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Principals Column

Most people have heard of the right-left brain concept which is meant to aid our learning. Modern brain research has thrown up some fads but there are also useful lessons for us in modern discoveries about how we learn. Some of these include:

The brain is not static.
Our experiences help our brain to grow. While reading and writing are important ways to learn, actually doing things has a lasting effect. The things we do are remembered longer than those we read or hear about.

Memory is not static.
A memory is not stored away to be retrieved intact and unchanged. Our subsequent experiences alter our memories, and all memories fade as new experiences take their place. Repetition, writing, reinforcement, rehearsal can be used to improve our recall.

Memory is not a single function.
Experiences are stored in various sites in the brain. Parents and teachers who employ a wide range of methods and approaches (seeing, writing, reading, hearing, doing, etc) enable children to remember more information and then recall it more fully.

Uniform Award

This week’s Uniform Wearer of the Week Award goes to MITCHELL LEARY 4C
Congratulations Mitchell for setting such a terrific example to the rest of the school

The brain is a wonderful organ; it starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get into the office.

Robert Frost

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

August 16th
6.30pm Education/ICT

August 18th
5.00pm Buildings & Grounds
6.00pm Finance/Grants

August 24th
7.00pm School Council Meeting
The nature of memory.
We have no problem remembering how to ride a bicycle or clean our teeth. This is Procedural Memory that is built on repetition just as rote learning assists with some mechanical knowledge, e.g. times tables. But deeper learning requires more elaborate methods if we are to recall sophisticated knowledge and ideas that we don’t practise every day.

Emotion affects learning.
Children are right when they tell us they like Mathematics because they like the teacher. Children who feel threatened by a teacher, a situation or difficult work will be overpowered by ‘fight or flight’ emotions. A learning environment, whether at school or at home, which is safe both physically and psychologically, allows good learning to take place. Emotions can prevent learning; emotions can also improve learning.

Methods that enhance learning.
Some of these include practical hands-on activities; problem solving; use of graphics; memory games; modelling; rehearsal and stimulation.
Every word and action from parent to child sends a message. Tomorrow, listen to what YOU say to your children and focus on the message you’re sending. Are your messages telling your child that they have permanent attributes already developed or are your messages acknowledging that they are still developing and that you are interested in their journey? Everything we say to children determines their view of the world. Words matter and we should all choose our words carefully because we cannot guarantee or control how the listener will interpret or absorb them.

For more information about brain research please visit http://www.brainconnections.com

Holiday Program at Oak Park
Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program service that’s bringing the fun to Oak Park Primary! We’ll 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.

NAPLAN 2016
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an assessment program for Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9 students, testing knowledge and skills in Literacy and Numeracy. The results of the tests provide another source of information for students, parents, teachers and principals about student achievement which can be used to support teaching and learning programs.

In May 2016, NAPLAN tests were administered throughout Australia. It is important to remember that teachers in all schools assess their students’ learning in literacy and numeracy on a regular and ongoing basis. NAPLAN testing complements but does not replace the information that teachers gather.

Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will receive their child’s individual test results this week. If parents wish to discuss their child’s NAPLAN results they are invited to make an appointment with their child’s classroom teacher.

Kids Hope Mentors
Oak Park PS will be introducing Kids Hope from the start of Term 4 this year. Please see the Parent Information flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Family Movie Night
To help celebrate upcoming Father’s Day and following the great success of previous years movie nights we will be holding a Movie Night on 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) The movie was chosen by a student vote conducted by the SRC. While we encourage Dads, male guardians or caregivers to attend the event, the night is open to all family members who would like to attend. 😊

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

On Thursday 1st Sept and Friday 2nd Sept we will be having a Fathers Day Stall at school. Gifts will range in price from $1 to $4, and students are not restricted to buying just one gift. We ask that all students please bring in a plastic bag or similar to take their gifts home. We would love some more parent helpers if anyone is available to assist, even just for a short time.

Foundation 2017

We are in the process of confirming all 2017 Foundation enrolments. If you have another child attending Oak Park Primary School next year, we would ask that you complete an enrolment as soon as possible.

If you know of anyone who is looking to enrol their child at Oak Park Primary school next year, please advise them to do so by requesting an enrolment form from Fran. Transition dates below:

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**Happy Father’s Day**
Book Character Parade

Oak Park Primary Staff donning their great costumes for the Book Parade today. More photos and a report will follow in next week's newsletter.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The countdown is on with less than three weeks remaining of the 2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. The Premier’s Reading Challenge will close on 9 September 2016. Now that Children’s Book Week has kicked off, there’s no better time to encourage your children to read those last few books and finish the challenge. 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 Club

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Book Club orders are due tomorrow

Friday 26th August
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Community News

Coburg High Parents' Association Presents

MOVIE MATINEE

After seeing this film you'll never look at school the same way again

Most Likely To Succeed

AUGUST 28TH
THEATRETTLE, COBURG HIGH SCHOOL
ALVA GROVE, COBURG

TICKETS $20 ADULT / $15 CONCESSION (STUDENT)
$30 FAMILY (2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN)

TICKETS VIA TRYBOOKING:
TRYBOOKING.COM/MRYM

"The 21st century is going to be all about building, creating, and innovating. This remarkable film shows a path on how we can empower all of our children to do that."
- Jalil Khan, Khan Academy

ESSENDON BASEBALL CLUB
COME & TRY BASEBALL & TEE BALL
AT THE AUSTRALIAN CLUB OF THE YEAR
SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST
10AM UNTIL 12:30PM

- TOP PROFESSIONAL COACHING & INSTRUCTION
- FREE DRILLS & FIELD USE
- FREE SWAG

For more information go to: EssendonBaseball.com.au
Phone: 0419 337 949
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REMINDER

Come along for a fun filled day!  
FREE ENTRY!  
Saturday 8th October 2016  
10.00am to 4.00pm

Oak Park Primary School Fete  
Rides • Showbags • Stalls • Raffles

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

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!!
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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
Church Resources, Ph: 02 9478 1414, www.cr.org.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

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, Beauty on Rose

All enquiries regarding sponsorship can direct to Casilda on 0458 340 130
Welcome to the fourth edition of the OPPS Fete Newsletter.
This year’s Fete Day we will be raising funds for:
- New classroom furniture
- Outdoor seating
- Football/soccer goals

Remember, the more we raise, the more of the above we can purchase for your school!

What can YOU do this week to help?
- This week let’s make it “sign up to volunteer at the fete week”. We still have many, many roles to fill. The Fete Committee would rather see lots of parents/friends to do little work, rather than a few have to do a lot. You can 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.
- Speaking of which, if you have any late donations, you can still hand them in to your child’s classroom!
- Have you sold your raffle tickets and returned them yet?
- Colouring competition entries are due back 12th September

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/aftercare. We will also have a Volunteers stand each week set up where Assembly congregates, so please stop by for five minutes and sign up. We still have many areas in which volunteers are needed!

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

Remember there is a prize available to the family who sells the most raffle tickets! If you would like additional ticket books please contact Melanie or Caroline. Remember all money and tickets need to be returned by 3rd October.

STALLS
Stay tuned next week to get a glimpse into the wide variety of stalls that are coming to our school. Think nice aroma’s, personalised gifts, some bling…. And we will be lucky enough to have the Bully Zero Team come along!

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

SHOW BAGS – We have a showbag van coming directly from the Melbourne Show!!!! (Actual van may differ from the image shown):

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 12th 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

CRAFT STALL
Craft Stall Co-ordinator – Leah Strutynski
Email: leah.st@gmail.com
Leah will be accepting all completed craft items up until 16th September.
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### Term 3

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### OAK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

**SAT 8TH OCTOBER 2016**

**Bad Boys Music Trip**

The ultimate ride of all riders! Who dares to take a seat on this thrillful ride?

- Restricted Ride: Must be at least 130cm tall
- Only 20 patrons at a time allowed

**Interactive Jumping Castle**

Bounce, climb & slide your way through the obstacle jungle.....
Lines, lines & lines.….. ‘OMG!’

- Restricted Ride: Age limit 3 *
- Only 12 patrons at a time allowed

[Images of the Jumper Castle and Music Trip]

### WOW AWARDS
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Parent Information

Introducing KIDS HOPE AUS

KIDS HOPE AUS is an early intervention, school-based mentoring program and has been operating in Australia since 2004. Over that time thousands of children have been matched with mentors in primary schools.

KIDS HOPE AUS was piloted and supported by World Vision Australia for ten years. Now an independent not-for-profit organisation, KIDS HOPE AUS remains in partnership with, and is endorsed by World Vision Australia.

Caring relationships with mentors have a significant impact on children because they help to meet their emotional and social development needs. Mentored children show increased self-esteem, confidence and resilience. Many teachers would like all of their students to have a mentor!

Making a difference at an early age

By enriching children’s early life experiences we can significantly impact their health and wellbeing. KIDS HOPE AUS is built on a model of long term partnerships between local schools and churches.

Carefully screened and trained mentors from the partner church each spend one hour per week at the school with their mentee. The results can change lives.

“Our kids are healthier and happier because of KIDS HOPE” - Principal GLD

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do the child and mentor meet?
The mentor meets with the child in a viewable space within the school, as identified by the teacher/principal. The mentors don’t work with the mentor in the classroom.

How are mentors screened?
Mentors must undergo the State legislated checks for working with children. They also complete a comprehensive application booklet, attend an interview and provide two references. The church leadership must also recommend them as mentors.

How are mentors trained?
KIDS HOPE AUS provides comprehensive, compulsory training for all program coordinators and mentors. Training topics include child protection policies and guidelines, understanding children’s needs, confidentiality and ages and stages in child development. Ongoing training and support are also available for coordinators and mentors.

Will my child miss out on important work?
Teachers may provide resources for any academic work to be completed in the hour. This may be revision, a project or reading, spelling or maths activities.

Is KIDS HOPE AUS a religious program?
No. KIDS HOPE AUS offers social, emotional and academic support to children referred to the program. Mentors in Government schools strictly adhere to guidelines on respecting the secular nature of education.

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Parent Information

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is my child being referred to the mentoring program?
Children can be referred for many reasons. Usually the decision to refer a child is made by a teacher who believes that the child will benefit from the program. Most parents are pleased to know that their child will have additional support.

What do the mentor and child do together?
Mentors and children plan their time together to include things like craft, educational games, cooking, sport, reading or academic work set by teachers.

Can I contact my child's mentor?
You can contact the mentor through the school. Many KIDS HOPE AUS programs conduct events at the school where parents can meet the mentors. You can leave a message with the school to arrange contact with the mentor.

What contact happens between the mentor and child outside of the mentoring hour at school?
Some churches host events for the local community. Parents of mentored children can choose to sign an Activity Release Form which permits the child to be invited to group events. Children can only participate in these events with written parental permission.

Is this program effective?
The KIDS HOPE AUS program has been evaluated by Griffith University. Results show that mentored children have significant increases in self-esteem and confidence. Children are better adjusted socially and emotionally, which in turn, can positively impact their academic progress at school.

How can I be involved in the mentoring relationship?
Parents are welcome to contact the Coordinator of the program through the school to give or ask for feedback. Parents are invited to attend special KIDS HOPE AUS events at the school.

HOPE IN THE LIFE OF EVERY CHILD

Will my child be given a mentor as soon as I give consent?
Mentors are carefully matched with students to give the best outcomes. Your child will be matched with a mentor as soon as an appropriate mentor is screened and trained. Sometimes there is a waiting list for children to be matched with mentors.

How do I tell my child about being referred to the KIDS HOPE AUS mentoring program?
The opportunity to be included in the program should be communicated in a very positive way. Schools often say they wish every child had a mentor! You can describe the program as providing an adult friend who will play games and do activities with them and encourage them in everything they do at school.

Code of Conduct for Mentors
KIDS HOPE AUS is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children in the program. We support the rights of the child and will act to ensure a child-safe environment is maintained at all times. We also support the rights and wellbeing of staff and volunteers and encourage their active participation in building and maintaining a secure environment for all participants. Mentors must:

- Be a positive role model
- Follow KIDS HOPE AUS policies and guidelines as described in the Child Protection Policy
- Ensure that they meet with the child in an observable space in the school
- Treat all children with respect
- Observe all KIDS HOPE AUS training guidelines
- Focus on skill building and relationship building
- Respect the secular nature of Government Education

“I love Larissa and I am excited to see her each week” - Sally, aged 10

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