Omeo Primary School Newsletter

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Thursday 12th November 2026

SCHOOL CALENDAR - TERM 4

BIRTHDAYS— NOVEMBER

Jed Symons / Mia Flanagan / Hugh Greenaway



NOVEMBER

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 13TH NOVEMBER @ 2.45PM—MUSIC ROOM

Goodbye from Nita

I would like to thank Omeo Primary School students, staff, parents and the wider community for making Ray and I feel so welcome. We have really loved our time here.

I have especially enjoyed teaching my students and seeing them grow as learners and individuals. Good luck in the future. I'll miss you.

We have made the decision to return to Nicholson at the end of this year, travel a bit, spend time with our family and enjoy some down time.

Thank you, Nita Shaw

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we approach the middle of 4th term this week, it is a good time to remind families to look out for their child's health and wellbeing.

It is around this time each year, that we often see school children become overtired, anxious about the coming year, and over excited about the end of year events and happenings (Christmas etc). Children can become exhausted and as a result not cope with school as we would hope.

It is really important that we take care of the fundamentals and basics in our children- Good sleep and lots of it, good food and healthy hydration, and lots of family time! It is amazing what difference this can make to the way the final weeks of a busy calendar play out.

Mobile Phone Reminder:

A reminder please, if you require your child to leave the home with their phone, it must be put into the tub in the office as soon as they get to school. It must be switched off and is not to be touched during the day.

If parents do not need their child to leave the home with the phone, then please don't bring them to school at all



Grade 6 Big Day Out:

To help celebrate the end of an era for our Grade 6's, we will be participating in the Grade 6 Big Day Out- to be held on December 4th, 2026. For this event, the school will organise transport for the group to Lakes Entrance Aqua Park, where they will spend the day on the equipment.

This event is community sponsored and a free BBQ lunch is provided. Permission slips will be sent out soon.

Michael Greenaway
Principal

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FROM THE OFFICE

GRADE 5 & 6 URBAN CAMP

Thankyou to Grade 5's and 6's for getting their paperwork in on time! Please be aware that payment of $400 must be made by MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER, 2026.

JUNIOR ROOM CAMP:

Information on the Grade 1 and 2's Overnight camp at school and the Prep's staying until 7pm on Thursday 26th November, 2026 will come home with students today. Please ensure you read carefully and keep the front page of the YELLOW permission form to remind you of the details. Only the 2nd page of the Permission form needs to be sent back to the office along with the BLUE Medical form. A packing list and itinerary will also be attached. If you have any questions either approach the office or Lynette Bannister | Ashleigh Pendergast. FORMS are due in along with $10 by Monday 23rd November. If you have money left in your family account, I will notify you and you can use this. Either cash or direct debit to the bank account can be done also.

PERMISSION FORM TO USE PHOTOS:

A permission form will come home to all families seeking your permission to utilise photos of students on the following platforms:

Omeo Primary School FACEBOOK page: This is yet to be set up but will ONLY BE ACCESSIBLE to parents at the school- all students

Junior Classroom DOJO- only to be used to share information and photos to parents of Junior room students.

PARENT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS:

A letter will sent out to all families in regards to 2027 Voluntary Contributions. School Council has agreed to keep this contribution to $200 per student for 2027. A reminder will also be provided at the beginning of Term 1, 2027. Voluntary Contributions assist the school to provide each and every student with all school requisites and further assists the school to run camps and excursions for all our students. We look forward to receiving these contributions which are entirely voluntary.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Thank you to our wonderful parents who have kindly offered their time to help with the school Breakfast Program—Now running Wednesday, Thursday & Friday's.

OFFICE STAFFING
Andrea—Monday to Thursday
Tracey - Thursday & Friday

Banking details: CBA

BSB:063-857 Acct No: 10006685

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GENERAL

REMEMBERANCE DAY—11/11/2026

Omeo Primary School participated in the Remembrance Day commemoration on Wednesday 11th. The students worked together to create a rustic, yet beautiful wreath. Thank you to Holly and Evelyn for laying the wreath on behalf of the school. All students were exceptional throughout the service. The bright red poppies made by the students were worn with pride and looked fantastic.



Least We Forget





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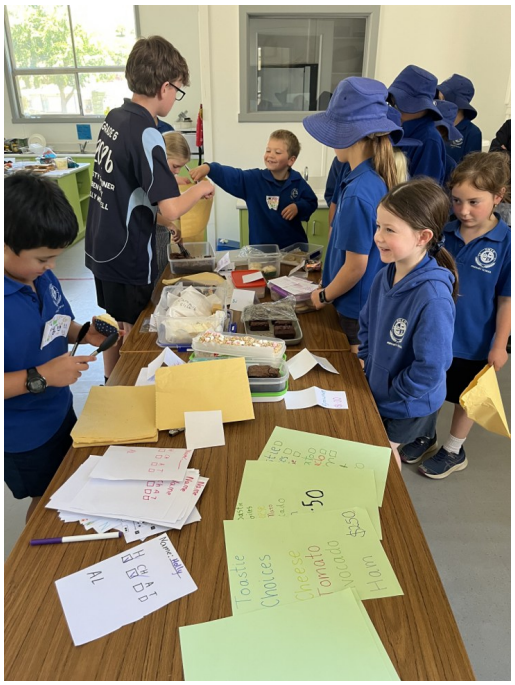
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JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

Junior Canteen – that's a wrap for 2026!

What fun we had running two canteens this term. All members of the junior class worked extremely hard setting up and running the canteen. We made just under $200 between the two canteens which will be used for the upcoming camp and dinner. Thank you to all parents who baked, made treats and helped in the canteen on the day. A valuable hands on learning experience that I hope we can run again in 2027.





Grandparents afternoon

We were lucky to have so many grandparents join us on Tuesday afternoon. The students enjoyed giving them a tour of the classroom and school. Asking questions about their past, sharing stories, looking at photos, and special items that were brought along. It was lovely to see the shared joy and feel the love and warmth in the classroom for the afternoon. Students whose grandparents were unable to make the afternoon were official photographers to capture the afternoon in photos and videos. The students in the coming weeks will use these to create a slide show they can share with their family. Thank you to all the grandparents who came along and made the afternoon a great success.

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JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

Grandparents Afternoon continued……













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JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

Numeracy

We are finishing our fractions unit and moving onto reviewing all areas of numeracy for the remainder of the year with the main focus being, reviewing what has previously been covered and then applying this to solve problems and real-life situations.

Science

For the remainder of the term, we will be focusing on plant biology, including planting seeds and watching them grow. Stay tuned for some photos and information in the coming weeks.

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I can't believe we are halfway through Term 4!

We have had another great fortnight in the Junior Class, with everyone getting excited for the Junior Class Camp!

Well done to students who have worked hard at home to find words with their focus sounds in them, thank you to families who are supporting this consolidation of their child/rens learning! Check out all the extra Dojo Points some students have earned!



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JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

Wednesday–Friday

Numeracy

We have been exploring measurement, with our focus (so far) on length. Over the next two weeks, we will extend our learning to include mass and capacity.

I was incredibly impressed by the students' pre-unit assessments, with all students demonstrating strong foundational knowledge and understanding of length! It has been wonderful to build on these skills through a range of hands-on learning experiences.

Literacy

We continue to follow the Little Learners Love Literacy program, with students developing their reading and writing skills as they learn new sounds and spelling patterns. Students are becoming increasingly confident in recognising and applying these sounds when reading and writing words and sentences.

Writing

We are continuing to work on our informative posters about Omeo Primary School. Students have been putting their learning about informative text features into practice as they create posters showcasing our wonderful school.

We hope to have these completed in time for the Statewide Transition Day, when we can proudly share them with next year's Prep students!

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Cheers,

Ash
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SENIOR CLASS NEWS

As usual it has been a busy fortnight for the senior students.

Holly, Ben and Dusty have worked throughout the year to cover all requirements of the **Rotary Junior Community Award.** Last night they celebrated at Lucknow Uniting Church, Bairnsdale; each receiving a rotary award. Well done kids!





Ben, Dusty and Charlie went to Swifts Creek Secondary College this morning to continue their transition. They participated in a Scavenger Hunt to get to know the school and learnt about the timetable. They seem a lot more comfortable about the idea of moving to Secondary College since participating in the transition program.

We are all getting very excited as the grade 5 and 6 Urban camp gets closer. Travelling down on public transport should be an adventure! The students are happy with their room allocations. The days seem action packed as we explore some of the great activities that Melbourne has to offer. As well as myself, Jessica Demeter and Rhianne Obst, from Swifts Creek, will be attending.

We are going to the Nursing Home this afternoon to share stories and sing songs together. We have developed a friendly relationship with the residence through our frequent visits, so it is always fun going there. It is nice to see the elderly and youth interacting together.

We have almost completed our numeracy area of Measurement and after revision of everything we have learnt this year, will participate in assessments to celebrate how far the students have come this year. In tonight's staff meeting we are moderating writing samples to celebrate milestones and recognise gaps for future learning.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for being so supportive throughout the two years that I have worked at Omeo Primary School. I have felt valued and supported by you during this time. Ray and I have made the difficult decision (it really was!) to leave beautiful Omeo at the end of the school year. We have enjoyed every minute of our time up here. Meanwhile, there is still heaps to do with assessments, report writing, camp, graduation, the performance and presentation night (and anything I have forgotten!)

I am sure I will catch up with you all before we leave.

Thank you,

Nita Shaw

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VISUAL ART NEWS

It's Show week!

The Junior and Senior Classes have worked immensely hard on what we have entered to The Omeo Show. Both classes will be showcasing their knowledge and understanding of the visual conventions, colour and line, and how they contribute to the meaning and messaging we can create in visual arts. Expressing different moods, emotions, perspective, and textures! As a school we will also showcase 'artworks we are proud of', created throughout the year.

Some students have chosen to enter their pieces into judged categories at the main pavilion. This was not mandatory – I am not brave enough to do this, and am so proud of those who have chosen to do so.

As the big push to get to The Omeo Show ends, we look to the final weeks of Term 4. The classes will be exploring visual arts throughout history, and how this form of art has been used as a critical story-telling and expressive medium for cultures around the world, past and present. I am really looking forward to where this learning will take the classes.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at The Show this weekend enjoying and marveling at the hard work and creativity of each of the students.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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JUNIOR AWARDS

Maddie Chapman

Wrote a brilliant strong 'where' sentence. "The baby whale is swimming in the water." Maddie, you should feel extremely proud of your writing, not only did you create the sentence using the strong sentence structure. You used sounding and writing strategies to write your sentences! Fantastic writing Maddie



Lucas Moroney-Johnson

Lucas had a fantastic week! He arrived at school ready to learn and gave 110% to everything he did. It was awesome to see him engaged with his learning and getting started straight away on his work. Keep up the amazing work!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
SENIOR AWARDS

Bradley Howe

Congratulations Bradley. You are a friendly and cooperative member of the classroom. Your classroom work has improved greatly and you try your hardest in all activities. When we visit the elderly citizens at the Nursing Home you are kind and considerate. I love how confident you are becoming. Well done Bradley.



Jasmine Snape

The improvements in your writing and mathematics this year have been excellent. You always make sure you understand each task and work very hard to make sure you are doing your very best. You read with expressively and fluently. You are a friendly person, and I enjoy your contribution in the classroom. Keep it up Jasmine. You are a star.

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SCHOOL NEWS



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SCHOOL NEWS

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Schools in Category 0, 1 and 2 on the Bushfire At-Risk Register

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we prepare for bushfires and grassfires to help ensure the safety of our school.

As part of preparing our school for the bushfire season, we have:

- updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan;
- Completed maintenance works preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

An important part of this process is telling parents and carers what will happen on elevated fire danger days.

Our school has been assessed as one of the highest bushfire risk schools – Category BARR 2.

On days of elevated fire danger, BARR 2 schools must take early action to reduce the risk to staff and students.

Omeo Primary School **will close** on days that our **local government area, East Gippsland Shire,** is forecast to have an **Extreme fire danger rating.**

- **close** on a day forecast as **Catastrophic fire danger** in **East Gippsland, fire weather district.**

We will tell you when we are enacting our plan by Phone, UeducateUs, FaceBook .On days when the school has enacted this plan, no staff or students will be on site.

For information on how schools manage bushfire risk, go to: www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-information-parents-and-carers.

Help us prepare

Parents and carers can help us prepare for emergencies by:

- making sure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers
- keeping up-to-date with the school's emergency plan by reading our newsletters; checking our website or school communications portal -UeducateUs, talking to your child's teacher or school staff about our emergency management plan.
- making a plan so you are ready if the school does need to close.
- This includes planning for:
    - the supervision of your child on days the school is closed

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- making sure your family's bushfire plan is updated. Further information can be found on the CFA's website (https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/fire-safety/your-fire-plan/make-your-fire-plan/bushfire-plan)
- actioning your family's bushfire plan if your own triggers are met. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are enacting your bushfire plan and if your child will be absent
- if your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire plan. Information about how to talk to children about bushfires can be found on: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/talking-to-children-about-bushfires..

For information on emergencies, please use:

- VicEmergency app (android/ iOS)
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website (https://emergency.vic.gov.au)
- Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency)
- Emergency broadcasters (https://www.emv.vic.gov.au/official-emergency-broadcasters-in-victoria).
- www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-information-parents-and-carers

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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 Emma C	6 Zoe & Brandon	7
8	9	10	11 Zoe & Brandon	12 Emma C	13 Zoe & Brandon	14
15	16	17	18 Zoe & Brandon	19 Emma C	20 Zoe & Brandon	21
22	23	24	25 Zoe & Brandon	26 Emma C	27 Zoe & Brandon	28
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COMMUNITY NEWS

SWIFTS CREEK POOL—SUMMER 2026/27

Hi everyone,

We're pleased to welcome you back to Swifts Creek Pool for another swimming season!

Early morning swimming is now open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6–8 am.

You can now complete your 2026–27 membership form online using the link below, or scan the QR code on the attached graphic:

Complete your membership form

https://swifts-creek-pool-membership-2026.rompingblossom.chatgpt.site

The form includes the pool's bank details for payment by transfer. Once completed, please email your membership form and payment receipt to swiftscreekpool@gmail.com.

Keep an eye on our social media for afternoon opening times as the weather warms up.

We look forward to seeing you at the pool!

Kind regards,
Renee
Swifts Creek Memorial Pool Committee

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Tech Help

One-On-One Assistance



Omeo Service Centre
Monday 16 November
9.30 am – 12.00 pm

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At your library
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Scan the QR code

Book a One-On-One tech help session!

Book a 30 minute one-on-one session, where we'll work together to set tech goals and help you achieve them.

Support is available for using devices, applications, social media and browsers.

We don't cover issues related to security, repairs, or purchase recommendations.

Please note, we cannot assist with online banking-related problems for privacy reasons.

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