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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **Sept 2** 7pm Family Movie
- **Sept 16** Footy Colours Day
- **Sept 16** Last Day Term 3
- **October 8** School Fete

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**Uniform Award**

This week’s Uniform Wearer of the Week Award goes to WILLIAM GUTBIER 4C

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

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**Thought for the Week**

I’m a big reader. My kids love reading, and I think it’s important, not just for development but for bonding. You start reading to kids before they can even understand what you’re saying to them, so I look at it as a fundamental tool for connection.

Ziggy Marley

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**Principals Column**

I believe good schools are all about connections.

Staff work hard to ensure they make positive connections with students and their families and also ensure that students are connecting with each other and the curriculum.

Connecting with someone is about making time to get to know them well.

Knowing children well is essential for a teacher as it helps in building on where the child is at and for planning the next bit of learning.

Teachers are constantly assessing their students and getting to know more about their preferred learning styles. Parents may remember being at school and doing lots of tests at the end of a unit of work. This usually meant a ‘grade’ or score was given that summed up how you went on the unit of work. This type of assessment is known as **summative assessment**.

These days, it is important for teachers to undertake ongoing assessments. One of the main aims of these assessments is to **inform our teaching**. So when a teacher...
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sits with a child and listens to them read in order to understand the cues and strategies they are using this is known as formative assessment and helps the teacher to determine what the child’s needs are.

Book Character Parade

Many thanks to all those who dressed up for our Book Character Parade last Friday. Captain Arthur Phillip, Governor of New South Wales and Oak Park (alias Michael) was the MC for the assembly and there was no shortage of wicked witches, fairy princesses, Wallys, Harry Potters and Things 1 and 2!

Check out some photos further on in the newsletter.

2017 Classes – Parent Input

Often during this time of year the school begins to get questions about how class lists for the next school year are developed. Basically the time frame for this task will be in early Term 4. The following criteria are considered as the staff creates a recommendation to the principal for class composition that includes:

- students with special learning styles and needs
- high achieving students
- balanced male/female ratios where possible
- known interpersonal relationships that will maintain a positive class climate
- teacher recommendation
- learning & teaching style balance
- parent concerns

Please note that parent requests are considered when the request is based on the learning style of the student or other known factors that may have a positive or negative influence on the child. We do not place children based on simple choice. As noted above many factors are taken into consideration.

Here are the steps to the process:

1. In the newsletter, parents will be notified to send a written letter to the principal if they want to give input to the process of class placement for their child.

2. The letter must be received by the school no later than 21st October in order to be considered. This is an important deadline as letters received after that date will be too late to be considered.

3. The letter must state the criteria and learning environment best suited for the student as per the parent opinion (this is a piece of the input to the process along with the teacher input). We ask that you do NOT request a teacher specifically by name.
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4. In Term 4, the principal will direct the teaching staff to prepare class lists for 2016 based on the criteria listed above including both teacher and parent input.

5. Upon completion of the draft class lists the principal will meet with each grade level team of teachers to review the lists and discuss the criteria for how they were developed.

6. Parents are informed of their child’s class placement prior to the end of the school year.

Family Movie Night

Don’t forget our movie night tomorrow, Friday 2nd Sept 2016. It will be held in the multipurpose room at 7pm. The movie will commence at 7.15pm.

The movie we will be showing is ZOOTOPIA. (pg) You will need to bring your own cushions, beanbags, blankets and chairs. If you do bring chairs you will need to sit at the back to allow everyone to see. There is heating in the multipurpose room but the floor can get cold. You will also need to bring your own food and drink (dinner and/or snacks) as we will not be providing food or drinks on the night. There is strictly no alcohol allowed.

It is important to understand that all children must be supervised the entire night by a parent or guardian. Children are NOT to be dropped off and left unsupervised.

Father’s Day Stall

Tomorrow, Friday 2nd September, the Father’s Day Stall will be open again for those who may not have been at school today, or for students who may want to purchase more gifts.

Team Holiday @ OPPS

Team Holiday will be providing full day programs for kids aged 5-12 each day of the school holiday break from 8am-6pm! Every child from every school is welcome to come and join the fun.

At Team Holiday, all programs are fully rebatable for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebates, which means you only pay half, if not less, of the full program price.

Every one of our staff is fully-qualified, Working With Children checked, and is either a teacher or studying in the education field. They’re also the absolute experts in creating unforgettable school holiday experiences. If you would like more information, please visit: www.teamholiday.com.au or call our friendly staff on 03 9532 0366.
Foundation 2017

A reminder that if you are enrolling your child at Oak Park Primary School for 2017, or you know someone who is, enrolment forms should have been submitted to the Office by now. If you would like an enrolment form, or information regarding the transition program, please contact Fran on macdonough.frances.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge will close on 9 September 2016. Children who complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge will receive a special certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former premiers. These will be sent to schools in Term 4. Happy reading!

Book Character Parade

Isla Rookler FH– Little Red Riding Hood

Riley Bishop FH – Thelma the Unicorn
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Archie Herrod FH – The Big Bad Wolf

Charli Rennie FH – Angelina Ballerina
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Book Club
Fantastic effort once again! The school has earned $405 in Scholastic Rewards. These will be used to purchase resources for the School Library and Classrooms. Thanks everyone and Happy Reading.

Grade 4 School Visit

Grade 4 Visits Coolaroo South Primary School

How lucky were the Grade 4 SRC students to have the opportunity to go to Coolaroo South Primary School to check out their imaginary playground?

A few weeks ago Stephanie, Chelsea, Daven, Deren and Alexander, along with Jill and Bryan all were fortunate enough to go to Coolaroo South to look at their incredible mobile imaginative playground. We joined with a class to investigate how the playground works! The playground is made up of compacted blue foam blocks in different shapes and sizes that you connect together to transform the blocks into incredible structures. The aim is to construct and build something out of your imagination. You can pretend it is anything, even if it is something not real!

Stephanie and Chelsea made a Robot called Rob. Daven, Deren and Alex made an Alien. Other students made a snake, a car, a factory, a maze, a house, weights and even Hungry Jacks! After one short hour of fun we had to come back to school. We really hope that we will be able to get an amazing imaginary playground like this. Maybe we will one day be able to as the SRC has raised over $2,000 this year.

Written by Stephanie and Chelsea
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Walking School Bus
Meeting to discuss the proposed new “Walking School Bus” route:

9.10am Friday 9th September
Francis Winifred Cafe, Oak Park
Any parents interested in supporting a new route in the Loongana Ave, New Road, Devereaux St vicinity, please come along for a cuppa and a chat. I have arranged for a representative from the Moreland Council to be in attendance.

If you are unable to attend but would like information or to offer assistance, please contact me on 0438 538 271

Thank you
Mary Petts
The Oak Leaf

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Community News

The Oak Park Kindergarten will be holding its 50th Birthday celebration in October. We are after any photos of the Kindergarten from 1966 to 2016 to display at our celebration. If you are able to assist us, please contact the Kindergarten on 9306 6200 or email oak.park.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au.

It’s not too late to get your fete donations in...... We are asking families if they can consider donating any of the below items to make out fete a little more successful. Just a reminder of what we are asking of you:

**Grade 6 & 5** - Gardening / Entertainment (Such as garden utensils, pots (no plants please), outdoor homewares, hoses, buckets, garden decorations, chocolates, DVD’s, BBQ tools, vouchers etc)

**Grade 4** – General Homewares (Such as vases, photo frames, cleaning supplies, mop, bucket, laundry soaking dish etc)

**Grade 3** – Kitchen Homewares (Such as tea towel sets, wine glasses, cooking utensils, salad bowls (or other decorative serving ware)

**Grade 2** – Bathroom Homewares (Such as towel sets, toiletry sets, candles, liquid soap dispenser, nice soaps etc)

**Grade 1** - Freezer-bags (size large, 45cm x 30cm)/ Paper plates (dinner plate size, approx 25cm, heavy cardboard) / Zooper Doopers (packet)

**Foundation P** - Plastic spoons/Plastic forks/Maple Syrup/Canola oil/Zooper Doopers (packet)

**Foundation H** - Napkins / serviettes / Foil Trays (Large BBQ size)/ Rubbish Bags/ Zooper Doopers

**Foundation A** - Tomato Sauce/ BBQ sauce/ Gladwrap/ Alfoil/ Zooper Doopers

Link for Tickets:

Link for Program:
All items need to be new, unused and still in original packaging. If you are able to donate any of the above items, the fete committee would be very appreciative. Also, thank you to all those who have already donated. It's shaping up to be a great fete!!

FETE SPONSORS 2016
Saturday 8th October 10am-4pm

All of the businesses below have sponsored our fete; please support their businesses in return by using their services.

PLATINUM SPONSORS

McDonalds Oak Park: 598 Pascoe Vale Road Oak Park, Ph: 9304 125, www.mcdonalds.com.au
Lifestyle Portraits: Studio 3 661 Victoria St Abbotsford, Ph: 94285877, images@lifestyleportraits.com.au
Barry Plant Real Estate: 1/828 Pascoe Vale Road Glenroy, Ph 9300 2344, glenroysales@barryplant.com.au
Lizzie Blandthorn: 416A Bell Street Pascoe Vale, Ph: 9354 9935, Lizzie.blandthorn@parliament.vic.gov.au

GOLD SPONSORS

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Essendon Keilor College, Ph: (03) 8331 0100, www.ekc.vic.edu.au

SILVER SPONSORS

Sydenham Dental Group, Ph: 9390 5199, www.sydenhamdentalgroup.com.au
George Weston Foods Limited (Don Smallgoods Division), Ph: 1800 147 613, www.gwf.com.au
Beauty on Rose, Ph: (03) 9331 3800, www.beautyonrose.com.au

BRONZE SPONSORS

Costco Wholesale Docklands, Inflatable World Tullamarine, Bob Jane T-Mart, Clip N Climb, AGS Prints, Essendon Keilor Gymnastics, Essendon Fields, Masters Roxburgh Park, Brumby’s Strathmore

All enquiries regarding sponsorship can direct to Casilda on 0458 340 130
Welcome to the fifth edition of the OPPS Fete Newsletter.
At this year’s Fete day we will have plenty of Sporting Clubs stalls/activities set up. Children will be able to take part in some sporting activities & will have the opportunity to meet the Representatives of the Sporting Clubs up front & in person.

What can YOU do this week to help?

- It is not too late to sign up to Volunteer. We still have many, many roles to fill. Please put your name down at the office, or with Julie & the ladies at before/after care, or return a volunteer form
- Come along this Thursday afternoon from 2:30-3:30 to the staff room for a “little jobs for the fete” working bee
- Have you sold your raffle tickets and returned them yet? To be eligible for the early bird prize, you must have returned all booklets by today (1st Sept)
- Colouring competition entries are due back 7th September, that’s one week so get colouring everybody!

VOLUNTEERS
Volunteer Co-ordinator – Lisa Kalimeris  Email: lisakalimeris@ymail.com or text 0431 857 071

A one hour massage voucher from Elite Body Therapies has been kindly donated by Craig Yorston (thanks Craig)! For each window of two hours in which you volunteer your time, you will be given one entry in the raffle for this amazing voucher. You can sign up to volunteer at the Office/with Lisa/at aftercare/by returning a volunteer form.

RAFFLE TICKETS
Raffle Co-ordinators – Melanie Ainsworth / Caroline Jory  Email: mainsworth78@bigpond.com or carolinejory@hotmail.com

The prize for the family who sells the most raffle tickets is two unrestricted wristbands! But you must return your tickets by today (early bird date) in order for the chance to win this fantastic prize. The classes who have returned the most tickets so far are Foundation A, 3P, 5K & 6C, so keep them coming! Stay tuned to learn whose family is the lucky prize winner of two unrestricted wristbands……………….!

If you would like additional ticket books please contact Melanie or Caroline. Remember all money and tickets need to be returned by 3rd October.

SOME OF OUR FABULOUS STALLS
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MORE OF OUR FABVULOUS STALLS

SPORTING CLUBS
These are the amazing sporting clubs who will be running activities at the Fete:

- Kelly Sports
- Oak Park Saints Basketball
- Oak Park Sports Association
- Penola Saints Netball
- Strathmore Split Football Club

And Olympic Taekwondo will be putting on some awesome demonstrations for us to see at 1:30pm!

RIDES
Rides Co-ordinator: Sharon Mulder / Melanie Ainsworth / Caroline Jory Email: mainsworth78@bigpond.com or carolinejory@hotmail.com
Ride wristbands will be on sale on the tiger turf in the second last week before school holidays. We will let everyone know when the ride wristbands go on sale.

Prices:

- $20 earlybird restricted rides wristband ($25 on fete day)
- $30 earlybird unrestricted rides wristband ($35 on fete day)

*only in completely unforeseen events will rides change from what has already been booked

Stay tuned next week as we will preview more rides that have been secured by the Fete Committee………..

COLOURING COMPETITION
Competition Co-ordinator – Carolyn Drenen / Kelly Richardson Email: Kellyricho78@gmail.com phone 0414 532 045 or contact Carolyn on 9365 8000

By now all school children should have their competition sheet. Entries are to be completed at home and will be due back 7th September.

- Prep-Grade 4 have been given a colouring sheet to complete
- Grades 5 & 6 need to “free draw” on the template provided.

One prize per Grade level - $10 showbag
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WOW AWARDS

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OPPS FETE - HOME BAKE STALL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8th 2016, 10am – 4pm

Calling all Masterchef’s or Cooks in Aprons

Parents and supporters (i.e. grandma’s) we would love your contributions towards the home bake stall. Please bake your favourite things. They can be sweet or savoury, large or small. Plates will be sent home soon or you can collect a cake plate from the school reception, fill in the ingredients label and hand in all non-perishable items in on Friday October 7th, or to the stall before 9.30am on Fete day. All cakes will be sold.

All Home bake items MUST be labelled with Name and Ingredients as follows:

Strawberry Jam

INGREDIENTS: SUGAR, STRAWBERRIES, VEGETABLE GUM (PECTIN), FOOD ACID

Extra plates can be collected from the school reception. To ensure that we follow all laws concerning the home bake, please complete the form below when handing in your home bake goods. All personal details provided will be kept by the Committee and not handed to the general public.

Could you please let Kelly 0414 532 045 or Leanne on 0425 884 043 know if you can answer this appeal for bakers.