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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Feb 5 | 'Tea and Tears'
Foundation Parents
Morning Tea |
| Feb 9 | Curriculum Day |
| Feb 14 | 'Meet the Teacher'
Parent/Teacher meetings |
| Feb 12 | School Elections process
commences |
| Feb 28 | School Council Meeting |
| March 14 | Parent Info/Parent |

Principal's Column



Welcome back to school everyone! I'm sure the children will agree with me that the holidays seemed to fly past very, very quickly.

A special welcome to all of the families new this year to Oak Park Primary School. This of course includes our Foundation families – many of whom have already formed a relationship with the school via older brothers and sisters – and families of children who enrolled just this year.

This year we welcome back **Amy Devlin and Jan Flanagan** to the senior school team. (Amy actually taught a few of her Grade 6 students when they were in Prep). Also, **Nicky McKinnon** to our Specialist team, working as our Physical Education teacher.



Uniform Award

This week's
Uniform Wearer of the Week Award
goes to **Sienna** from Grade 1H

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



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We will also welcomed **Julia Prociw-Charalambous (Grade 3), Martha Mackenzie (Grade 2), and Kathy Seator (Foundation).**

I'm sure you will all enjoy your time at Oak Park Primary School and we all look forward to working closely with you!

It has been a great start to the new school year, with a really positive tone in classrooms and in the schoolyard. All classes were very settled – speaking volumes for the work put in by our teachers.

I would encourage everyone who is yet to become familiar with the Oak Park COMPASS app to do so as soon as possible. This is the major form of communication for us and it is partly a parent's responsibility to ensure they make use of all the forms of communication that are available.

All the best for a great 2018!

Lunchtime Clubs Program

Many parents will be aware that the school runs several clubs at lunchtimes during the week. We are still finalising the clubs that will be on offer but there will definitely be Chess Club, Dance Club, Oak Park's Got Talent, Kid's Yoga, Gardening Club, Learn to Draw and Amine Club. The library will also be open every day.

More information regarding the Lunchtime Clubs Program will be available soon.

School Council Elections

Next week, I will **call for nominations** for both the Parent and DET categories for school council. There are **six** vacancies on council for parent representatives.

School Councillors whose terms expire at this election are as follows:

Rory Sercombe (Parent Rep)

John Reece (Parent Rep)

Kane Miller (Parent Rep)

Tet Corso (Parent Rep)

Cherie Marnell (Parent Rep)

Tracy de Marco (Parent Rep)





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Jill Ridgwell (DET Rep)

Denise Anderson (DET Rep)

Jessica Costanzo (DET Rep)

If you decide to stand for election, you can either nominate yourself or be **nominated** by someone who is eligible for the same category as you wish to stand for.

Nomination forms need to be in by Monday **19th February 2018**.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

The School Council Election Timeline is as follows:

Notice of election & call for nominations	Feb 12
Close of nominations	Feb 19
Ballot papers distributed	Feb 26
Close of ballot	March 6
Count votes & declare ballot	March 7

'Values' Postcards

As a way of promoting positive behaviours in our school, all teachers will be provided with postcards that highlight our school values. The postcards will have a relevant design on one side, and on the reverse there will be space for teachers to write to parents about the action the student did in demonstrating that value.

There will be postcards for each of our three school values:

RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT

We are holding a competition, open to students from Grades 1-6, where designs can be submitted for the postcards:

Values Postcard Art Competition Guidelines

Students are asked to draw a design that depicts or represents one of our school values. The design should be 'postcard' size. That is A6 or 148mm x 105mm. Students will be provided templates during their Visual Arts lesson (this template must be used for the design).

Nine prizes will be awarded to the winners (one prize for each value from Grade 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6). Judges will consist of 2 Teachers, 2 Students and 2 Parents. Entries need to be returned to the Art Room (David Flint, Visual Arts Teacher) no later than Monday 19th February.



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Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings

Our initial Parent/Teacher Meetings for 2018 are scheduled for **Wednesday February 14th**. We will use a similar online booking system for meetings that we have used the past few years. More information about this will be going home soon.

Please note that the main purpose of the meetings is for parents to provide information to teachers about their children that may be important for them to know. Teachers will only be able to provide basic information on how children have settled into school and routines but will outline classroom expectations and programs.

Personal Property

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.



Please note the **Department of Education and Training (DET)** does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Principals have been requested to remind staff, students and parents/guardians of this at the beginning of this academic year. Both staff and

students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Litter Free Lunches

Much of the rubbish that we generate and send to landfill comes from the packaging on the food we buy, and lunch foods are no exception. In fact, it has been estimated that on average a school-age child using a disposable lunch generates three pieces of litter per day, which equates to 30 kg of waste per year. This works out to be 15 tonnes of waste produced by a school of 500 students each year from lunch boxes alone!

Based around the 3Rs (**R**educe, **R**euse, **R**ecycle) - 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.

Benefits of litter free school lunches include:

- students eating healthier lunches, as they are being provided with less pre-packaged 'gimmicky' snack foods and more fresh food in appropriate amounts



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- less waste being produced and sent to landfill
- cheaper lunches, as food items bought in bulk are less expensive than pre-packaged products
- a reduction in waste collection and disposal costs to the school, as less waste is being generated by the school community
- providing students with a practical example of how simple behaviour change can easily address a widespread environmental issue
- promotion of environmental stewardship and advocacy within the school
- a cleaner school; research has shown that less litter is dropped in areas free of litter compared to areas where litter is more noticeable.

Please support our school and community by providing your child with a LITTER FREE LUNCH at school EVERY DAY!

Japanese News

Welcome back to 2018! I hope everyone had a lovely break. I just wanted to let you know that on the 25th of February there will a Japanese Summer Festival at Federation Square. Admission is free and there are many Japanese cultural elements to see and take part in – including the dress up competition. Plus there will be a special guest appearance from... Kumamon!!! You can find more details on the website: <http://jcsm.org.au/fest/>

Melissa Broso Japanese Language Teacher

Student Absences

If your child will not be attending school for any reason e.g. illness, we would appreciate parents/guardians marking their child's absence via Compass.

The class attendance rolls are marked within the first 10 minutes of the day, so we would greatly appreciate families advising on Compass, their child's absence before this time.

Student Scholarships

THE EDUCATION STATE

2017 Years 4–11 Student Scholarships

The Department of Education and Training administers more than 100 scholarship awards for Victorian students in Years 4 to Year 11 each year. Principals, teachers and careers advisors should encourage and support eligible students to apply.

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIPS

The majority of these scholarships are linked to the Education State's focus on reducing the impact of disadvantage in providing financial support for students from low SES backgrounds to maximize their educational opportunities and be their best.

Applications opened Monday, 13 November 2017, until Wednesday, 1 February 2018.

Scholarships range in value from \$300 to \$1,000. All these scholarships are one-off payments.

Students must be enrolled in Victorian schools and must be Australian citizens or permanent residents to be eligible for these scholarships. Some of the scholarships are available to Victorian government school students while others are available to students across all sectors.

All the scholarships have eligibility requirements, such as financial need (a valid **Cape** Reference Number), while other scholarships have very specific criteria, such as membership with the Victoria Police or the Rail, Tram and Bus Union.

Students should be encouraged to carefully identify and apply for any scholarships where they meet the specified eligibility criteria.

YEARS 4 - 11 SCHOLARSHIPS

Seventy (70) **John and Maud Askew Scholarships** are available to Victorian government school students in primary and secondary schools.

Twenty two (22) **Darwin Educational Trust Fund Scholarships** are available to Year 10 Victorian government school students.

One **Albert Jacka** and **William Newton Memorial Scholarship** is available to a Year 10 student in a Victorian government school who is a resident of the City of Port Phillip.

Three (3) **VADC and Ivy Blair Scholarships** are available to Year 10 Victorian school students.

Two (2) **Frank Carey Memorial Scholarships** are available to students in Victorian schools, one for a Year 6 student and one for a Year 9 student. Only students who have a parent/guardian who is a financial member of the Rail, Tram and Bus Union (Locomotive Division) are eligible for these scholarships.

Five (5) scholarships are available to students in Victorian schools who have a parent/guardian who is a member of the Victoria Police, a retired member or a Police widow or widower.

The **Graham Davidson Memorial Scholarship** is available to a Year 6 student.

The **E C James Memorial Scholarship** is available to a Year 9 student.

Two **Angela Taylor Memorial Scholarships** are available to Year 8 students.

The **Tynan-Eyre Memorial Scholarship** is available to a Year 10 student.

An additional **Tynan-Eyre Memorial Scholarship** is available to a year 10 **Police** student in a Victorian school. (No Victoria Police membership is required for this scholarship.)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be found at **Student Scholarships** or by contacting **Andrea Constantino**, Student Scholarships Coordinator, on 9097 7375 or via email at constantino.andrea@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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Community News

Sussex Neighbourhood House offers courses to parents needing to upskill and/or those running small business....Please see flyers below for courses on offer.

Skills for Small Business & Job Seekers

An ideal course for job seekers, small business and admin volunteers. Update your Excel, Powerpoint Presentation, Website & Social Media Skills to improve your business success or your opportunity for employment.

- Excel
- Powerpoint
- Website - WordPress
- Social Media: Mailchimp, Facebook & Survey Monkey

**Starts 6 Feb
Enrol Now!**

Dates:	6 February-27 March
Pathways:	Pathways to Cert I or II in information technology or Business
Location:	Sussex Neighbourhood House
Mode of Study:	classroom & home based study
Days:	Mondays
Times:	6.30pm-9pm, plus flexible delivery
Duration:	7 sessions
Cost:	\$180 or \$140 conc.,
BYO	Exercise book, pen, USB

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Introduction to Bookkeeping

This course is ideal for small businesses, job seekers, volunteers and those wishing to upskill. Learn the essentials of manual bookkeeping and gain skills in the day to day processes including:

- Concepts and terminology
- Invoicing
- Purchasing
- Journals, cashbook
- Petty cash
- Bank reconciliations



Text books	provided
Pathways:	Acquisition of basic bookkeeping knowledge & skills for Business owners/ volunteers & job seekers, who may wish to undertake MYOB or Accredited Certificate of Business
Location:	Sussex Neighbourhood House
Mode of Study:	classroom & home based study
Days:	Tuesdays
Times:	6.30pm-9pm, plus half hr flexible delivery
Duration:	8 sessions
Cost:	\$200/\$150 conc., includes text book
BYO	Calculator, pencil & rubber

Starts: 7 Feb to 28 March

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OAK PARK PS TERM 1 2018 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	January 29th Staff Resume	January 30th Students resume	January 31st FLTs	February 1st	February 2nd
WEEK 2	February 5th Foundation students start 'Tea & Treats' Foundation Parents Morning Tea	February 6th	February 7th	February 8th	February 9th CURRICULUM DAY Student Agency
WEEK 3	February 12th Notice of SC Election	February 13th PFA Bookclub	February 14th PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS	February 15th	February 16th Sport: St M vs OPPS
WEEK 4	February 19th SC Nominations close 8.00pm Fete Mtg	February 20th	February 21st	February 22nd	February 23rd Sport: WB vs OPPS
WEEK 5	February 26th SC Ballot papers distributed	February 27th 7.30 PFA	February 28th Census School Council: 7.00pm	March 1st	March 2nd Clean Up Australia Day
WEEK 6	March 5th	March 6th SC Close of ballot	March 7th SC Declaration of ballot	March 8th	March 9th Sport: GW vs OPPS
WEEK 7	March 12th LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	March 13th	March 14th Parent Info/Parent Helpers 6.00 - 7.15pm (TBC)	March 15th	March 16th
WEEK 8	March 19th	March 20th 7.30 PFA AGM	March 21st	March 22nd	March 23rd Earth Hour Sport: OPPS vs StM
WEEK 9	March 26th Planning Week 'Friendship' Day	March 27th	March 28th School Council: 7.00pm	March 29th Last day Term 1 2.00pm dismissal	March 30th GOOD FRIDAY

Daylight saving ends
Term 2 starts

Sunday 1st April
Tuesday 16th April



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WOW AWARDS

Each week, teachers will be giving WOW awards to students. These awards will be given out at assembly each Friday afternoon.

Our WOW awards will not start until next week, Wednesday 7th February

Term 1 Value - RESPONSIBILITY							
FH		1H		3E		5/6C	
FP		1/2C		3P		5/6G	
FS		1M		3/4B		5/6C	
		2M		4A		5/6L	
		2D		4JW		D	

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