

# Omeo Primary School Newsletter



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## Thursday 17th September 2026

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### TERM 3

#### SEPTEMBER

**FRIDAY 18th - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
**LAST DAY ASSEMBLY - 12:00pm—Parents Welcome**  
**EARLY FINISH 2:30pm - BUS LEAVES 3pm**  
**Remember you child will be getting home on bus earlier than usual.**

#### TERM 4

#### OCTOBER

**MONDAY 5th—PUPIL FREE DAY**  
**TUESDAY 6th—STUDENTS RETURN**

#### BIRTHDAYS—SEPTEMBER

6th Dusty / 21st Chance / 26th Lucas

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

And just like that.....all of a sudden.....Term 3 has come to a close!

I would like to thank **EVERYONE** who has supported me through the past ten weeks as the Acting Principal at Omeo. It was an unexpected situation, but I can honestly say I have worked hard to support the school as best I could.

It has been a great experience and although I am not new to the role, I have certainly learned a great deal. I have really enjoyed working with **the students** and getting to know them better. My only regret was not spending as much time teaching the Senior class due to the ski program, snow and sports days, but the opportunities those activities provided were certainly worthwhile 'losing out' on some class time.

I'd like to say a really big thank you to all our staff. Staffing any small school is tricky at the best of times, but even harder when the location is rural and remote. For people who are used to living in the High Country 'above the gap' it can be easy to forget how isolated the school is compared to others in Victoria. At the start of the term it looked like we might not even have enough teachers to staff our two classrooms, but thanks to great teamwork and dedication from **Miss Bannister** (ski queen and sports extraordinaire), **Ash** (who stepped up to teach again) and **Nita** (sometimes taking whole school activities), we were all able to pitch in and support each other to not only make it work, but keep the term stable and consistent.

There was not even a teacher sick day or emergency situation that left us in a pickle for a single day this term! Thank you so much teachers. I appreciate all the extra effort you put in at school but also in your own time as well.

A big thank you also needs to go to **Andrea** and **Tracey** in the office. There is so much more involved in the office than answering calls and paying the bills. People would be shocked if they realized how much 'behind the scenes work' goes on in relation to recruiting, payroll, administration, finance, compliance and OHS. Without our office admin team, the school doors would not even be allowed to open. I'd especially like to thank Andrea who had to put up with me for four days every week and cope with my brain overloads, frustrations and forgetfulness. It was greatly appreciated.

So that's it. Thanks again to everyone for a busy but successful term. I am looking forward to packing up the little brick teacher's house over the weekend in preparation for Mr Greenaway and his family to arrive. Hopefully I will see you around some time – with any luck it'll be while I'm out camping or horse riding in our beautiful East Gippsland High Country.

Cheers, Miss Eds

**Regards, Clare Edwards (Acting 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.

### HATS—TERM 4

Term 4 students are required to wear a sun smart hat.

School hats are available to purchase from Eduthreads at—[www.eduthreads.com.au](http://www.eduthreads.com.au)

Or

There are a few second hand hats available at the school for a gold coin donation.



SLOUCH HAT  
\$15.00 AUD

### PLEASE WELCOME TO THE OMEO STAFFING TEAM:

- Frank (back from leave)
- Tash Florence (Junior Class Education Support)
- Emma Tuck (returning 1 day per week to the classroom Term 4)

### OFFICE STAFFING

Andrea—Monday to Thursday

Tracey - Thursday & Friday

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## JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

Well, that's a wrap on Term 3!

Well done to students, parents and staff for making it such a successful Term!

A big thank you to Clare, she has supported our school community so thoroughly- many evenings at school until after dark, hiring a much-needed skip bin, finding sticks and cardboard for cubby making, cool art projects, wheelie boards (eye roll from Ash), and just caring for our students and staff so, so much...we will miss you immensely and can't thank you enough for everything you have done for our little school.

Lynette and I hope families enjoy the school holidays; we look forward to working with you again in Term 4!



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## SENIOR CLASS NEWS

This term has gone so quickly due to all the exciting activities the students have been involved in. They have participated in skiing, the Snow Day, athletics events, fortnightly visits to the nursing home, a science incursion and so much more. I'm sure everyone is ready for a rest! Have a great holiday everyone.

On Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the senior students were lucky enough to be involved in a science incursion at school. The topics were Reach for the Stars and the size of your Solar System. In the morning the students worked on a large 9 metre mat that simulated the sun/solar system. They used representations of the planets and their sizes to work out approximately how far each planet was from the sun. Later they created rockets which they launched on the school oval.



We are currently learning about different ways to approach addition in our maths classes. We have recently completed multiplication, though we will continue to revise it throughout the year.

We have been focussing on the Book Week shortlisted books to influence our writing. Students have been creating their own picture story books based on the book, "Being Indy" and "Dear Broccoli." I have been very impressed with their focus on this task and the outcomes they are producing. The Junior classroom visited us last week to read their nonfiction published books to us. They did a great job reading and sharing with the senior students.



The residents at the nursing home were pleased to see the students again last week and taught our students how to play card games. We will not be seeing them again until after the school holidays, so it was good to catch up.

Have a happy holiday everyone. See you next term.

Thank you, Nita

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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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#### AWARDS

##### **LAYLA NICKLEN**

For your amazing writing!

Layla will write at every opportunity she is given; cards for Gran, recounts of the class novel...she even finishes other work early so she can do MORE writing!! Well done Layla for being so passionate about your learning!

##### **ELLA LOPARDI**

For being such a trooper! Well done Ella for rocking up to school with a broken right arm and still having a crack at everything. Ella has never complained or tried to get out of doing her work, she just has her best go. Well done Ella for being so resilient and persistent!

##### **TAJ VAN HECK**

I am very pleased to present Taj with this week's pupil of the week. Taj beat his personal record by 13cm and won high jump against students throughout the Gippsland District last week. He is now heading to Regionals next term. What an amazing effort and such determination. Taj also excelled in his recent spelling test. He has displayed athletic and academic success. Well done Taj. You deserve to be very proud of yourself.



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### CONTACT US

Booking Website: [www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries](http://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries)  
Phone: 5152 4225

#### Bairnsdale Library

22 Service Street, Bairnsdale 3875  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri - 9.00 am - 6.00 pm  
Thursday - 9.00 am - 9.00 pm  
Saturday - 9.00 am - 12.00 pm

#### Lakes Entrance Service Centre

18 Mechanics Street, Lakes Entrance 3909  
Monday to Friday - 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

#### Mallacoota Service Centre

70 Maurice Avenue, Mallacoota 3892  
Monday to Tuesday - 10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
Wednesday to Friday - 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

#### Orbost Service Centre

1 Ruskin Street, Orbost 3888  
Monday to Friday - 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

#### Omeo Service Centre

179 Day Avenue, Omeo 3898  
Monday to Friday - 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

#### Paynesville Service Centre

55 The Esplanade, Paynesville 3880  
Monday to Friday - 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

EAST GIPPSLAND  
SHIRE LIBRARIES

## WHAT'S ON

### SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES



Libraries Change Lives  
[www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries](http://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries)  
Phone: 5152 4225



### FREE | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

#### Craft Sessions



##### Bairnsdale Library

Monday 28 September  
2:00pm - 3:30pm

##### Lakes Entrance Service Centre

Wednesday 23 September  
3:00pm - 4:30pm

##### Mallacoota Service Centre

Wednesday 23 September  
2:30pm - 4:00pm  
Wednesday 30 September  
2:30pm - 4:00pm

##### Omeo Service Centre

Wednesday 30 September  
2:30pm - 4:30pm

##### Orbost Service Centre

Wednesday 23 September  
2:30pm - 4:00pm

##### Paynesville Service Centre

Thursday 24 September  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

#### Magic Show



##### Bairnsdale Library

Wednesday 30 September  
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Thursday 1 October  
6:00pm - 7:00pm

##### Lakes Entrance Service Centre

Tuesday 29 September  
2:30pm - 3:30pm

##### Omeo Service Centre

Thursday 1 October 11:00am - 12:00pm

##### Orbost Service Centre

Tuesday 29 September 11:00am - 12:00pm

##### Paynesville Service Centre

Wednesday 30 September  
11:15am - 12:15pm

### Children's Movie Screenings

#### Bairnsdale

##### Rise of the Guardians

24 September  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

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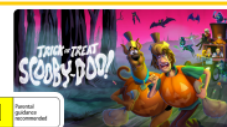


#### Lakes Entrance

##### Trick or Treat Scooby Doo!

30 September  
2:30pm - 4:30pm

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#### Mallacoota

##### Robinson Crusoe: The Wild Life

2 October  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

General



#### Omeo

##### The Emoji Movie

23 September  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

General



#### Orbost

##### Scooby Doo! and Krypto Too

2 October  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

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#### Paynesville

##### The Spongebob Movie: Search for SquarePants

2 October  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

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## School Holiday Movie Screening



**Movie screening on  
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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.



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