The Oak Park Primary School will work collaboratively to provide a stimulating, safe and challenging learning environment that promotes resilient, innovative thinkers.

Principal’s Column

We are well and truly in the grips of an extremely busy time of the year. At school, there are many scheduled events and happenings crammed into the last few weeks of term.

Also of course, many of us have a number of family, and other, commitments which we must attend at this time of the year.

It all makes for a fun, but very hectic time! As adults, we can become even more tired than usual but children are probably most affected.

Teachers often notice this tiredness having a huge impact in the classroom at this time of the year.

I attended a seminar some time ago at which child psychologist Andrew Fuller, was the presenter. Andrew spoke in detail about the importance of getting enough sleep – for everyone. Children of about 9 years of age, for example, need a minimum 10 hours sleep each night. This figure only very slightly decreases as children get older.

I know it is difficult sometimes, but we ask that you please try to ensure that your child is sufficiently rested and ready to start school each and every day.
2017 Grade Structure

After much consideration, we have decided to implement the following structure for 2017:

- **F** 18
- **F** 17
- **F** 17
- **1/2** 14/9
- **1** 23
- **1** 24
- **2** 24
- **2** 24
- **3** 21
- **3** 21
- **3** 20
- **4** 25
- **4** 25
- **5/6** 16/13
- **5/6** 15/13
- **5/6** 16/13
- **5/6** 15/14

**Specialists:**

- Japanese: Melissa Broso
- Visual Arts: Dave Flint
- PE: Liam Sutawan
- Sustainability: John Hughes
- Performing Arts: Melanie Ojczyk
- Intervention/Playgroup: Jodie Sperling

We believe this structure will best meet the needs of our students. Numbers are quite low in most areas of the school with the exception of our senior classes. This is the product of keeping numbers as low as possible in junior classes – particularly Foundation.

The senior school will be made up of four composite groupings as opposed to single classes for the following reasons:

- There will be slightly less numbers in each grade (with straight grades, our Grade 5s would be 31 students each).
- We feel it will be more effective to have the capacity to split this year’s grade 4 cohort across four classes rather than only two classes.
- We have very high expectations of our 2017 Grade 6 cohort and believe their maturity and leadership will provide outstanding role modelling across the four classes.

A full list of teacher placements for 2017 will be in next week’s newsletter.
Grade Lists

Teachers and support staff are continuing to work on our grade lists. This is a very difficult task and obviously not everyone will be given their first choice. **We ask that parents model appropriate behaviours when lists are announced.** We have considered all parent input as per the process outlined many weeks ago and there would need to be extraordinarily compelling reasons for any change to be made. That a child is not with a particular friend is NOT a compelling reason.

Children will meet their new teachers and grades on Wednesday 14th December.

### From the Office

Dear Parents,

Grade 3 & Grade 6 Netbook payments are now **OVERDUE**. Statements have been sent via students for any outstanding netbook payments. Please check your children’s bags. Payments were due Friday 18th November, 2016.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please email Annette D’Elia delia.annette.a@edumail.vic.gov.au to discuss payment arrangements.

Regards
Annette D’Elia
Business Manager

2017 Enrolments

Oak Park Primary School continues to accept Foundation enrolments for the 2017 school year.

We remind you that, for a **child to begin Foundation in 2017, he or she must turn five by April the 30th next year.** Enrolment forms are available from the General Office during school hours, but please remember that proof of age (eg. Birth Certificate or passport) and an immunisation certificate are pre-requisites for enrolling at a Victorian state school.

Foundation 2017 Transition

**Session 3: Tuesday 29th November (Term 4, week 9) from 9.15am – 10.45am**
Transition activities within the 3 Foundation classes. Students will participate, while parents attend an information session in the Multi-purpose room.

**Please note:** Our school uniform supplier (A Plus School Wear) will be selling new uniforms following the parent information session.

**Session 4: Wednesday 14th December (Term 4, week 11) from 10am- 10:45am**
Children to meet their Foundation teacher for 2017 and their Grade 6 buddy.
Sustainability

Change for Change

Get ready to dig out your money boxes and to smash your piggy banks because we’re doing a change drive and we need your help. Tasmanian devils are critically endangered and they will be extinct if they don’t get help. So your child’s class will receive their very own milk carton converted into a money box (because we love to reduce, re-use and recycle!). The class that raises the most money will get a hot chip lunch as their prize!!! All you have got to do is bring in as many coins as you possibly can, each class will put all of the coins in their class money box and wait to find out who brought in the most money. It will start on the 28th of November and continue on to 7th of December. Only coins are accepted. Tasmanian devils are calling out for help, your change will make a change!

Emily, Chloe, Chanel, Aishani, Grace.

Endangered Species Event

Wednesday 7th December: On this date students from 5/6 are holding a range of fundraising events to assist conservation efforts for endangered animals. They have worked very hard to put together their ideas and to find reputable organisations to help their animal of choice. It will be a big event so we would invite all students to bring along a few gold coins and get involved on the day. It will involve the following stalls, competitions and events:

- Cake stall
- Lemonade stand
- Lolly bags
- Guess The Lolly Jar competition
- Paper Plane competition
- Treasure Hunt
- Icy poles
- Movie screening with popcorn sales
- Freshly squeezed orange juice stall
- Casual clothes/animal dress up day

There will also be groups who will be aiming to raise awareness of endangered animals and collecting for Lost Dog’s Home and ‘Change For Change’ related to collecting for an endangered animal. Stay tuned for more information in the newsletter, COMPASS, publicity signs and announcements. Thank you in advance for your support!

River Red Gums Conference

On Thursday 10th November, 4C and a group of 5/6 students travelled to the Plenty Valley Conference Centre to attend the River Red Gum Conference. This was the culmination of weeks of work that had also involved an incursion, excursion and preparation for the conference. The students viewed a wildlife presentation from Josh Cox, and some of our lucky people got to hold turtles, lizards and snakes (see photos). We had a magnificent lunch, then attended the presentations. The schools had put a lot of effort in and come up with some great presentations. Our students did a great job, with 4C presenting a beautiful large floor puzzle using facts they’d learnt about River Red Gums, whilst the 5/6 group
Oak Park Primary School will work collaboratively to provide a stimulating, safe and challenging learning environment that promotes resilient, innovative thinkers.

presented a quiz show. The students not only presented extremely well but their behaviour was impeccable and they represented the school extremely well. Thank you to all the students involved, the parents who attended the events, Jess Costanzo for her amazing work with 4C and our guide through the process; Julia Cirillo, from Merri Creek Management Committee.

As part of our Sustainability class we have been asked to address an environmental concern. We have learnt that The Lost Dogs Home looks after approximately 26000 lost and abandoned cats and dogs. That’s a lot of animals!! The Lost Dogs Home relies on donations of food and bedding for the animals. So we are kindly asking you if you could donate only these things:

- Old blankets and towels
- Cat and Dog toys
- Good quality tinned and dry pet food
Oak Park Primary School will work collaboratively to provide a stimulating, safe and challenging learning environment that promotes resilient, innovative thinkers.

(Unfortunately we are not able to accept anything else so please do not put in) We will be collecting from the 5th to the 9th December

Thank you

By Maggie M and Mia M

Book Club

Book Club orders are due in tomorrow, Friday 25th November. This is the last order for the school year. If you would like your order held for collection please let me know.

Michelle
Oak Park Primary School will work collaboratively to provide a stimulating, safe and challenging learning environment that promotes resilient, innovative thinkers.
Oak Park Primary School will work collaboratively to provide a stimulating, safe and challenging learning environment that promotes resilient, innovative thinkers.

Thursday December 1st
Start time 5:45pm
Carols 7-8pm

Visit from Santa, lucky dips, raffle & pizza for sale

Glow sticks, soft drinks, candles, icy poles for sale
In the FIRST HOUR

BYO picnic dinner

November 24th 2016
The Oak Leaf

Oak Park Primary School will work collaboratively to provide a stimulating, safe and challenging learning environment that promotes resilient, innovative thinkers.

WOW AWARDS

Term 3

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FH</th>
<th>Ada Cavdar</th>
<th>1A</th>
<th>3JW</th>
<th>SK</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FP</td>
<td></td>
<td>1/2T</td>
<td>3/4B</td>
<td>SH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FA</td>
<td>Stella McKinnon</td>
<td>1B</td>
<td>3P</td>
<td>6C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2E</td>
<td>4H</td>
<td>6FL</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
|     |             | 2C | 4C | Koray Sezer | O.S.H.C:

School Contacts

Principal       Bryan Nolan       nolan.william.b@edumail.vic.gov.au
Business Manager Annette D’Elia       delia.annette.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Office Manger   Fran MacDonough       macedonough.frances.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
PFA President   Bron Barwick         nursebron@yahoo.com
School Council President Rory Sercombe   rorysercombe@hotmail.com
OSHC Coordinator Julie Andrews        aftercare@oakparkps.vic.edu.au