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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 8th** Parenting in the Digital World workshop 7pm
- August 23rd** Family Life Education
- August 30-31** Father's Day Stalls
- August 31st** Family Movie night
- October 20th** School Fete

Principal's Column

Uniform Award

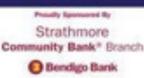
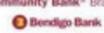


This week's
Uniform Wearers of the Week Award
goes to

KATIA MARCIALIS

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






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Parent Opinion Survey

A reminder to those families who were asked to participate in the online Parent opinion Survey. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August**. We thank you for your participation

Father's Day Stalls

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

Looking forward to another fabulous Father's Day stall.

Parenting Workshop

Wednesday August 8th, 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, 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



Book Club Orders

Book Club orders have now been distributed to students. If you have not received your order please see me immediately.

As a result of your orders the school has been able to purchase \$300 worth of new books for the Library. A fantastic effort once again.

Thank you for your continued support.

Michelle



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Sustainability

CAN YOU HELP? DONATIONS WANTED!

Our student leader for Sustainability; Sienna Giddings (and some friends) are trying to raise money for conservation efforts related to the Baw Baw Frog.

To do so, they have decided to embrace the spirit of sustainability and use some no longer wanted materials to refurbish or “upcycle” into items they can sell at a stall. They are looking for old binder folders, key rings, pencil cases and old clothes with interesting designs on them. Material with interesting patterns is another option. If you are willing to part with any of these types of items, Sienna has placed a box in the office area to collect them.

JUST HOW SUSTAINABLE ARE WE AT O.P.P.S.?

A parent recently wrote to me quite disappointed about some of the materials that were being used in classroom activities and suggested (quite rightly) that if we are using materials that are likely to just go straight to landfill, we are undoing a lot of the good work we have put in place and sending mixed messages about what are the appropriate materials to be using to minimise environmental issues.

What I can assure everyone of, is that we are trying very hard to work on this aspect of school operations. We are far from perfect, but have taken some great steps over the last few years eg. Comingled recycling collection, rubbish free lunches,

the environmental precinct, the Sustainability program, composting, energy monitors, tree plantings, solar power, LED lights installed to save electricity (and many other initiatives).

It has also been great to see PFA getting on board and planning activities and events with sustainability principles in mind. This has been wonderful in setting the standard for the community in terms of holding big events but still looking after the planet – I absolutely take my hat off to Bron Barwick and her team for what they have done on this front.

It is fair to say that we are far from perfect in terms of sustainability, but we will keep trying to improve. A big part of this is the Resource Smart Schools initiative which we have joined this year. This program aims to recognise the steps schools are taking to reduce their environmental impact. We are just starting this journey, but already have ticked off many boxes towards accreditation. In the meantime, we ask for your help in reducing our environmental impact, and your patience if we don't get everything right all the time. Although we still have our faults (and I'm happy to hear about ideas for improvement), I'm convinced we are moving in the right direction.

Ideas for helping reduce environmental impact at school:

Bring a rubbish free lunch

Walk or ride to school



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Use the uniform swap meet instead of buying new items

Always bring clothing appropriate to the weather (this reduces use of heating and cooling)

Use natural light instead of school lighting

Bring your own shopping bag for Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls

Compost your food scraps or feed them to the chickens

SPECIAL MENTION!

I would like to give a special shout out to some young people who showed great responsibility, respect and initiative last week, when they decided to do a rubbish clean up all of their own accord.

Isla, Varsha and **Ava**, from the 1/2 cohort, spent their lunch time picking up rubbish that had been dropped by others. It was disappointing that it was there in the first place, but what a great example they set to their fellow students – super effort! I'm sure all those sea creatures who would have suffered from the rubbish finding its way into their world would be so glad there are people out there trying to make a difference!

Well Done

The Big Issue



On Friday 3rd August, the 5/6's travelled by train on an excursion to Melbourne City Centre. During the excursion, we attended a workshop at The Big Issue where we learnt about homelessness, the causes, solutions and contributions that social enterprises are making.

After our one-hour workshop, we went on a walk around the city and had lunch at Queen Victoria Gardens. See our photos and quotes from the students below.

As a follow up to the excursion, we encourage all parents to continue the conversation at home. To assist with this, the ABC published a helpful article on how, click this [link](#) to view.

Quotes from the students:

"The excursion was very good, but very busy! I learnt that you don't have to live on the streets to be homeless," said Jacob.

"It was fun to adventure around the city, but it was also great to put ourselves in a homeless person's shoes," stated Adamo.



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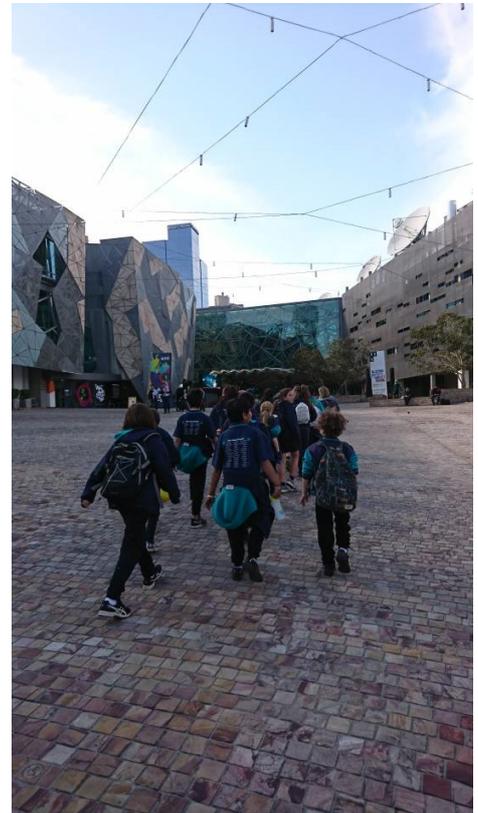
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“Shane’s [a Big Issue worker] story was very heart-warming and showed his resilience,” implored Hannah.

“It was an impeccably amazing experience. It has widened my knowledge of homelessness,” explained Luca.

“It was really interesting to see that something as simple as playing sport can help people become connected again,” reasoned Zane.

If you want to know any more information about the Big Issue or are interested in helping, you can visit their website on <https://www.thebigissue.org.au>





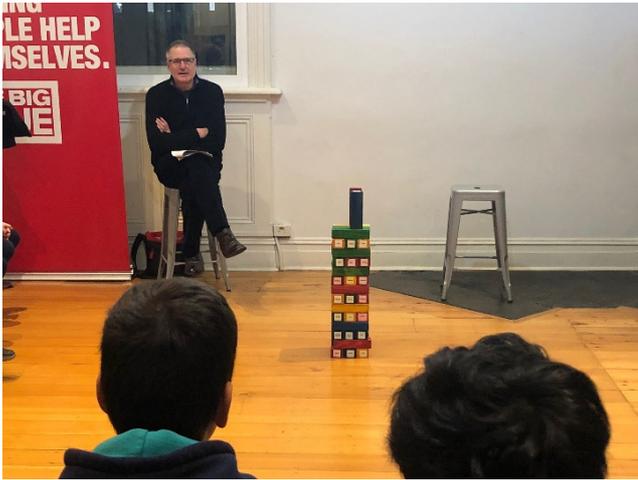
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100 Days of School

On Thursday 2nd August, Foundation students celebrated 100 days of school!

Students participated in various mathematics themed activities centred on all things '100' alongside their Grade 6 buddies. The morning's celebrations concluded with a very tasty hot chip lunch that Foundation and Grade 6 students got to share together. It was wonderful to see the



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excitement and enthusiasm students had towards the day.

Thank you to the Grade 6's for being such a fantastic support and helping make our day even more special.

We'd like to congratulate the Foundation students on a wonderful first 100 days of school and for all their learning successes so far!





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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).
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.



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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.....

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

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

Craft Club

The OPSS craft club will be making Fathers Day cards and bookmarks in anticipation of the Fathers Day stall which will be held on Thursday 30 and Friday 31 August. Craft club will meet in the library at the following times:

Wednesday, 15 August 3:30 - 4:30pm

Thursday, 23 August 3:30 - 4:30pm

Monday, 27 August 3:30 - 4:30pm

Everyone is welcome. Craft materials supplied.

Although you are welcome to bring your own craft project if you wish :)



Family Life Education

Family Life Sessions are on Thursday August 23rd, and will be held in the Multi Purpose Room.

1st session is at 6pm and for the Grade 3&4's.
2nd session is at 7.15 and aimed at Grade 5&6s




Family Program Bundle 2

overview & session outline

Session 1: Where did I come from? (Years 3 & 4)

Objectives

- To help children aged 8-10 years gain an understanding of the structure and functions of the reproductive system in males and females.
- To provide information on conception (describing sexual intercourse, associated with love in the context of a caring relationship), foetal development and birth of a baby.
- To provide opportunities for parents and children to discuss various aspects of reproduction in an informal way.
- To reinforce the role of parents as a source of information on matters pertaining to sexuality and reproduction.

Content

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction Family structure and family relationships Male/female babies – which is which? Protective behaviours Male/female reproductive systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sexual intercourse & conception including assisted Foetal development Twin explanation Birth Conclusion
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Session 2: Preparing for Puberty (Years 5 & 6) (Years 3 & 4 at parent's/guardian's discretion)

Objectives

- To provide information on puberty for 10-13 year olds, in relation to the physical changes and emotional changes (in particular, helping them feel comfortable about their bodies and its functions; preparing them for the changes during puberty and dispelling the myths and providing accurate, understandable information).
- To help young people feel okay about being different. Everyone develops at a different rate, especially during puberty.
- To confirm their individuality and promote self-esteem.
- To facilitate communication between parents and their children and encourage young people to take their questions, problems and concerns to their parents.

Content

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction Revision of Session 1 How, why and when of puberty Physical and emotional changes to both boys and girls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes to boys only Changes to girls only Why are these changes happening? Conclusion
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Cost: \$25 (incl. GST) per family



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School Music Program

The following is a brochure that is available from the front office. Please fill out the back and send it into school if you wish for you daughter to participate in this free workshop. This workshop is open to all ages. Any question please don't hesitate to contact me.

Melanie Ojczyk Performing Arts Teacher

Instrumental Music Program for Primary Schools
www.melbourneguitaracademy.com/schoolprograms

Rock Enrol

IN THE MELBOURNE GUITAR ACADEMY SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Foundation Music Program Guitar Vocals Drums Keyboard Band Workshops



In 2018 we're excited to expanding the Instrumental Music Program by adding Vocal and Keyboard lessons to our existing Guitar and Drum Lesson Programs. We'll also be offering a Band Workshop program and providing students with the opportunity to put everything they have learned into a live practical context.

Each week students will come out of class for a 30m group lesson. Students will learn all of the fundamental skills necessary to play their instrument and perform songs. Music Lessons are proven to increase memory capacity, boost social skills and build self confidence. Supplement your child's education with a music program today!

For full information visit:
www.melbourneguitaracademy.com/schoolprograms

Enrolling Couldn't Be Easier!
Simply fill out the form below and return it to the school office at the earliest opportunity. Alternatively, visit the link above to enrol online. From there we'll be in touch to finalise your enrollment.

Child's Name	Parent Name/s
School Name:	Contact Number:
Date of Birth:	Email Address:
Teachers Name & Class:	
Instrument/s: Foundation Music Guitar Drums Vocal Keyboard (Please circle)	
I need advice on renting/purchasing an instrument for my child: Yes No	
Are you interested in lessons outside of school hours: Yes No	
Are You Interested In The Band Workshop? Yes No (Please circle)	

Tuition Packages (per term)
Bronze \$200
Silver \$250
Gold \$350
See website for package inclusions



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



JOIN US IN 2019



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Australian Girls Choir

Next Wednesday the Australian Girls Choir will be visiting our school to do a workshop with female students who may be interested in more singing experience. It is a very relaxed workshop, they will be singing familiar songs with the girls and giving each singer some feedback and possibly ask some students to join the Australian Girls Choir in 2019. It is a fantastic opportunity!





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AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAM
ASPA Education presents a fun and fresh approach to the performing arts
Take the Stage @ aspa



An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

We believe in growing girls through the hidden elements of our curriculum; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

THE AGC WILL BE VISITING YOUR SCHOOL THIS TERM TO HOLD AN ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP WITH INTERESTED GIRLS.

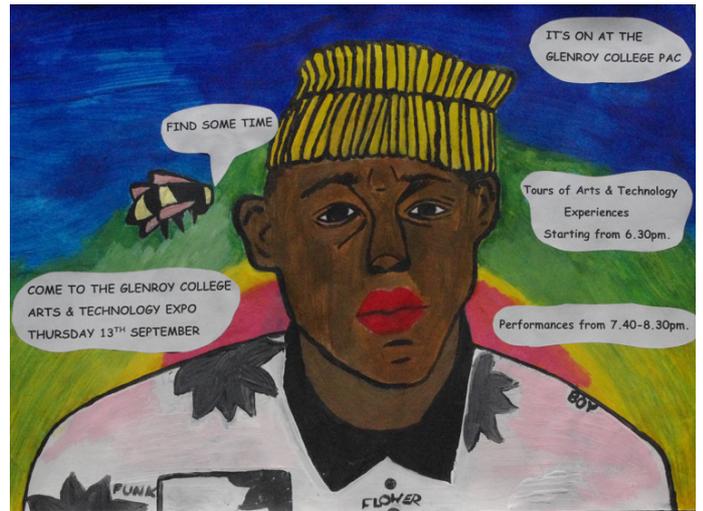
The group assessment workshop includes singing and movement activities and is designed to be a fun and positive experience. Following our visit, we will post a personalised report and further information about 2019 classes to you.

Contact us for more information | 1800 338 142 | aspagroup.com.au

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR assessment (Please return to the front office by Friday)

Girl's Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____
 Address _____ Suburb _____
 Postcode _____ State _____ School _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 I give permission for my daughter to attend the group assessment for the Australian Girls Choir
 Parent/Caregiver Name _____ Signature _____

Glenroy College Art Show



Glenroy College 120 Glenroy Rd Glenroy
Performing Arts Centre, entry on Cardinal Rd
13th September 2018

6.30pm tours 7.40 performances 8.30 close
RSVP: College office 9304 0400 or email:
Glenroy.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au



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WOW AWARDS

Class	Name	Awarded for
FH	Raymond Giri	For working hard to apply the reading strategies we have learnt when reading. Well done!
FS	Grace Bogle	For always bringing a positive attitude and a growth mindset to her work. You are a real role model
FP	Liam Cachuela	For using lots of strategies to read fluently. Well done for all your practice.
1M	Parker Youings	For improving your listening skills and trying hard to finish all your work
1H	Elaa Raghubanshi	For being a brilliant listener and working with great focus and effort towards your learning at all times
1/2C	Varsha Nattamai	For being a responsible student and for the great improvement in her work
3P		
3E	Teagan Leary	For always making everyone in our classroom feel special and for always showing respect to all. You are a superb role model
4JW	Conrad Serone	
4A	Lathan Satele Courtney Sinnett	For demonstrating respectful behaviour For staying on task to complete work
5/6LD		
5/6C		
Japanese	Kyle Richardson 3E	For bringing a responsible learning attitude to Japanese this term. Keep contributing to class discussions and working to the best of your ability
Art	Rhitt Siipola (RJ)	For creating an awesome illustration of a Nike shoe
Performing Arts	Eren Ozer 5/6C	For bringing such energy and confidence to Performing Arts and ensuring everyone had a great time. Awesome effort



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PE	Deepson Thapa FS	For showing great listening skills and participating with enthusiasm in each activity in his first term at Oak Park
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