The Oak Leaf

Principals Column

Now that the mid year reporting period is completed it may be valuable to reflect on the manner in which we give children feedback on their achievement.

Emphasising effort (e.g. ‘You must have worked really hard’) gives a child a variable that they can control. They see themselves as being in control of their success. Emphasising natural intelligence (e.g. ‘You are really clever’) takes it out of the child’s control, and provides no useful way for responding to a failure.

Those who think that innate intelligence is the key to success begin to discount the importance of effort. ‘I am smart’ their reasoning goes; ‘I don’t need to put in effort’. Expending effort becomes public proof that you can’t succeed on your natural gifts. Giving children the label of ‘clever’ does not prevent them from underperforming. It might actually be causing it.

Of course praise can be a positive, motivating force. But to be effective, praise needs to be specific and sincere. Some parents and teachers have learned to make comments like, ‘I like how you keep trying’. They try to keep their praise specific, so that children know exactly what they did to earn the praise.

Principal Award

This week’s Uniform Wearer of the Week Award goes to

AYDIN GAZI 2E

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

Thought for the Week

We are always more anxious to be praised for a talent which we do not possess than to be praised for the many that we do.

Mark Twain

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 29  Serendip Sanctuary exc: Grade 1A and 1B
Parent Opinion surveys to be returned

August 1  Bully Zero Presentations
*Parent Info Evening at 6.00pm

October 8  School Fete

24th August
SCHOOL COUNCIL
suspicious of it as adults. Not telling children they are smart means you are leaving it up to them to make their own discoveries about their intelligence.

Jumping in with praise is like jumping in too soon with the answer to a homework problem – it robs children of the chance to make the deduction themselves.

WOW Awards Review

We have been thinking about all the ways we can acknowledge students for their efforts. One such acknowledgement is the WOW award that is presented during the Monday morning assembly each week.

I spoke with members of the PFA this week and they had some interesting ideas about how we might be able to do this better.

I would also like to invite all other members of the school community to let us know of your suggestions on how we can ‘revamp’ our awards. Some questions you may like to consider include:

- Should all children have a ‘turn’ at winning an award?
- Should the award go to the student who has shown the most ‘growth’ in a particular area?
- Should we give out more awards, or should we scrap the whole idea of the WOW award?
- How important is the WOW Award to you, or your child/ren?

Please feel free to drop me an email with any thoughts/suggestions you might have:
nolan.william.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you!

Reminder:

Parent Information Evening on Bullying August 1st

A reminder about the parent information evening that will take place in the Foundation area at OPPS on Monday, 1st August from 6.30 until 8.00pm.

The experienced presenters will talk about all forms of bullying, why bullies bully, recognizing the signs of bullying, acronyms used during online chatting and cyberbullying.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss common concerns.

This is a topic that is of concern to many – at OPPS we have zero tolerance to bullying in the school and actively promote building resilience in our students.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to present this to our parents and carers as part of our commitment.
Please indicate if you will be attending by replying through Compass or emailing Sue Annett (Wellbeing Officer) at Oak Park.

anett.susan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

As an added incentive, there is a voucher attached to the form where Bendigo Bank will deposit $10 into new accounts that are opened!

School Banking

Application forms are now available at the Office for students to start School Banking.

We have had many families register their interest for this initiative. If you are unable to collect forms from the office, please call Fran, who will ensure a form is passed to your child.

2016 Fete

“Little Jobs for The Fete” Hour: Every Thursday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm in the staffroom, helpers are most welcome to assist with some ‘little’ jobs for this year’s fete. ALL WELCOME

National Tree Day Planting

A terrific effort from the students of 4C and 4H who planted more than 300 trees at the Herbert St. Reserve site with Moreland Council on Wednesday 27th July.

Tania’s class have put together some reflections elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks to our intrepid parents helpers: Rae, Alice, Bron, Helen, Kirsten, Rebecca (sorry if I missed anyone) and to the Moreland team;
Vince, Peter and Mark. Also a great effort from the grade 6’s who finally got to plant their mini-forest they will leave as part of their legacy to the school. We planted 60 plants along the southern fence line of the school which will hopefully be there for years to come.

School Disco PHOTOS

Tree Planting Day
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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.

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McDonalds Oak Park: 598 Pascoe Vale Road Oak Park, Ph: 9304 125, www.mcdonalds.com.au
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Barry Plant Real Estate: 1/828 Pascoe Vale Road Glenroy, Ph 9300 2344, gilenroysales@barryplant.com.au
Lizzie Blandthorn: 416A Bell Street Pascoe Vale, Ph: 9354 9935, Lizzie.blandthorn@parliament.vic.gov.au

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Visitor Sign Out
A reminder for all visitors to the school, to please ensure you SIGN OUT when leaving the school grounds. We have a sign in/out procedure and unfortunately many visitors are not remembering to leave their visitors pass and sign out.

Community News

Calling All Budding Netball Players
Penola Saints Netball Club is looking for girls or boys interested in joining for the up and coming Spring Season commencing on 27th August 2016
Development Squad (Training only) – Ages 6-7
Net Set Go Team – Ages 8-10
U11s – Age 11 and under prior to 31st December 2016
U13’s - Age 13 and under prior to 31st December 2016
Training Wed nights – Oak Park Primary School / Penola Junior Campus
Game Day - Saturdays at Parkville State Netball Centre.
For further information please contact:
Paula Brownett – 0423433072 / Wendy Cecchini – 0425 785 451

Walking School Bus
Proposed second route for the Walking School Bus.
There has been some interest in the school community in regards to starting a second route for the Walking School Bus along New Road, Oak Park.
I am trying to establish the viability of this option and I would appreciate any expressions of interest.
Please contact me if you live along, or in the vicinity of New Road, and you would like to have your child walk to school safely with other children.
Also, keep a look-out in this weeks’ Leader newspaper for a feature on our Walking School Bus; the last surviving one in the Moreland district.
Mary Petts 0438 538 271
Uniform Swap Meet

On Tuesday the 2nd August 2016 we will be holding our Uniform Swap Meet. This will give families at school an opportunity to bring in any uniforms (clean and good condition) that are no longer used and swap them for other sizes available. It’s fun and Free!!!

Details: Swap meet will be Tuesday 2nd August at 3pm

Schedule:

Tuesday 2nd August 3pm Hand in clean/good condition uniforms

Tuesday 2nd August 3.30pm Swapping (Swap your Token in exchange for other Uniforms.

*Items will be for sale on completion of the swap meet. The prices will vary between $5- $10 depending on the condition of the item. Parents running the swap meet will advise the price of each item based on it’s condition*

We will give families the opportunity to exchange your uniforms for tokens prior to the Swap meet, however there will be no Swapping until the Swap Meet opens at 3.30.

When you bring in your uniforms, they will be inspected to ensure they are clean and in good condition and in exchange you will be handed a Token. You will then have time to browse items available and then once the swap meet opens you will be able to swap your token for other uniform items.

PFA are happy to accept any unwanted uniforms that do not require swapping such as Grade 6 students leaving the school at anytime during the meet, including the last day of school.

Uniform Swap Meet Guidelines

Items that will be accepted for swapping: School t-shirts, jumpers and Bomber jackets that have an OPPS logo. (any top that doesn’t have a school logo will not be accepted)

School dresses, Navy shorts, pants and skirts. All items handed in must be in good condition and clean. All tokens from the swap meet will be transferable to future meets.

The number of tokens needed for each item is as follows:

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(PSW, Stubbies or equivalent)
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Other navy bottoms (Target, big W, Kmart) 1 token

Please read the rules below:

☐ Bring items that are clean and in good condition.

☐ When you arrive at the Swap Party, you will be given swap tokens depending on the items you bring.

☐ Once the items are at the Swap Party, they are no longer yours.

☐ Nothing can be claimed until the host opens the Swap.

☐ Spend some time browsing the items and chatting to the other swappers.

☐ Once the host announces the Swap is open, you may claim one item per token, some items may require 2 -3 tokens.

☐ If two or more of you want the same item, the host or representative will referee a match of scissors, paper, rock or other game.

Have fun.
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WOW AWARDS

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Unlucky Arithmetic
Thirteen Ways to Raise a Nonreader

1. Never read where your children can see you.
2. Put a TV or computer in every room. Don’t neglect the bedrooms and kitchen.
3. Correct your child every time she mispronounces a word.
4. Schedule activities every day after school so your child will never be bored.
5. Once your child can read independently, throw out the picture books. They’re for babies.
6. Don’t play board games together. Too dull.
7. Give little rewards for reading. Stickers and plastic toys are nice. Money is even better.
8. Don’t expect your children to enjoy reading. Kids’ books are for teaching vocabulary, proper study habits, and good morals.
9. Buy only 40-watt bulbs for your lamps.
10. Under no circumstances read your child the same book over and over. She heard it once, she should remember it.
11. Never allow your child to listen to books on tape; that’s cheating.
12. Make sure your kids only read books that are “challenging.” Easy books are a complete waste of time. That goes double for comic books and Mad magazine.
13. Absolutely, positively no reading in bed.