



The Oak Leaf

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 6th	SEA Festival Save Endangered Animals
June 11th	Queen's Birthday Holiday
June 12th	Curriculum Day
June 27th	Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings

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
RILEY BISHOP 2m

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

Principal's Column

If you are ever in, or around, the school at the end of lunchtime or recess, you'll hear The Beatles being played over our PA system to let students know playtime is over and if they need a drink, or the toilet, they should go straight away.

The music plays for two minutes and the Beatles are perfect for playing before the bell because most of their songs only go for about two minutes. I have asked students to give me some of their music to play before the bell but I am yet to get anyone to donate a CD. Which is fine, because The Beatles are great and I think I am responsible for introducing a whole new generation to them! I even heard some of our students singing 'Yellow Submarine' when they came to drop something off at the office recently.

I heard a podcast the other day of an interview with Sir Ken Robinson. I have written about Sir Ken before – suffice to say he is one of the world's great educationalists and a huge advocate for the teaching of creativity in schools.

Having grown up in Liverpool, Sir Ken is a Beatles fan too. He said that the 'Garage Band' app that most of us have on our phones or iPADS has a greater capability than the Abbey Road studios had when The Beatles were making their recordings.

The tools that we have at our disposal these days are truly amazing. And I wonder if the Beatles would've



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been better had they had the tools that we have now?

Sir Ken made the point though, that it was partly because of the technical limitations that the Beatles faced, that they were so great. They couldn't simply push a button to produce the sound they were looking for, they had to actually create the sound themselves. And then work out the best ways that a musical pattern would work – a computer wasn't going to do that for them; it was a creative process.

I think the same can be applied when we are working with kids. We have great tools at our disposal but it is very important for kids to have many opportunities to creatively work their way through problems and find their own solutions. Rather than simply having an app that does it for them.

Punctuality

A reminder that school starts at 8.50am. It has been noted that several students consistently arrive after this time. The premise of our 'soft start' at 8.50am is that teachers can mark rolls and complete other administrative tasks, students can prepare for the day by organising their materials etc and teaching learning will **commence by 9.00am.**

Late Arrivals to School

A reminder to parents that children arriving to school after 9am, must not be dropped off to make their own way in to school. If your child is arriving late, they **MUST** be brought into school by a parent

and signed in at the Office. It is not a safe practice to allow your young child to walk through the school grounds when the grounds are deserted.

Rubbish Free Lunches

One key aspect of maintaining a rubbish free school environment is to eliminate, or at least *minimise* the amount of rubbish that comes into the school.

We remind all families to provide *only litter free lunches* for their children when at school. Many thanks to those families who make the effort to do this!

Litter free lunches are lunches that contain food items with no disposable packaging or single use items, such as pre-packaged foods, plastic bags, juice poppers, bottled water, disposable utensils, plastic straws or food wrapped in cling wrap or foil.

Instead, all food is provided in reusable food and drink containers, so that there is no packaging to place into the bin and the majority of the waste produced is organic (i.e. food scraps) which can be recycled via school compost bins and worm farms.

We believe providing a litter free lunch is a great way to reduce the amount of rubbish coming into our school.

Please help us to reduce waste and keep our school environment litter free by providing a litter free lunch for your child/ren, **EVERY DAY.**



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No Right Turn from Drop Off Area

This is an appeal for people to do the right thing when using the drive through before and after school. Currently, we see many drivers turning right on to Summit Avenue after leaving the drive through. **This is illegal and unsafe.**

I do not want teachers acting as traffic controllers, but if the practice continues I will be instructing staff to make a note of car registrations and we will report offenders to the police. We have also been in contact with Moreland Council and asked for parking officers to issue infringement notices where necessary.

Staff Car Park

Parents are also reminded they are **not to use the staff car park** on Willett Avenue **at any time**. This includes when dropping off children to the Before Care program in the morning. There have been a number of occasions when children have nearly been hit and recently there was a collision involving two cars. The staff car park is for staff use only.

This includes the Disabled Car Park. This car park is NOT for dropping children off late or picking up early, this car park is for those students who are so entitled.

School Council News

Please see the school's web page for the latest report of the most recent School Council meeting.

Go to:

www.oakparkps.vic.edu.au

Parent Information

School Council

Then click on the relevant link at the bottom of the page.

Reports

Staff members are **very busy** at present writing the June Reports for each student in their classes. This is a very complex duty and teachers try very hard to write full, fair and comprehensive reports within the guidelines and constraints of DET guidelines and the COMPASS reporting program.

As a written report cannot convey all the necessary information it is crucially important that parents and students attend the **Parent/Teacher/Student Meeting Day on Tuesday June 27th** (alternative times can be negotiated if you can't make this day).

This day is an 'alteration to school hours' day and students are marked present when they attend the Interview with their parents. Please note there will be no school for children on this day – except when they attend the Parent/Teacher/Student meeting.

Reports will be online from **Friday June 22nd** to give parents the opportunity to read them prior to the meetings.



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Year 6-7 Transition

OAK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSITION TIMELINE Year 7-2019

8 August: Oak Park Primary School will notify parents/carers in writing, with placement offers.

11 December: Secondary Schools host an Orientation Day for Year 6 students.

School Disco

When: Friday 15th June

Where: The school gym

Times: There will be two sessions

Session 1: Foundation to Grade 2 6pm till 7.30pm

Session 2: Grade 3 to 6 8pm till 9.30pm

Cost: \$5 at the door.

Cost includes DJ, dancing, cordial, fruit and snacks. Please BYO water bottle.

All students will need to be signed in at the start and signed out at the end of their session.

PFA and teachers will be in attendance for supervision. Only students, and allocated helpers will be permitted into gym after sign in.

There will be a teacher allocated to first aid on the evening, please ensure any ventolin or epipens are given to staff on sign in for the evening as we will not be accessing school supplies on the night.

PLEASE NOTE : Mobile phones are not permitted.

We would like to thank Weddings Parties Anything for again kindly donating their services for the evening.

www.weddingspartiesanything.com.au

Any queries please contact the school on 93069182
Regards, PFA.

4 J/W CBL

As part of our CBL unit Grade 4JW have been researching about the 'Acknowledgment of Country' and why we say the Acknowledgement of Country at school assemblies.

We have also decided on three rules that will be implemented into assembly when students present the Acknowledgment of Country. Please share this information and these rules with your family members.

What is the Acknowledgement of Country?

The Acknowledgment of Country is a unique way for anyone to show appreciation to the acknowledged owners of the land. When we say the Acknowledgment of Country we are continuing the tradition of showing respect to Indigenous Australians.

Who can say the Acknowledgement of Country?

In Acknowledgement of Country anyone can say it but in the Welcome to Country only an Elder or a person who has permission from an Elder can say it.

Acknowledgment of Country is usually held at school assemblies as well as the start of meetings, ceremonies and football matches.

Welcome to Country is held at special events and when someone has permission to enter land.

Important Rules for saying the Acknowledgment of Country



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- The speech will now be referred to as The Acknowledgment of Country and not Welcome to Country.
- The first speaker of an event should say Acknowledgment of Country before anyone else speaks, they are not introduced to the assembly.
- No standing or talking during the Acknowledgment of Country.
- Please no clapping after the Acknowledgment of Country.

Japanese

Japanese Day **is this Friday June 8th!**

On the day we have the following organised:

- Japanese dress theme. There is a prize for the best dressed in the junior school and the senior school.
- Wasabi incursion with Toshi and Noriko
- Sushi lunch
- lunchtime activities
- Karaoke with Melanie – Performing Arts Room
- Origami with Melissa – Japanese room
- Photobooth with John – Library
- Goldfish Game with Liam – near the Japanese room

Parents please come and join us for the Japanese Day dress up parade and the Foundation students will sing some songs at a special assembly in the afternoon.

Melissa Ly

Japanese Language Teacher

School Tour

There will be a School Tour for prospective families who wish to enrol their child at Oak Park Primary School in 2019, on **Monday 23rd July 2018 @ 9.30am**

Sustainability Letterbox Drop

This week if you live in the streets immediately around the school you may receive a flyer in your letterbox about global warming.

These have been created by students from 5/6P who have been researching global warming as part of their Sustainability project. Students identified this as an issue they were concerned with, so have sought to educate people in the community about what it is, how it happens and what can be done about it. We hope you find the information interesting and can take on board some of their hints for reducing the impact of global warming.

Book Fair

Watch this space.....

I have been inundated with orders from the book fair and am currently working on the final total. Early indications suggest we have been very successful and the final result should be in the newsletter next week.

Thank you for your support everyone.

Michelle



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Updated Contact Numbers

Thank you to those families who have updated their contact details via the Office. Unfortunately, we have had quite a few instances where we have been unable to contact families in case of emergency. It is preferable that as well as a mobile number we require a work number where we may contact you through the day. If you are uncontactable, we will also require an emergency contact number.

Please advise the Office if you have changed addresses, phone numbers and/or work details.

Community News



Kelly Sports Holiday

Brochures for the Kelly Sports Holiday Program have been sent home to families of students from Foundation to Grade 4. There are further brochures on the table outside the Office.

Kelly Sports Holiday Program is held at St Thomas More School, Hadfield from 8am until 5.45pm. Families may enrol at www.kellysports.com.au

Penola Catholic College

Enrolments for Penola Catholic College are now open for Year 7 2020.

The closing date for 2020 enrolments in 17th August 2018.

Enrolment info is at www.penola.vic.edu.au

Girl Guides



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WOW AWARDS

Class	Name	Awarded for
FH	Eliza Ward	For always being so helpful to everyone in our class. Your kind and supportive nature sets a wonderful example for everyone in our class to follow. Well Done!
FS	Curtis Mancarella	For always showing respect and kindness
FP	Amy Harding	For doing such a great job at sounding out new words and recording a sentence
1M	Naida Mutapcic	For always showing our school values and being a positive role model for others
1H	Archie Wheeler	For putting in a fantastic effort to focus on class activities, especially during Maths!
1/2C	Roman Gigliotti	For his great work with his mathematics and being able to explain his 'Mathematical Thinking'. Well done Roman!
2M	Mia Lopes	For not giving up or getting frustrated in Maths, even though you have been finding the work confusing. How resilient!
2D	Ryder Freeman	For always helping with extra jobs around the classroom and being a valued team member
3/4B	Capri Byrne	
4A	Samuel Rennie	For displaying good manners when speaking to others
4JW	Ahmed El-Ali	
5/6C	Jessica_Grace Ryan	For your awesome effort reading to the class, sharing your CBL Challenge and playing a wonderful part during the reading of the script. Jess is back!! Well done, you deserve it!
5/6G	Amy Foley	For being a great role model to your peers by respectfully sharing your thoughts and opinions with others.
5/6LD	Savannah Byrne	For being mature and responsible in all areas of classwork. You have also shown great leadership in your CBL and August groups
Sustainability	Savannah Byrne 5/6LD	For consistent effort and great leadership in her group



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Japanese	Maya Lindgren 1H	For always showing great leadership in Japanese class. Maya also created an outstanding e-book on Brown Bear. Well done!
Performing Arts	23 rd Zara Davison 1/2C	For being an excellent role model in class and working really hard in your lesson
Art	Holly Kalimeras 4A	

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