



# The Oak Leaf

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 3<sup>rd</sup>** 5/6 Excursion: The Big Issue
- August 8<sup>th</sup>** Parenting in the Digital World workshop 7pm
- August 23<sup>rd</sup>** Family Life Education
- August 30-31** Father's Day Stalls
- August 31<sup>st</sup>** Family Movie night
- October 20<sup>th</sup>** School Fete

## Principal's Column

This year has been a very busy one for me personally, as well as professionally. In February, my wife and I moved from Brunswick to Docklands; a move that one of our daughters thought was crazy. How could we move from the vibrancy of Brunswick to the quietness of Docklands? Well, because it suits us.

Having taken on a few roles outside of the school has also led to me spending quite a bit of time away from the school. As a member of the Hume Moreland Network Executive, I am involved in planning meetings and providing support for network Principals and schools.

I also became a Board Member of the Victorian Principal's Association this year which means further commitments beyond the school gate. This includes being a member of a government working party on procurement. Yes, I know – sounds very exciting. But people from Docklands love this stuff.

While these extra roles take time, they are also great professional learning. Key issues in education and how they relate to our local school are discussed and there are many opportunities to provide feedback to those who make decisions that affect schools. I do feel that I have a good understanding of new initiatives – or at least those that are relevant to our school.

We are very fortunate to have such an outstanding school Leadership Team and a highly professional staff. I have no doubt that any member of our



## Uniform Award

This week's  
**Uniform Wearers of the Week Award**  
goes to

**KATIA MARCIALIS**

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



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Leadership Team could be a Principal in their own right. I know whenever I am out of the school, everything will run smoothly and people will show initiative, make good decisions and things will simply continue as usual.

There is an expectation that Principals do make contributions beyond their own school. It is often put to us that we are a system and we should take responsibility for students in other schools. I understand the sentiment, but my focus will always be on what is best for the students at Oak Park.

## Uniform Policy Review

It is the responsibility of the school council in all Victorian government schools to decide on the uniform guidelines for the school – whether the school will have a uniform, what it will be and whether it will be compulsory or not.

We recently invited parents to provide feedback on the school's Uniform Policy. Many thanks to those who responded; there were quite a few very sensible improvements that were offered. Last Wednesday, School Council discussed the policy and reviewed the feedback we received from parents and staff.

In the next week or so, the policy will be redrafted and posted on the school's website and the school community will once again have an opportunity for further comment, before it becomes the official policy.

## Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. **Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey.** All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September. Please speak to the Principal, Bryan Nolan if you would like more information.

## Father's Day Stalls

The PFA will be running the Father's Day stall on **August 30<sup>th</sup>, and August 31<sup>st</sup>.** If you have any items that you can donate to the stall, please bring them to the office. Your support would be appreciated



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Looking forward to another fabulous Father's Day stall.

# Parenting Workshop

**Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

## **Parenting in the Digital World**

This workshop will support parents to play an active role in their child's digital world and learn about ways to keep them safe online. The session will be presented by an expert facilitator from the Alannah and Madelaine Foundation [www.amf.org.au](http://www.amf.org.au), and includes detailed information on how to manage gaming, social networking, VPNs, manage risks and includes practical and user friendly tips. The workshop presents a selection of advice based on formal research and extensive work with schools, children and parents. This workshop is highly recommended for all parents so please put the date in your calendar.



# Wurundjeri Week



# Rubbish Free Champions

The Rubbish-Free Lunch Champions this week were 2M. They received their trophy at assembly and will hold it until next week.

When you pack lunches you can avoid rubbish by:  
Unwrapping your food from plastic and using  
washable containers instead

Written by: Ella, Jaskirat & Chloe



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## 100 Days of School

Last Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, the students in 1H, 1M and 1/2C celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School. Students had lots of fun counting out 100 objects, making pasta necklaces and seeing what they would look like at 100 years old!

We congratulate them on an outstanding 100 days of learning and are very proud of their achievements. Well done!





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## FETE NEWS.....



The fete is our biggest school fundraiser held every 2 years. To make our fete a big fundraising success we need each family at Oak Park Primary to do 2 things.

1. Please donate **one** item - we will be asking for donations in the lead up to the fete, of various things (ie. Bottles, sauce, etc). Most items can be bought at the supermarket when you do your weekly shop and one small item donated by each family will allow us to keep our costs down and allow for a bigger profit!

2. Volunteer at least **one** hour of your time – we have an amazing group of parents and teachers that are involved in planning and organising the fete in the months leading up to the fete, but we need a lot more help on the day. This might be working on a school stall, helping set up activities, supervising events, etc. We are rostering volunteers on for **one** hour shifts (although we'd love it if you can stay for 2)

Our school community and the support of our families is what makes our school great and we'd love to showcase that to the wider Oak Park Community, so please get on board! All our kids will benefit from the funds raised and we want this to be a massive success.

## Plants for the Fete

This year we will be having a plant stall at our Fete. If you enjoy gardening and would like to prepare any plants for this year's Fete, we would appreciate any donations. Alternatively if anyone has any cuttings they can donate for the students to propagate now they can be left at the office or taken to the sustainability room.

Many thanks from The Fete Committee

## BBQ Donations

PFA would appreciate if any families are able to donate the following for the upcoming Bunnings BBQ and school Fete BBQ.

We are needing.....



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- BBQ sauce
- Tomato sauce
- Mustard
- white napkins
- Oil spray

All donations are appreciated and essential to make our BBQ's a success, donations can be left at front office until the 20th August. Many thanks PFA.

## PFA Dates to Remember

Family movie night 31st Aug

Fathers day stall 30th and 31st August

Family Life education 23rd August

Footy Colors day 21st Sept

**More information to follow**

## 2M News

This week, 2M have been planning their dinosaur narrative. They have been creating their heroes and villains and imagining their settings. On Tuesday, the class did a fantastic job at describing their settings. They created a movie in my mind so that when I read their descriptions, I could really picture them. I was particularly impressed by the following descriptions. Well done 2M for working so hard and having a go at so many different writing strategies!

**Martha Mackenzie Class teacher**

In the distance, a rocky volcano comes out of the mist. Lava dripping out of the volcano rocks is rolling down from the volcano while it is raining at night. There are trees, which were big, surrounding the volcano. *Arda Ozcan*

The lush, green vegetation that spread all across the landscape is an everlasting snack for all herbivores and omnivores far and wide. The shimmering waterfall provides a delicious drink for all dinosaurs. It is haven for dinosaurs  
*Oliver Ojczyk*

The waterfall is crashing and splashing all over the gigantic rock and leaving white foam. Vines of moss are falling in the river. In the trees, the colourful birds are singing as sweet as a strawberry while eating the leaves that are as green as a piece of mint. In the distance, there lies a dormant volcano that is higher than the clouds, which float in the sky.

*Madison Carpenter*



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## The Walking School Bus

**The Walking School Bus from Station Street will now run on Tuesday and Thursday rather than Tuesday and Friday. The Friday will no longer run.**

# BEING THE BEST VERSION OF YOU

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YOUR REAL STRENGTH COMES FROM BEING THE BEST "YOU" YOU CAN BE.

SO WHO ARE YOU?  
WHAT ARE YOU GOOD AT?  
WHAT DO YOU LOVE?  
WHAT MAKES YOU "YOU"?

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# OAK PARK STUDENT WELLBEING DAY WELLBEING DAY 2018

**WHEN:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018 ALL DAY

**WHERE:** Classroom activities and professional workshops will be run at Oak Park Primary School all day, finishing with a celebration assembly at 3pm.

**WHAT:** There is ONLY ever going to be ONE you, so make it the best you can be. Each day is a new opportunity to grow. Each day we can be better than yesterday. The Wellbeing Day will provide information on ways to be the best version of yourself today. Workshops will be based on being the best version of you for yourself, being the best version of you with friends and others and being the best version of yourself online. Classroom activities will be based on the concepts of emotional regulation, relaxation, growth mindset, positive self-talk, motivational affirmations, gratitude and fun.

**CLOTHING:** Dress as the best version of yourself, whatever that may be! 'Being The Best Version Of Yourself' is about presenting your unique self, what makes you who you are and celebrating that. For some students this may be dressing as the career they want as they are working hard towards this now, for others dressing for a cause they strongly believe in or an activity they are passionate about, for others it may be wearing their good clothes on the day as that is how they would ideally present themselves every day to the world, to others it might be looking as they do every day as they are happy with that.

**COST:** Foundation to grade 2 - \$4  
Grade 3 to grade 6- \$12 (as participating in more professional workshops)  
Payment and consent are required in order for students to attend the workshops and participate on the day



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## National Tree Day

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 5/6G represented the school at a tree planting with Moreland Council, at J.P.Fawkner Reserve. We have been involved in this annual tree planting event for around ten years now and the amazing support of Moreland Council, and in particular Vince Andreana and Lori Arthur has been super! I was so proud of the way the students went about it at the site – they were highly motivated, followed safety measures and planting procedures, worked amazingly well as a team and were very careful and considerate of the people around them as well as the environment in which they were working – an absolutely wonderful effort from all 25 students who attended! In all we planted 300 trees! Please see below for some photos. Not only that, but you the school was represented in such a positive fashion by these students, it was wonderful to be a part of.

I would like to thank all the students of 5/6G for such a great effort, as well as Carolyn Drenen and Alice Tippett for coming along to help out. Also, Melissa Papal, who has been working with 5/6G in Lacey-Rae's absence – to take a grade for an excursion as a CRT is a real challenge, and Melissa showed she was extremely capable! Last but not least, Vince, Lori and the staff of Moreland Council, who made the experience both educational and enjoyable, and helped us all the way.





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## Community News

The Moreland School Holiday program brochure will be available for the **September/October 2018 School Holiday Program from Friday 10 August 2018, 5pm**,

Families are able to make a casual booking via our online booking system by visiting council's website **from Friday 10 August 2018, 5pm. Bookings will close on Friday 24 August, 5pm 2018.**

Brochures are available from:

- Local Primary Schools in the municipality;
- Council's website and;
- Citizens Services Centres – Monday to Friday between 8.30 am to 5.00 pm.
  - Coburg Offices, 90 Bell Street, Coburg
  - Brunswick Offices, 233 Sydney Road, and
  - Glenroy, 796N Pascoe Vale Road, Glenroy

If you have difficulty accessing any information or general queries, please contact Council on Ph: 9240 1111.



**COME AND SEE OUR  
GALAXY**

**TELESCOPE  
NIGHT**

**Term 3**

**6pm Thursday Week 2 (July 26<sup>th</sup>)** ~~BOOKED OUT~~

**6pm Tuesday Week 4 (Aug 7<sup>th</sup>)**

**6pm Thursday Week 6 (Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

Meet at B Block Glenroy College, 120 Glenroy Road.

To make a booking, contact Glenroy College office on 9304 0400



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## WOW AWARDS

Class	Name	Awarded for
FH	Joshua Williams	For working so hard to improve your writing. Keep up the wonderful work
FP	Jayda	For listening carefully and trying her best in all her work
1M	Millie Henselis Lachie Roebuck	For settling back in to school beautifully and being a model student, as always For fantastic work in Maths when sharing the dinosaurs between the different nests. Well done Lachy!
1H	Audrey Stubbs	For taking great responsibility with your belongings and always having an organised and clear workspace.
2D	Cagan Calsimsek	For always being a kind and respectful classmate. Your encouragement and support of others is insurmountable
3P	Miriam	For working hard at being a 3 star listener. Keep it up!
4JW	Lachlan Fry	For being a responsible learner and trying hard with his writing
4A		
5/6LD	Tadanaishe Harawa Jeane Brasher	For always demonstrating respect to your peers and teachers. You are a positive role model! For showing respect to your classmates and teachers when sharing your ideas in class
5/6C	Chelsea Ippoliti & Hannah Black	
Japanese	Ethan Richardson 3P	For his consistent effort in contributing to class discussions and being a responsible student when it comes to learning Japanese. Keep it up!



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