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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 27th** Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings – Student Free Day
- June 28th** Grade 5/6 Japanese visit EKC
- June 29th** Final day of Term 2. 2.00pm dismissal

Next School Tour:

Monday 23rd July at 9.30am. Please contact the office to arrange a place on the tour.

Uniform Award



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

JIVAN BOLAT 1M

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

Principal's Column

Jill Ridgwell officially retires at the end of the first day back in Term 3. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Jill for her wonderful support of the Oak Park Primary School students and their families during the past 8 years.

Jill commenced her teacher training at Coburg Teachers' College and has taught at many rural and city schools. She also worked for the Northern Metropolitan Region as a Literacy Coach for several years; a role in which she had great influence in many classrooms in the north.

Jill led professional learning across the region and was a trained Reading Recovery teacher and Early Years Literacy Coordinator. She was a Leading Teacher and became Assistant Principal of Oak Park Primary School in 2014.

Jill will be remembered as a great teacher and a wonderful mentor. Among a huge range of initiatives she was responsible for, she made the Writers' Festival such an integral part of our Literacy Program. But more than that, she taught us how to teach and she taught us how to have a good time.

My mum used to say to me, 'If you go out and don't have a good time, it's your own fault.' Jill is the living embodiment of that philosophy and she was always great, and often hilarious, company in any situation.



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I will never forget her dancing with Elvis and translating songs into sign language at a network conference a few years ago.

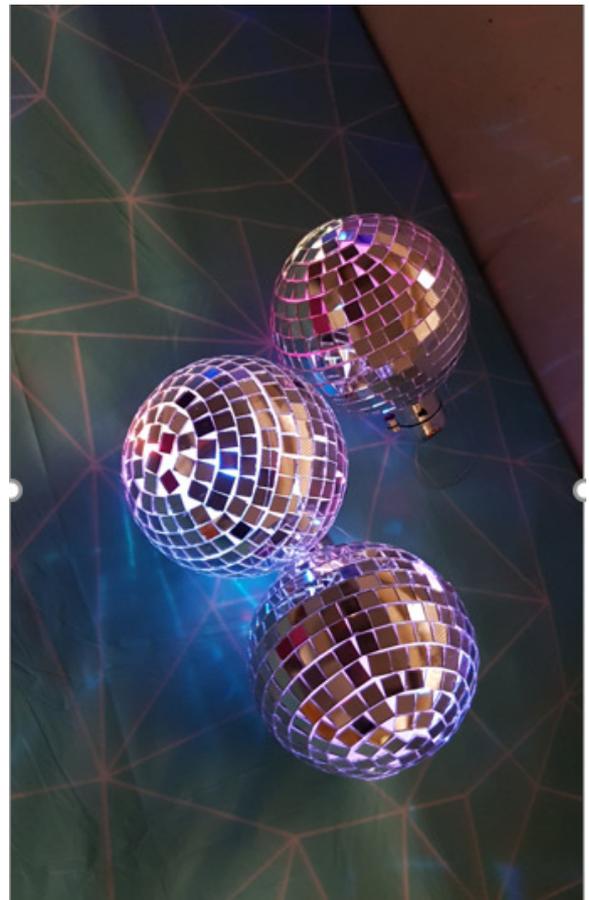
I know my family and I will be catching up with Jill for many years to come, but I will miss her support, her advice, wisdom and especially her humour around Oak Park. Thank you Jill for a wonderful career and many years of dedicated service to our school and the education system in our state!

A special assembly will be held in Jill's honour on the first Monday of Term 3.

School Disco

Thank you to everyone that braved the cold Friday night to make the school disco such a success! Thank you to all the teachers and parents that gave up their time and a big thank you to Joe for donating his time to DJ for the kids.

Joe did an amazing job and can be contacted at www.weddingpartiesanything.com.au if anyone is looking for a fantastic DJ.



5/6P Sustainability Project

The students of 5/6P have been working to raise awareness of global warming and the impact it has on the planet.

Some students; Sienna, Yasemin, Tyler and Drusilla, were keen to take their message to the local neighbourhood so designed flyers that were delivered in the streets surrounding the school last week. The students did a great job designing and refining their flyers until they were ready to distribute.

Here are some photos of the students out



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delivering their flyers. If you received one in your letterbox, it would be great to hear any feedback - Did you learn something new? Were the flyers interesting to read? Was the information relevant and easily understood? Any feedback can be sent to me (hughes.john.v@edumail.vic.gov.au) and I will pass it on to the students.





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Congratulations also to students from 5/6C who held a very successful raffle, stall, guessing competition and casual clothes day to raise over \$600 for Save The Koala.

A terrific effort by Chelsea, Stephanie, Naia, Ceren, Leysan and Cailey!



You may have also noticed a new award going out at assembly each week. This award is aimed at encouraging students to get to school in an active way, in an effort to reduce car use and therefore air pollution (which was the environmental concern that 5/6LD focussed on). Well done to all these students who had a role in making this happen: Kyla, Milla, Savannah, Charli, Jeane, Olivia, Ben, Sahil, Morgan and Hugo.

Lost Property

A couple of bracelets were handed in after the school disco on Friday night. If your child lost a bracelet please call into the office.

One of our students also lost a purple crystal necklace at school on Tuesday. If anyone has seen this could it please be returned to the office, or class 2D.

Thank you

Compass Notifications

There are a large number of students with many unexplained absences. Parents & Guardians are able to post absence notifications for their child themselves on the Compass Portal.

If your child is going to be absent due illness or holidays, please utilise the Compass portal to add an absence notification for your child. It is very easy to do, and an 'unexplained absence' will not show against your child's attendance record.

Also, when you access Compass you will notice notifications if your child has unexplained absences. We ask that families please update their child's absence

Telstra Kids Digital Kit

We were also pleased to find out this week that we will be receiving a Telstra Kids Digital Kit, following an application on our behalf by one of our parents – Natalie Reed.

The aim of the kit is to encourage kids to learn more about STEM and create their own projects using the kit. This will fit in beautifully with our STEM focus and Expo during Term 3.

Many thanks Natalie!



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Foundation Cultural Morning

On Friday the 15th of June, the Foundation students celebrated the diversity of our cultures as an end to our CBL topic. Students dressed up in costumes and brought along a plate of food to share which related to their personal background. We had lots of fun taste testing all the different foods and would like to thank all Foundation families for the effort they put into the celebration- Thank you!



Community News

\$500 to help with education costs for you or your children



Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

"I'm much more relaxed now. After Saver Plus, I'm confident that I can always save enough money to not only support my family, but also give them the extras in life."

Saver Plus Participant



Saver Plus is a free ten-month savings program that provides financial education, budgeting and savings tips, and matches participants' savings up to \$500 for education costs.

What can the \$500 be used for?

- laptops & tablets
- lessons & activities
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- vocational education
- camps & excursions

Am I eligible?

To join Saver Plus, you must meet all of the below criteria:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

To find out more:
Enquire online at www.saverplus.org.au
Email saverplus@stel.org.au
Call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355



Or contact your local Saver Plus Coordinator:

Tina McElligott
Brotherhood of St Laurence
0407 837 426 (03) 9426 1579

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.the.gov.au for more information.



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Australian Girls Choir

Junior @agc

A very good place to start.

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

JUNE OPEN CLASSES

Come along to your local venue and try a free class

Seewick, Bee Hill, Caulfield North, Cheekham, Essendon, Ivanhoe, Kew, Ringwood and Yarraville

Australian School of Performing Arts aspa.org.au



Australian Girls Choir

Is this your daughter?

For more than 30 years, the Australian Girls Choir has played a role in the growth and development of girls across the country. We provide an experience that goes far beyond the stage; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have entertained everyone from Queen Elizabeth II to Oprah, and have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman and Phoebe Williams. For the past 20 years, we've been proud to represent Ozma at live events and in the 1981 Colt Australia Home advertising campaigns.

Join us at our JUNE open classes!
Call 03 9859 6499

Australian School of Performing Arts aspa.org.au

viccric.com.au

WINTER SPORTS 2018

ENROL NOW!

Saturday morning clinics run during the school term and involve 55 minutes of personalised tuition. There is an age and skill appropriate curriculum focus on the fundamentals of the games, as well as an encouragement of social interaction to build skill levels and grow self-esteem. AFL and Soccer will be offered at the Strathmore Venue for Winter 2018. Each session comprises of 30-40 children, divided into six groups, ensuring (approx) one coach to ten players.

Offering the **ONLY** clinics that run **ALL THE WAY TO THE SEPTEMBER AFL FINALS!**

FINISH OFF YOUR AFL SEASON WITH

Vic FOOTY

GET READY FOR A-LEAGUE WITH

Vic SOCCER

LOYALTY DISCOUNT AVAILABLE!

- Fun clinics in a safe and non-competitive game environment
- Boys & Girls at Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced levels, age 4 - 12
- 55 minute tuition throughout the school term
- FEE: \$110 per child, including a gift! Certificates are awarded to all players upon completion and a trophy is presented to those who have completed 4 or 5 seasons of the same sport.

SESSION TIME Please arrive at your selected time on Saturday 28th July unless otherwise notified.	FREE GIFT (please select one)
FOOTY 9-10am <input type="checkbox"/>	Soccer ball <input type="checkbox"/>
SOCCER 10-11am <input type="checkbox"/>	Vic Cric bat <input type="checkbox"/>
	AFL Club ball <input type="checkbox"/>
	club: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT
Pre-pay CHEQUE \$110 (to secure your place)
Please mail with completed application form to: VIC CRIC, 28 SPENCER ST ESSENDON, 3040.

OR
Payment on first day of clinic, **JULY 28th 2018, CHEQUE/CASH \$110**
Please note, registration and payment must be completed before commencement of clinic.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____
Please make all cheques payable to Vic Cric

Participant's information:
Name(s): _____
DOB: _____ Clinics previously completed: _____
Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____ Primary School: _____
I do do not give permission for my child to be photographed and for photos to appear on Vic Cric Social Media.
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Family discounts apply as well as combination discounts for 2 disciplines. Ask VIC CRIC team for more information. Disclaimer: Children play at their own risk. Vic Cric Pty Ltd accepts no liability.

For more information, call Mike on 0418303432 or email us at: viccric.northwest@gmail.com

ALL CLINICS TAKE PLACE AT STRATHMORE SECONDARY COLLEGE, PASCOE VALE RD, STRATHMORE.

Soccer U12 girls

Have you been thinking of playing soccer? Here is your opportunity! We are looking for a couple of girls who are keen to play soccer and who were 11 years or younger at the end of 2017. All girls are welcome, no matter if you are a first-time player, or are an experienced player looking for a fresh start.

For all interested players, please contact:

Simon Byrne: FC Strathmore U12 Girls Coach

Mobile: 0436 026 548 Club Location: Strathnaver

Reserve Mascoma Street Strathmore Vic 3041

MELWAYS REF: 16 D6



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MORELAND'S CHILDREN

Supported Playgroup Program

- Do you have a child aged 0 – 4 years?
- Are you looking for ways to improve your child's learning and development?
- Are you finding parenting challenging or looking for some extra support?



Try a supported playgroup!

Enjoy a friendly, warm and welcoming environment.
Learn and play with your child in fun and engaging activities.
Meet other local families with young children.
Share parenting experiences.
Learn about Kindergarten, Child Care and other community services and events.
Our groups are led by experienced, trained facilitators.

Supported Playgroups are FREE to attend!

Eligibility criteria for group participation applies - Please contact the team to check if a Supported Playgroup is right for you

Where	When	Time
Newlands Community House 20 Murray Road, Coburg North	Monday	9.30 – 11.30 am
Moreland Primary School 157 – 163 Moreland Road, Coburg	Tuesday	10.30 – 12.30 am
Belle Vue Park Primary School Morell Street, Glenroy	Tuesday	9.30 – 11.30 am
Pascoe Vale Community Centre 7 Prospect Street, Pascoe Vale	Thursday	9.30 – 11.30 am
Lorne Street Kindergarten at Fawkner Primary School 40 Lorne Street, Fawkner	Friday	9.30 – 11.30 am



We run a program called *smalltalk* within our playgroups. *Smalltalk* gives parents tips and ideas about how to use everyday opportunities and activities to help with their children's literacy, learning and development at home. We explore a different *smalltalk* topic each week in playgroup.

If you are interested in attending a Supported Playgroup please contact the Playgroups team:

T: 9384 9223

E: playgroups@moreland.vic.gov.au



Education and Training
DET Supported Playgroup Program



The Music Department at Strathmore Secondary College would like to invite any interested parents and students to come along and join us for one of our Annual Mid-Year Season Concerts.

See and hear beginners to advanced students playing in ensembles at one of our evening concerts at The Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds on either Tuesday 26th June or Wednesday 27th June 2018 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from the Clocktower Centre Box Office Ph. 9243 9191 or visit www.clocktowercentre.com.au

SPORTS Holiday Program

Join us for a full day of sport during the Term 2 School Holidays. Kids aged 5-12

Featuring:

Jack Morrett

Cate Hecker

Tom Selchambars

Michael Harley

Includes AFL, soccer, basketball, netball and cricket.

When
Friday 6th of July
9am - 3pm

Price
\$500 members
\$520 non-members

Venue
HANGAR
Essendon Football Club
775 Melrose Drive
Tullamarine HANGAR

For more information
please contact events@essendonfc.com.au
or phone 03 8340 2000

Limited positions available * Subject to player availability

MAJOR PARTNERS



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WOW AWARDS

Class	Name	Awarded for
FH	Mary Pereira	For always volunteering to help organise and tidy our classroom. Your thoughtful nature is a quality to be admired. Keep it up
FS	Rasesh Nepal	For working hard to improve his ability to write independently
FP	Raz Tolmie	For always showing kindness to others and helping your friends out when needed
1M	Santiago Acosta-Clark	For working hard in class, always being ready for learning and being a positive role model for others
1H	Kingsley Ngo	For being an outstanding listener this week and showing the class how to do 'whole body listening'
1/2C	Aanya Rao	For being resilient and striving to improve your work. Well done Aanya
2M	Yigit Korkmaz	For working well as part of a team and listening well to your classmates
2D	Lachlan Aldis	For working on your handwriting and presenting your work neatly. Keep up the great effort
3/4B		
3E	Gabe Destito	For taking the time to make sure that you followed all the instructions to produce a fantastic CBL design for the school logo. Well done!
4JW		
4A	Takunda Harawa Malakeh Jammal	
5/6G	Brooke Carpinteri	For always taking care to produce your best work at all times. A fantastic effort Brooke
Japanese	Kobi Maynard 5/6P	For showing great responsibility and resilience in completing his Japanese assessment task
P.E.	Helin Erdal 5/6LD	



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