45—11.15
29th—Grade 6 Transition—Swifts Creek P-12

BIRTHDAYS— NOVEMBER



NOVEMBER
2nd—STUDENT FREE DAY—NO SCHOOL
3rd - Melbourne Cup Day—NO SCHOOL
5TH—Grade 6 Transition—Swifts Creek P-12
10th—Junior Rotary Presentation Night
10TH—Junior Canteen @ school
10th—Grandparents & special person afternoon
11th—Kinder to Prep Transition 8.45—2pm
12th—Grade 6 Transition—Swifts Creek P-12
13/14th - Omeo Show
23/11 to 27/11—Grade 5 & 6 Urban Camp—Melbourne
25th—Kinder to Prep Transition 8.45 -2pm
26th—Junior Sleep Over
29th—WORKING BEE—10am

ASSEMBLY—FRIDAY 30th—2.45pm—MUSIC ROOM

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been great to see our future preps for their first official transition visit this week. The obvious advantage of having the kinder so close is that the normal fear and anxiety that comes with starting school, is almost removed entirely. The kinder kids are so relaxed about coming to school- How lucky we are to have this facility here onsite!

Closed Facebook Group-

In the coming weeks, Omeo PS will have a closed Facebook group available for families to join. The group will be set up so that, in order to join, the person must first justify their relationship to the school and to which student/s. I will then accept or deny, based on their response/s. I would encourage parents, grandparents and other extended family to join the group.

Staff will post photos throughout the school week, which may include interesting work that has been done, sporting events we are competing in, excursion and camp photos/updates, and much more. I will also post the Sunday night agenda in this group (as well as though uEducateUs app) to make sure we are reaching as many families as possible.

It is important that parents and families feel like they know what is going on at our school. This is one small way in which we can help to keep you informed, up to date and engaged. It also acts as a great conversation starter, when you are able to chat to your child about what their class has been up to.

Families will soon receive an updated photo consent form which includes a section where you are able to grant permission for your child/ren's photos to be used in our closed Facebook group.

Grade 6 Urban Camp- this year Swifts Creek is running the camp. This week, information and medical forms were sent home to be completed. Please have a read through and send back completed forms as soon as possible. The itinerary looks great and I'm sure the camp will be a worthwhile experience for our students.

Sleepover- For the first time in a number of years, we will be running a P/1/2 sleepover. The sleepover component will be for grades 1 and 2, while the prep students will be able to attend up until the end of dinner. The date for the sleepover will be Thursday 26th November (5/6 Urban Camp week). More precise details will come out soon.

School sleepovers are great training and practice for future camps. The aim is to work on building resilience and independence in our students and to provide an experience away from home with their mates.

Michael Greenaway
Principal

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FROM THE OFFICE

WWC CHECKS—PARENTS / GUARDIANS—WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

Parents / guardians & volunteers are required to hold a current Working with Children Check. If you attend the Omeo Primary School to help in any way, you are required to present a copy of your card to the general office. If you have a WWC Card & have already supplied a copy, thank you. If you are required to obtain a WWC Check there is no cost to yourself as a volunteer, just the online time to complete.

Follow this link to apply: Apply for a Working with Children Check | Service Victoria

If you require further information or need some help, please see Andrea or Tracey in the office.

URBAN CAMP COSTS:

Information , parent permission & medical authority for the Urban Camp was sent home on Wednesday 28th October.

A reminder that the November Grade 5/6 Urban Camp cost is $400 per student.

This camp is heavily subsidised by the school.

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

WORKING BEE—see attached flyer

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 29TH—10am



EDUTHREADS—UNIFORM

Attention Parents- a Free December school and Kinder Delivery is being offered by eduThreads.

Orders need to be NO LATER THAN Wednesday 2nd December for Free Delivery the week of the 7th December. Go online to order and have your order delivered for FREE to Omeo Primary School. Select your school's FREE DELIVERY OPTION AT CHECKHOUT

WEB: eduthreads.com.au

WE NEED MORE PARENT HELPERS—BREAKFAST CLUB

Our aim is to run a Breakfast Club every morning from 8.00am to 8.30am

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 6th November?

OFFICE STAFFING

Andrea—Monday to Thursday

Tracey - Thursday & Friday

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JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

We have had another fantastic fortnight in the Junior Class!

Focus Sounds

Every Monday, students will bring home a sheet featuring their focus sound for the week.

Word Hunt: Students are encouraged to look and listen for words containing their focus sound and record them on their sheet.

Earn Dojo Points: Return the sheet the following Monday to earn 1 Dojo Point for every word found!

Rewards: Dojo Points can be redeemed each Friday for fun activities and rewards.

Completely optional! This is not homework, but a fun way for families to support classroom learning.

Why do it? Recognising focus sounds in everyday words helps reinforce phonics knowledge and strengthen reading and writing skills.

Focus Sound Shout-Out!

This week, we would like to celebrate the two students who collected the most words over the past fortnight!

Week 2 – Mia!

Mia found an impressive 58 words containing her focus sounds, earning 58 Dojo Points!

Week 3 – Harvey!

Harvey found a whopping 78 words containing his focus sounds, earning 78 Dojo Points!

Well done, Mia and Harvey! We would also like to congratulate all the students who have participated in this activity and put in the effort to strengthen their reading and writing skills.

Toys at School

Bring a Toy Reward: Students can use their Dojo Points to earn the opportunity to bring a toy to school on an allocated day the following week.

Why the rule? Toys at school can sometimes lead to disagreements, exclusion of others, or toys being lost or broken.

When can toys come to school? Only when students have redeemed the 'Bring a Toy' reward.

Parent Notification: Students who redeem this reward will bring home a note on Friday to let families know.

Thank you! We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a happy, safe and inclusive playground for everyone!

Bathroom Breaks and Transition Times

Building independence: We are encouraging students to develop good organisational habits by making the most of transition times.

Transition music: Music plays approximately 4 minutes before the bell to remind students to prepare for their next learning session.

Getting ready: Students are encouraged to use this time to visit the bathroom, get a drink, change clothing and collect anything they need.

Between lessons: Students are learning to use classroom transition times to organise belongings and visit lockers, rather than during instructional time.

Bathroom access: Students can still use the bathroom when needed. Our focus is on encouraging good habits, not restricting access.

Our goal: To build independence, improve organisational skills and maximise valuable learning time.

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Respectful Relationships

In Respectful Relationships, we are currently exploring the topic of Personal Strengths.
Throughout this unit, students are learning to:
Identify and describe their own personal strengths.
Recognise and explain how their strengths contribute positively to family and school life.
Identify ways to show care and kindness towards others, including making and maintaining friendships.
These lessons encourage students to recognise the qualities that make them unique, appreciate the strengths of others and understand how we can all contribute positively to our school community.

Writing – Wednesday to Friday

Our focus: Building on last term's learning about informative texts by exploring the features of informative posters.

Text features: Students are learning to use headings, layout, numbered lists, bullet points, diagrams, photographs and captions.

Putting it into practice: Students are creating their own informative posters about **Omeo Primary School!**

Sharing our work: Once completed, we hope to share these posters with next year's Prep students to help introduce them to our wonderful school!

Numeracy – Thursday and Friday

Our focus: Finishing our unit on division and multiplicative thinking.

What we've been learning: Exploring equal sharing through hands-on activities and representing our thinking using mathematical language and number sentences.

Assessment: Students will complete a post-unit assessment on Friday to celebrate their progress and identify areas for further learning.

Coming up: Next Thursday, we will begin our new unit on **Measurement!**

Dojo Portfolios and Digi Tech

We are learning how to use the portfolio section in Dojo, allowing students to post work to share with their parents. This involves learning how to take photos, type, voice record or use voice to text to add a captain and then send it to their digital portfolio. This is a function myself and students are learning to use, and I hope to use it on a regular basis.

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Numeracy
We are focusing on fractions Monday – Wednesday. Maybe you can find real life connections to fractions at home.

History
Tuesday 10th November is grandparents or special older person afternoon. An invite will be sent home inviting grandparents or a special older person to join us for the afternoon. The junior class have composed some questions that will help them understand what it was like to be a child in the past. We hope to record the interviews so they can share them with families. We are also lucky to have some valued members of the community who are happy to come along for students to interview if their grandparents are unable to make the afternoon. Alternatively, students are welcome to conduct the interview in their own time outside of school. Please reach out to me if you would like your child to do this.

Canteen
Tuesday 10th is the next junior canteen day. The first one was a great success and thank you to all parents who sent treats along. If you are able to again send treats along on Tuesday 10th we would very much appreciate it. In addition, if you are happy for your child to purchase a toasty and treat for lunch don't forget to send a small amount of money along for them to do so. Thank you to Zoe, Anju, Mindy and Sharna for their help working in the canteen. If you are able to volunteer your time to work in the canteen with us we would love to have the help, starting from 12:45pm through to approx. 1:30pm.

Year 1/2s Sleepover and prep dinner
Thursday 26th November
More details will be released in the next newsletter.

Finally, I wanted to pass on the importance of finding a love for reading. This doesn't always happen when students are learning to read as they are focused on the learning part. Making time to read books of interest, picture books, novels, listen to audio books is something all children should be exposed to. We are now doing this daily at school and encourage it happen at home when possible.

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SENIOR CLASS NEWS

It has been another busy fortnight at Omeo Primary School. Senior students have been working very hard in all areas of the curriculum.

The grade 6 students that participated in Junior Rotary . They knuckled down to complete all required tasks a week before it was due as requested from the Rotary Club in Bairnsdale. They need time to check all diaries ready for the awards night. Congratulations Holly, Ben and Dusty for persisting with this project and working to the best of your abilities to finish on time. The following information relates to the Rotary Presentation night.

Rotary Presentation Night

Tuesday, November 10th, 2027—At 7.00pm

The Bairnsdale Uniting Church

Great Alpine Way, Lucknow.

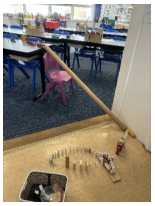
Students are still working on Persuasive Writing pieces and developing skills to convince their audience to agree with their way of thinking. Students will soon be participating in a whole school narrative writing exercise, using the same topic in Junior and Senior, giving staff the opportunity to moderate writing samples, identify growth and areas for improvement.

Mathematics has been a lot of fun as we have improved our skills in measurement. Students have studied what different measurements look like such as mm, cm, metre, by looking at formal measurement tools. They estimated the height of different objects and used informal and then formal ways of checking their answers. Earlier this week we estimated how far a km was and then walked with trundle wheels to check. Yesterday we explored measurement when cooking. After developing and exploring the actual measurements of a cup, half cup, 1/3 cup and ¼ cup and then the spoon measurements, the class made pancakes for the whole school. They topped them with the maple syrup that the Rotary students won for their Canada project in the first week of term.

We have started watching Behind the News this term. It has proven to be a valuable way for students to develop an understanding of current affairs in a way that engages them. The latest reports have been about artificial intelligence, A.I, and how it is impacting our lives. We explored different videos to predict whether they were real or A.I. We discovered that sometimes it is hard to tell the difference.

Our Crazy Contraptions are developing well. There are some great creators within the senior classroom. Their aim is to cause as many chain reactions as possible. When they master one part of their contraption, they can leave it and work on another section; eventually making it all work as one complete machine. If you are interested in seeing some “real life” examples, search for *Robe Goldberg Machine video* on the internet. They are quite amazing.

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VISUAL ART NEWS

Students continue to nail down routine and expectations in the art room – I am so impressed with how hard they have been working at this, and each task I throw at them. As students become more diligent with these routines and continue to show me how committed they are, this opens opportunities for us to use different materials! Like clay, acrylic paints, hot glue, oil pastel, staplers, etc.

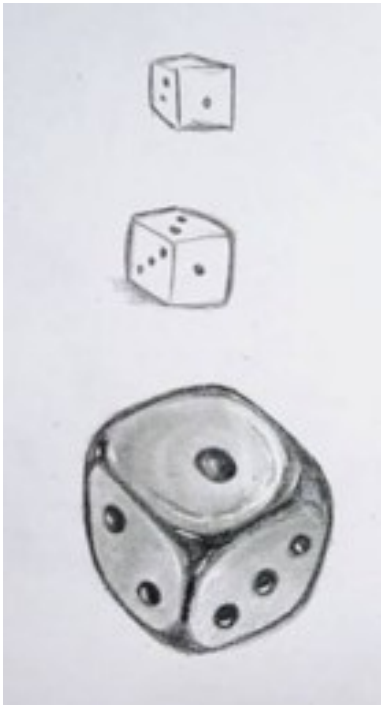
The past two weeks, I am confident in every student's understanding of how colour affects the mood of an artwork.

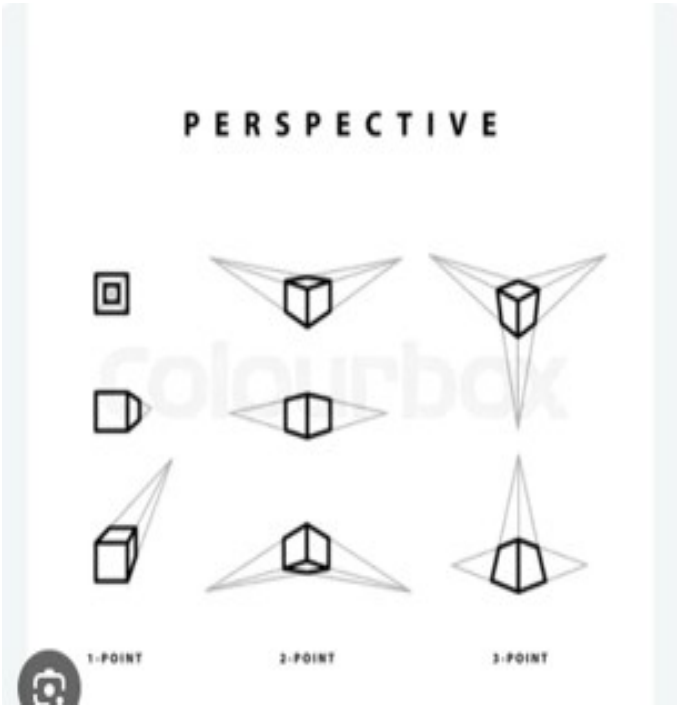
This week we continue to develop our understanding of visual conventions, this time with *line*. How *line* can create texture, mood, and perspective.

We will continue to explore and create artworks with different *line* this week and briefly into next, then move into planning and creating what artworks each student will want to present in the show.

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 what a visual convention is, or how colour and line are used to help me create a message in my art!
Ask me about 'perspective points' in art! Get me to draw some examples for you (1pt, 2pt, 3pt).
Ask me about colour mixing! How white and black can change a colour – do I need a lot or a little of each?





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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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JUNIOR AWARDS

Charlie Domogracia

Charlie has been working hard in literacy, and it really shows as her reading is getting stronger and stronger! Well done Charlie for taking such an interest in your learning; for being organised during transitions, for continuing your learning at home and for following instructions so well in class. Keep up the great work!



Ella Lopardi

Ella has been enjoying learning about fractions in Numeracy. She has shown excellent understanding of looking at a whole ice cream and identifying what fraction of the ice cream scoops were a particular colour. Such as 3 out of 4 scoops are blue which is ¾. Ella continued to show understanding when folding and labelling sticky notes into represent different fractions. Fantastic effort Ella!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
SENIOR AWARDS

Landyn Snape

Landyn has been working very well in all areas of learning. You did an excellent job making pancakes for the Junior room and your group on Tuesday. Your "Crazy Contraption "is developing very well. I have been pleased with how focussed you have been during spelling, writing and maths tasks. You have made a great start to term 4. Well done.



Matilda Greenaway

Matilda has settled very well into the senior classroom this term. You have shown enthusiasm for many of the things we do in the class such as timetables challenges and gaining raffle tickets for displaying positive behaviour. You volunteer to help in the classroom and willingly participate in all curriculum areas. You have made an excellent start to life at Omeo Primary School. Well done Matilda.

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BREAKFAST CLUB CALENDAR

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 student free	3 Melbourne	4 Zoe & Brandon	5	6 Zoe & Brandon	7
8	9	10	11 Zoe & Brandon	12	13 Zoe & Brandon	14
15	16	17	18 Zoe & Brandon	19	20 Zoe & Brandon	21
22	23	24	25 Zoe & Brandon	26	27 Zoe & Brandon	28
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