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

Principal’s Column

Like a lot of people in Australia at this time of the year, I’ve been thinking a bit about the Melbourne Cup. So I spoke to some of our students about what they know about the cup. They all had stories about how their dad backed the winner or just missed out etc. We all have a story like that.

I told the kids that the Melbourne Cup is a handicapped race. This is supposed to mean that the better the horse is, the more weight it has to carry. Most of them didn’t think this was fair—why should a horse be punished for being good? Most of the top horse races in the world are ‘weight for age’ events where the very young and very old horses carry less weight than horses in their prime. The kids thought this was fairer. Does this reflect life in any way?

I asked some children how is the Melbourne Cup like being in school? Here are some of their responses:

- Some of us are better at some things than others are.
- You sometimes have to punish someone to make them do what you want.
- It’s not always the best that wins.
- It takes a lot of people working together to make a winner.
- If you want to be at your best you need to do a lot of work before you get to the end.
- Experience can help you do better the next time.
- Just because a lot of people think

Thought for the Week

A camel is a horse that was designed by a committee.

Old saying

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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others are better than you, it doesn’t make it true. The reverse is also true.

· Good training and good trainers work at the racetrack and at school.

**Sustainability**

**Cooking with 1/2T and 2C**

Yep, we’re back in the kitchen! With chickens as our central theme, we again used eggs as the major ingredient and cooked French Toast. Almost everyone loved it! Many asked for the recipe, so here it is:

**Basic French Toast**

**What You Need:**

3 eggs  
1/4 cup milk  
1 pinch ground nutmeg  
4 slices bread

**Directions:**

BEAT eggs, milk and nutmeg in shallow dish until mixed.

SOAK 1 bread slice at a time in egg mixture, turning once, for about 1 minute per side.

HEAT lightly greased large nonstick frying pan over high heat until hot.

PLACE a bread slice in hot pan. Immediately reduce heat to medium. COOK until golden brown and no visible liquid egg remains, 2 to 3 minutes per side.

**Orchard**

1A and 1B last week planted nine more trees in our orchard, which is starting to look terrific. We now have apples, pears, cherries, figs, oranges, lemons, limes, mandarines, peaches, nectarines, apricots and blueberries growing down there. We have planned these plantings so that there will be something in season almost constantly throughout the year. Thanks to the families that sponsored trees to make this possible – the plaques recognising your contributions will be coming soon. Thanks again to these families: Satele, Tu, Lowry, Morcom, Barwick, Wright, Tippett, Hills, Griffiths, Roolker, Corso, Coory and Krzton.

**Working Together**

It is important that we – teachers and parents - support each other to uphold our school community values (RESPECT, RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY) policies and procedures.

An example of this is for parents to ensure that
their children wear their full school uniform (including hat during terms 4 and 1) and another is to reinforce that inappropriate items are not brought to school.

We try to be vigilant at our end in monitoring this and following through with consequences however, occasionally a few children slip through. Another is to reinforce that your children must follow any reasonable instruction by any teacher and that non-compliance is unacceptable to you also.

It is our duty to love our kids unconditionally but it is also our responsibility and obligation to teach right from wrong.

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.

Be Sun Smart!

Australia has one of the highest incidences of skin cancer in the world. It is important that we protect ourselves against the harmful radiation caused by the sun’s rays.

As a Sun Smart School, Oak Park Primary School encourages everyone to wear hats when outside during the warmer months of Terms 1 & 4.

Students must wear a hat when outside during recess, lunchtime or when playing sport.

October - Walk to School Month - Results

The numbers are in, and our top walkers are 1B who had an average of 21 walks/rides/scoots/skates to school in October. Well done! The whole school managed 4480 walks/rides/scoots/skates for the month. We now await the results of the Moreland wide competition to see if we get a share of the sports equipment they had on offer. While the weather is getting warmer and we have started up a habit, why not keep going? There are benefits for fitness, pollution reductions and independence.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Saints Basketball Club

PLAYERS WANTED – UNDER 8’s
Oak Park Saints Basketball Club is looking for Under 8 players (boys or girls) born 2009 or 2010 for the summer season. If your child is interested in playing or trialling training, please contact Cheryl Cratty on 0414 637 533 or email cheryl72@bigpond.com
Thank you!

We are truly humbled by the generosity of so many amazing people, it is beyond inspiring! Words cannot begin to describe how overwhelming the support is. Our number one priority is Mia’s quality of life and happiness, she will be forever blessed thanks to everyone’s kindness! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
From the Marcialis family xx

If you still wish to support Mia and her family, please go to:
www.gofundme.com/ourmissionformia