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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 21st	Last day term 2018
1.00pm	Final assembly
1.30pm	Students dismissed
January 30th 2019	Term 1 starts
February 1st 2019	Foundation students start school

Uniform Award

This weeks
Uniform Wearers of the Week Award
goes to
ADAM JAMMAL 1M
Congratulations Adam for setting such a terrific example to the rest of the school!

OSHC Program

Our Before & After School Care Program will **NOT** be open on the last day of Term, Friday 21st December 2018.
PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS PICKED UP FROM SCHOOL ON TIME @ 1.30PM

Principal's Column

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2018!

Much has been accomplished this year and I would like to take the opportunity to **thank everyone associated with Oak Park Primary School** for contributing to our many successes as a school in 2018.

Our academic results in many areas have been **very encouraging** again this year, as has the continued improvement in the **attendance rate**. Our performances in Performing and Visual Arts, sports teams, and many other areas have been **exemplary**. Many thanks to the **whole Oak Park PS community** for their work and assistance in these pursuits. I've said it many times before; this is the best school community I have ever worked with. I know all who work at Oak Park feel very privileged to be associated the parents and families of our school.

Whilst we have faced many challenges throughout the year, I really have loved working with the kids, parents and staff. I firmly believe we are on the **right track** in most areas, and as long as we all team together, I am certain we will continue to achieve ongoing success!

Goodbye to Melissa Papal who will be heading off to Keilor Heights PS – thanks Melissa it was great working with you! It's also goodbye to Natasha Niemann, Ann Ramsdale and Sue Blears. Sincere thanks for all you have done for our students and their families. Next year we welcome back **Greer Arnold** to our Senior School team as well as

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Christine Crivelli who will be joining her in the same team.

To our **Grade 6 students** who leave us at the end of the year – thank you for your contributions to our school throughout your time here, but particularly this year. You have been a FANTASTIC bunch of kids and we are very proud of you. We will miss you! Good luck!

To those families who will no longer be at Oak Park Primary School next year – we wish you well.

Several families have been associated with the school for many years and it is something of an end of an era, in many ways, for the family and the school. Good luck too, to those children who are moving house and transferring to new schools in 2019.

Finally, a Happy Christmas and a fantastic New Year to you and your families. I hope you get the opportunity to spend time with people close to you - and have a very relaxing break!

School Leaders 2019

Congratulations to the student leaders of 2019 (see picture).
They have done an amazing job throughout the selection process. These students started off by filling out an application form which, if successful, would attend a short interview with their designated mentor. If successful during the interview, then the mentors provided their preferences to who they would like for the role. School and Vice Captains had to go through an additional process of speaking in front of the whole school. Grades 3 - 6 then voted on who they thought would make excellent student leaders, which chose the School and Vice Captains.

If you see any of these students around please congratulate them on their hard work, success and future in their roles.

School Captains

Alexandra Dyer
Charli Higgins

Vice Captains

Ceren Hikmet
Lucy Lowry

Student Representative Council

Leysan Erdemir

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Sustainability Captain

Leo Liistro (absent in photo)

Art Captain

Michaela Jurista

Performing Arts Captain

Hudson Lasslett

Ailah Grimmond

Sports Captains

Isaac Morcom

Jacob Thompson

Charlotte Beattie

Bridget Mulder

ICT Captains

Harvey Drenen

Student Newsletter Editors

Xavier
Gutierrez
Rahma Khan (absent in photo)

Buddy Captains

Lezhi Hu

Fundraiser Captains

Ella Silverwood (absent in photo)
Alessio Demercurio

Fundraiser Committee

Arda Dogan
Naia McMay

Noah Bicanic
Kelly Satele
Hannah Black

Japanese News

On the 3rd of December, we had an incursion with some grade 7's from Essendon Keilor College. 15 students from grade 4 were involved and helped run the events throughout the morning.

The theme was *"Undoukai"*, with events and traditions that take place at a Japanese Sports Festival. The students competed in events like the 3-legged race and relays, participated in some *Rajio Taiso* (morning exercises) and made their own *Hachimaki* (headband).

Student reports from the day:

"I found it interesting because we learnt what sports day was like in Japan" – Lucas

"A fun experience" – Bridget

"It was great to compete in a 3-legged race with the grade 7s" – Holly

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"If I was to rate it, it would be a 10 because it was fun and entertaining" – William

"I liked the idea behind team work in the events" – Hosanna

"I enjoyed performing the Nekochan song for the grade 7s" - Mahit

An excellent performance opportunity for your students!

4JW Sustainability Report

Every Wednesday for Sustainability, selected students would go down to the creek.

We found the eastern banjo frog, the Eastern common frog and a new species called the Geocrinia froglet.

The students used the frog census app to record the frogs sounds. We had a lot of fun down at the creek. Thank you John for taking us to the creek.

By Sarasie and Hossana

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Grade 6 Graduation

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Last night we officially farewelled and congratulated our Grade 6 students of 2018. They should be very proud of their efforts and definitely made all of their teachers proud with the performances during the ceremony.

Thank you to all the staff who helped make the event possible and to all of the families for their support. We wish them all the best for 2019.

The 5/6 Team

Mr C, Tess, Lacey-Rae, Kirsty, Amy and Melissa

Melbourne Guitar

I'm Michael MacManus, director of the Melbourne Guitar Festival. We are the Southern Hemisphere's largest annual classical guitar festival and competition!
We have just opened entries for our 2019 Performance Competition, which is for all ages and abilities!
We have Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Concert Artist categories, with a total prize pool exceeding $20,000. It is a wonderful experience for students, they get to meet other players their age, receive constructive performance notes from our adjudicators, and witness older children and professional players perform, enabling them to see what is possible on the instrument through hard work and dedication! There are also concerts, masterclasses and guitar displays at the festival!
All information can be found via www.MelbourneGuitarFestival.com
I hope some students from your school will be interested in participating!

Best wishes and have a great Christmas and New Year break!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

2019 Secondary Transition

Regarding Year 6-7 Transition to Secondary school, all information will be placed into our newsletter.

Coburg High School will have an open evening on 2nd May 2019 for prospective Year 7/2019 students. More details to follow in the New Year.

Should you wish for your child to attend Penola Catholic College, applications are open now for 2020.

The Transition process for those students in Grade 6 next year does not start until approximately April 2019.
We ask that families make themselves aware of the local secondary Colleges which are zoned. There are a few school around that have a select entry process or allow enrolments on Curriculum grounds.

Tennis Holiday Program

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WOW AWARDS

Class	Name	Awarded for
1/2C	Charli rennie	For displaying the school value of resilience and giving things a go. Great work Charli
1M	Sandil Samararathna	For being a very helpful member of our class and showing responsibility this week.
1H	Juliana Dellosa	For being and outstanding listener, learner and for having an amazing year in Grade 1
3P	Brandon Caulfield	For always making positive choices in and outside of the classroom, and being confident to show off your dance moves at the class party!
3E	Sharky Fernando	For always looking at the bright side and being a positive role model for your classmates. Well done for having an excellent attitude with everything you do in class.
4A	Isabella Moonen Manasaa Raghubanshi	For using your initiative in the classroom to help others
4JW	Peyton Anderson	For being a hard worker and concentrating during class discussion
5/6LD	Morgan Brownett	For always working efficiently in class
Art	Neyra Mutapcic 5/6LD Luca Destito 5/6P	For winning the Visual Arts Awards at Graduation
Japanese	Elif Yilmaz 3/4B	For always bringing your best to every Japanese class and helping others when they need assistance. Thanks for being such a great leader and role model!
Office	David Lu	For being an outstanding IT man....the best techie ever!

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