Principal’s Column:

This is a nine week term and it is almost the end of week 3! It continues to be a very busy time of the year with lots of organisational procedures and processes to be put into place, which will ensure consistent classroom, and school practices are implemented. Schools, like most places, operate better when everyone is clear about what is expected of them. This includes children, teachers and parents. All teachers are working long hours towards this end and this should be noticed and appreciated. If you are happy with something your child’s teacher has planned or organised or if you are excited by the work your child is doing please demonstrate this by saying so. Teachers are often the ‘encouragers’, but it is true that we (and I include myself here) often neglect to encourage them.

We welcome with open arms parent helpers into our school. We will be seeking classroom support very soon. Your assistance in all aspects of the school is greatly appreciated, whether this be in the classroom, on school council, with fundraising or simply by being an encourager – there are many ways to be involved. It goes a long way to helping a good school become even better.

Parent Helpers’ courses will be available during Weeks 6 and 7 this term. More details will be provided in coming weeks.

Thought for the Week
Successful people are always looking for opportunities to help others. Unsuccessful people are always asking, ‘What’s in it for me?’

Brian Tracy

Uniform Award
This week’s Uniform Wearers of the Week Award goes to GRADE 4C
Congratulations to the whole Grade for such a great start to the year and setting such a great example to the rest of the school

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 15 School council nominations close
February 17 Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings
February 23 CURRICULUM DAY
March 2 and March 9 Parent Helpers’ Course

February 16th
6.00 Education
February 18th
5.00 Buildings & Grounds
6.00 Finance/Grants
February 24th
School Council Meeting
School Payments

Financial Statements have been forwarded to families this week, with outstanding amounts. Payment would be appreciated as soon as possible.

Lunch Orders

Updated Lunch Order forms are attached to this week’s newsletter. Lunch Orders need to be bought to School on Wednesday and placed in the class tub. Lunch orders will then be bought back to students at lunchtime Thursday.

Lunch orders will not be accepted at the café.

Please note that

Tuesday February 23rd

is a

CURRICULUM DAY

No students to attend school on this day.

Netbook Payments

Term 1 - 2016

Laptop Payment Due

Netbook Payments for 1st Term 2016 are now due. It would be appreciated if payments could be made via the classroom teacher, direct credit or via EFT at the office. (If you have already made the first term payment or yearly payment for 2014, please ignore this notice).

Parents are also reminded that they have signed an agreement at the beginning of the lease period that states they will make term or yearly payments.

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Sustainability - starts with a bang!

Thank you everyone for getting behind the new program. We’ve received heaps of 2litre milk containers and 1.25litre soft drink bottles but would love some more, so please keep them coming in. Also, we are making great collections of CFL light globes, old mobile phones, plastic and metal bottle tops, smallish jars, batteries, plastic bags, toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes – all of which the kids have been keen to bring in. Keep them coming, and keep them out of landfill!

A special thank you to the families who donated their soft toys for the room and to the kids who’ve been coming in every lunch time to check out the room and help out – great to see your enthusiasm! Also, to Katrina Munster for some lovely books related to Sustainability.

Coming soon:

- Fish naming competition ends Friday 12th February – get your entries in now!
- Clean Up Australia Day for schools is Friday 4th March!

John.
**Foundation News**

**Foundation Students Begin School!**

The Foundation students have had a great start to school! They have been very excited and enthusiastic to be coming to school and learning new things each day. The students have enjoyed meeting their buddies and making new friends. We look forward to a fantastic and fun year ahead!

![Image of Foundation students]

**Important Dates:**

A reminder to all Foundation Parents that students are not required at school on the first four Wednesdays of Term 1 except for their allocated Interview Time. Students will commence a full school week as of the week beginning 29th of February.

**Book Club**

Please contact Bron Barwick if you would like more information on the Book Club.

nursebron@yahoo.com.au

The next book club will be Wednesday 2nd March at 7.30pm at the school. Anna has chosen *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins and Dee will be choosing next book.

Everyone is more than welcome to come and join Book Club, it’s a fantastic social night.

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**CSEF**

We have only had a few parents apply for the CSEF (Camps, Sports & Recreation Fund). If you hold a valid means-tested concession card, you are eligible to apply for CSEF Funding (used to be EMA Education Maintenance Allowance). Your card will need to be valid as at 27th Jan 2016 to apply for this payment. Application forms will be available from Monday 1st February at the Office. Eligible cards will need to be shown when completing Application forms. Application Forms are available from the Office.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 29TH FEB 2016.
No late forms can be accepted

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**Cricket Report**

Good morning Parents, Teachers and Students.

I hope you had a fantastic weekend. My name is Angus and I will be giving the cricket report. On Friday the 5th of February, Oak Park played Glenroy West, a rematch of last year’s grand final which we won by only 1 run. So we knew it was going to be a tough match. I was captain for the day and won the toss. I elected to bowl.

Glenroy west batted first and made 156 runs off 10 overs. The best bowler of the day was Anagi. His figures were 1/0 off 1 over. The fielding was really good with outstanding catches and runouts all round.

Oak Park was chasing 157 but we could only manage 123. The best batter was Jacob yours truly with some amazing stroke play. The final scores were Glenroy West 156 to Oak Park 123. Well done to all players and we look forward to playing Glenroy Central this Friday.

Angus Drenen
Family Information

With families registering for Compass, we have noticed there are many phone numbers and emails that have changed from what we have on record.

It is imperative that we have correct contact details on file. If your details have changed, please collect an Information Update Form from the Office. If you are not sure whether updated details have changed, please call or email the office to advise:

macdonough.frances.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

If your family is separated, we require to be notified and an Alternative Family Enrolment form needs to be completed. This allows both families to be able to access Compass separately.

Sweet Nektar Cafe

Sweet Nektar Café in Snell Gve. Oak Park are our suppliers of our students lunches on Thursdays.

They are very excited to announce that on Friday 19th February starting at 6pm, they will be having a Burger & Beer night. There will also be lovely wines on offer, and gourmet burgers.

Come along for some great food, wine, beer and listen to the live music.

Community News

Ladies Guitar Classes

LEARN TO PLAY CHORDS AND SING ALONG!
29 YEARS’ TEACHING EXPERIENCE
SAFE ENVIRONMENT
FUN AND EASY-GOING LESSONS
BEGINNERS’ CLASS
Wednesdays 1.30pm - 2.15pm
Teacher: Mary Petts
14 Currajong Street, Glenroy
h:9306 1184  m:0438 538 271
Sustainability

Our new specialist program is here! Grades 3 to 6 will be working with this in the first half of the year, with Foundation to grade 2 in the second half of the year. If you're interested in finding out what it's all about come and have a look at the room on Friday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.30. A huge thank you to the Gould League for posters that have helped set up the room. Check them out at www.gould.org.au.

We need your help! We're collecting items for work we will do in the program. If you have any of the items listed below we could really use them: 2 litre milk containers, plastic bottle caps, lids off beer bottles, small glass/plastic jars (eg. Vegemite, jam etc.). If you can help, please bring them to the Sustainability room (old music room).

Did you know you can recycle printer cartridges, plastic bags, CFL light globes, mobile phones, batteries and even toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes?? Well you can! We have collections right here in the Sustainability room. Please bring yours in so we can stop this going into landfill and serve some useful purpose in the community.
Dear Parents,

Next Tuesday we will be holding an open forum to discuss our new online system Compass. OPPS currently uses Compass for student attendances, online interview bookings and for teachers to access student data. We are now moving towards parents having access to their child's reports online and hopefully in Semester 2, they will be able to view current learning tasks.

If you wish to attend this forum, would you please Email your R.S.V.P. to http://www.oakparkps.vic.edu.au/ by Friday 12th February. This forum will take place in the Foundation area next to the Library.

If you have any queries, please direct them to Sally Morath or myself.

Thanking you

Jill Ridgwell
**WOW AWARDS**

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