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Principal’s Column

The initial part of the year is always a very busy time 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. Teachers will be seeking classroom support very soon. There will also be a Parent Helpers program later this term for those parents who wish to be involved in the classroom. Your assistance in all aspects of the school is greatly appreciated, whether this is 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.

Uniform Award

This week’s Uniform Wearers of the Week Award goes to Amine Kobak 3B

Congratulations to Amine for setting such a terrific example to the rest of the school

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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February 16th
5.00pm Buildings & Grounds
6.00pm Finance/Grants

February 22nd
7.00pm School Council Meeting
Working Bee

To assist with the continued improvement of the grounds, we will be holding our first Working Bee of the year in a few weeks.
Details will be confirmed in next week’s newsletter and on COMPASS.

School Council Elections

A reminder that nominations for both the Parent and DET categories for school council will close next Monday 20th February.

There are four vacancies on council for parent representatives.

If you decide to stand for election, you can either nominate yourself or be nominated by someone who is eligible for the same category as you wish to stand for.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

The School Council Election Timeline is as follows:

Notice of election & call for nominations  Feb 13
Close of nominations                   Feb 20
Ballot papers distributed             Feb 27
Close of ballot                       March 7

Count votes & declare ballot  March 8

Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended last night’s initial Parent/Teacher Meetings for 2017. There was a very high percentage of parents who were able to attend and share information – this is a very important part of helping our students to be the best that they can be.

The Rubbish Free Lunch Champions this week were Grade 3B (54%). They received their trophy at assembly and will hold it until next week.
When you pack lunches you can avoid rubbish by: Using reusable containers.

Written by: Patrick, Taylor and Michaela 4A
The Oak Leaf

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Compass Tips

**Please ensure you have the latest update**

**Ensure that ‘notifications’ are turned on**

**If you are having issues with logging on, please contact us to reset your password**

**Please keep your password in a safe place**

**SPLIT FAMILIES:** Each parent/guardian is entitled to their own username and login. If your family is split/separated please call the Office 93069182 or email Fran macdonough.frances.a@edumail.vic.gov.au and request an ‘Alternate Family Form’ to be sent to you for completion. Once this is received we may issue you your own details for Compass.

Japanese News

こんにちは みんなさん！(Hello Everyone)

In 2017, there will be newsletter entries that share some of the wonderful experiences that are happening within the Japanese Program and also upcoming events relative to Japan within the local community.

Soon, we have the Melbourne Japanese Summer Festival happening on Sunday 26 Feb 2017. It will be held at Federation Square from 12-6pm. Admission is free and is a great opportunity to have some true exposure to tradition Japanese music, food and art. There is also a dress competition with some pretty neat prizes to be won. More information can be found at www.jcjsm.org.au/fest.

There are also a couple of other competitions happening within the Japanese Language Teachers Association of Victoria. There is a Conference Book Cover, and Sticker competition. The Book Cover must be on A4 piece of paper and students original work (so no copying of pictures like Hello Kitty, etc.). ‘2017 JLTAV Conference’, must be included on the page and entries are to be handed to myself before Friday the 10th March. More information can be found at http://www.jltav.org.au/events/conference-book-cover-competition-2017/.

The sticker competition encourages students to design a sticker that promotes Japanese language. Entries must be students own work (no copyright pictures) and include one of the Japanese slogans mentioned at the website below. Entries will need to be submitted to myself by 17th March. More information can be found at http://www.jltav.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/sticker_design_contest_2017.pdf.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above mentioned, please feel free to come and see me.

Melissa Broso
Japanese Language Teacher

Book Club

Oak Park Primary School Book Club will be meeting on the 27th Feb at 7.30pm. New people always welcome. This month’s book is ‘Not Without My Sister’ by Juliana Buhring.

Inquiries contact nursebron@yahoo.com
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COMMUNITY NEWS

St Francis School Fete

Seeking junior players for the 2017 season
Auskick
Youth Girls
Under 9 – Boys and Girls
Under 11 – Boys and Girls
Under 13 – Boys and Girls
Under 15 – Boys and Girls
Under 17 – Boys
Contact the Junior Coordinator on 0413 009 838

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11am – 4pm
Celebrating diversity within our community

- Live Entertainment
- Rides & Amusements
- Animal Farm & Games
- Children’s Activities & Craft
- Show Bags
- Delicious Food Stalls
- Danceshires Tea in the Artisan Market Place
- Traditional stalls, plant & pre-loved bargains

EVERYONE WELCOME. ENTRY IS FREE

* Unlimited RIDE wristbands online for $25 (EARLY BIRD PRICE before March 9)*
https://www.tickaroo.com/247902

With thanks to Monash City Council for helping OPS Primary on the journey to become sustainable and waste reduction.
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## WOW AWARDS

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**Performing Arts:**

- **9th Feb:** Grace J
- **16th Feb:** Tegan

| 2E  | 4A  | 5/6 LH  

| 2D  | 4JW | Aydin |

### Performing Arts:

- **9th Feb:** Pyper Bunting, Julian Jurista, Ella Hamilton, Neyra Mutapcic
- **16th Feb:** Madeline Ryder H

### Japanese:

- **9th Feb:** Brandon C

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