



The Oak Leaf

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 29th	Last day of Term 1 2.00pm Dismissal
March 30th	Good Friday
April 16th	First Day Term 2
April 26th	Uniform Swap Meet
May 10th & 11th	Mothers Day Stall
May 21st	School Photos
May 22nd & 24th	School Tours
May 26th	Comedy Night

Principal's Column

'Creativity is as important now in education as literacy and we should treat it with the same status'.
Ken Robinson

Bryan and I attended the Future Schools Expo at the Exhibition Centre last week where we got a chance to listen to my idol, Sir Ken Robinson. Ken is famously known for his TED talk on how 'schools kill creativity' (rating #1 with over 13 million views), explaining how we need to rethink the way we educate our students of today. He proposes that our education system, which is based on the industrial revolution of the 19th century, has not changed to cater for our students living in the 21st century. He talks about how our focus needs to change to one that is more focused on imagination and creativity in order to deal with an uncertain and problematic future. He believes that we no longer can teach our students how we were taught, when we went to school. Our children need not only to be literate and numerate but also curious, problem solvers, critical thinkers, good communicators, collaborators, with great social and emotional skills. There lies the challenge ahead.

After attending the Expo I couldn't help but feel excited about the fact that we are heading in the right direction at OPPS. We are changing the norms on how we teach and we are incorporating essential 21st century skills throughout our curriculum, especially through inquiry using the Challenge Based Learning framework.



Uniform Award

This week's
Uniform Wearer of the Week Award
goes to
AYDIN AKAY 3e

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



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In addition to this, over the next four years we are investigating ways to incorporate higher levels of student agency across the school to ensure that our students are learning through activities that are meaningful and relevant to them, driven by their interests and that are self-initiated with appropriate guidance from teachers. We are heading in the right direction!

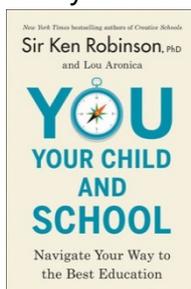
So what does this mean for you as a parent?

How can you do your bit to develop your child to live in an uncertain future? I know many parents have asked me about this, with the most common question, which high school should I send my child to? How can I tell if the school is right for my child and what can I do if it isn't? Ken Robinson has just published a book 'You, Your Child and School' where he offers advice for parents to learn about the kind of education their children really need and what they can do to make sure they get it.

If you have any questions relating to our school's direction in equipping your child/ren with the skills they need for their future, don't hesitate to come and see me as my door is always open.

Have a wonderful and safe Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all back again in term 2. Enjoy the moment with your kids as time flies by so quickly.

Monika Gruss



Congratulations Elliot!

My apologies that Elliot's name was spelled incorrectly in the last newsletter. What a great achievement Elliot

The school received a notification recently of a great milestone achieved by one of our students. Elliot Mohummadally who is a Joey Scout has earned the Joey Scout Promise Challenge. Only a small percentage reach this level and those who do are among the top achievers among Scouting's 47 million members globally.

To attain this top award in each of the five Sections in Scouting reflects initiative in tackling this challenge, sustained effort over many months and years, plus self discipline, teamwork and leadership.

Congratulations Elliot – we are very proud of you!

Lost Property

We have many pieces of uniform in our lost property cupboard. We also ask families to check their child's uniform and ensure they have their own items, particularly bomber jackets.

We would ask students to not take items from lost property that do not belong to them.



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P.F.A

Thank you

A big thank you to the school community for your support of PFA fundraising activities. Thanks to you, PFA raised close to **\$19000** in 2017! These funds were used to upgrade the new 1/2 playground and are currently being used towards the art program. Discussions are currently being held as to where fundraising efforts will be directed towards in 2018

The 2018 Parent & Friends Committee comprises:

President:	Bron Barwick
Vice President:	Kelly Richardson
Secretary:	Nicole Tu
Treasurer:	Jessica Sermeliotis

We look forward to another successful year, especially since 2018 will host the school fete, which is something to look forward to!

In 2018 PFA activities will include: a school disco, a comedy night, mothers and fathers day stall, footy colours day, movie night and uniform swap meets, just to name a few. As well as fundraising, we aim to bring the community together for enjoyment and to form connections.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 May at 7:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Comedy Night

Save the Date as this is always a huge success and a fun night. Get a table together for a lot of laughs. Saturday 26th May

Save the Date.....



Book Club

April 7th @ 7.30pm

Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris



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Premier's Reading Challenge

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2018

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Oak Park Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the form attached at the back of the newsletter and return it to your school.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

If you choose to participate in the Reading Challenge, please return the forms to Denise Anderson (Grade 4).

Japanese News Japanese Day is coming soon!

Stay tuned for more details coming in Term 2 newsletters and notifications on Compass.

Melissa Ly

Japanese Language Teacher

Team Holiday

Holiday Program

Autumn 2018

Oak Park Primary
8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Week One				
Monday 2nd April	Tuesday 3rd April	Wednesday 4th April	Thursday 5th April	Friday 6th April
	Australian Open Experience and DIY Table Tennis Bats <i>Excursion</i>	Kids Commonwealth Games <i>In-house</i>	Sphere Speed Racing and Design a Watch <i>Incursion</i>	Comedy Festival and Skateboard Creations <i>Excursion</i>
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	We're stepping behind the scenes of Tennis World Melbourne Park, home of the Australian Open for an awesome day of tennis!	We're getting into the spirit of the Commonwealth Games with our own awesome sporting activities and events.	Sphere is the incredible robotic ball that's ready to race at your command. Get coding and we'll be racing our Spheres all over the place!	We're heading out for a day of laughs as we take in Attack of the Plastic Time Monsters at La Mama Theatre, a child friendly show at Melbourne's International Comedy Festival.
	Game, set, match! We are making our own table tennis bats, so you can put your tennis skills to the test.		Time flies when you design your own fully functional watch!	Time to roll up our sleeves and design your very own 58cm skateboard deck. These make an awesome decoration to hang in your room!
	\$65.00 + Experience Fee \$36 Out-of-pocket after rebate* = \$32.23	\$65.00 + Experience Fee \$5 Out-of-pocket after rebate* = \$16.73	\$65.00 + Experience Fee \$16 Out-of-pocket after rebate* = \$22.23	\$65.00 + Experience Fee \$30 Out-of-pocket after rebate* = \$19.23

Week Two				
Monday 9th April	Tuesday 10th April	Wednesday 11th April	Thursday 12th April	Friday 13th April
Junior Rodders and Make your Own Marble Run <i>Incursion</i>	Movies - Peter Rabbit and Bring Peter Rabbit to Life <i>Excursion</i>	Atrobats and Angry Bird Challenge <i>Incursion</i>	Mini Golf and Build a Model Dinosaur <i>Excursion</i>	Wizards and Potions and The Great Book Exchange <i>In-house</i>
Today we'll pick up real musical instruments and work together to learn a song as a real rock 'n' roll band. Then we'll take to the stage to rock out in front of our mates.	Get set to experience the latest film everyone's talking about. We'll check out the latest adventures of the classic children's character Peter Rabbit.	We'll have a tonne of fun bonding our dreams in this unforgettable African drumming workshop designed to inspire cultural awareness, diversity and team spirit.	Have you got what it takes to beat your mates at the most awesome mini golf course? We're off to Putt Putt to make our way through 18 holes of incredible obstacles.	We're turning into wizards for a day of magic. We're making all types of wicked potions, including some slippery slime to take home.
Time to put our engineering skills to the test and build our own incredible marble run.	You've watched the movie now make your very own plush Peter Rabbit.	Get ready to load up, aim and launch as we complete a fun series of Angry Bird challenges.	Let's discover our inner paleontologist as we reconstruct some prehistoric dinosaurs.	Today is all about sharing our favourite stories as we swap books with our friends.
\$65.00 + Experience Fee \$14 Out-of-pocket after rebate* = \$21.23	\$65.00 + Experience Fee \$28 Out-of-pocket after rebate* = \$28.23	\$65.00 + Experience Fee \$16 Out-of-pocket after rebate* = \$22.23	\$65.00 + Experience Fee \$30 Out-of-pocket after rebate* = \$29.23	\$65.00 + Experience Fee \$7 Out-of-pocket after rebate* = \$17.73

Programs also available at: City - 50 Lonsdale, North Carlton, Etihad, West Melbourne

* Out-of-pocket rebate will vary depending on your CentreLink entitlement (CCB/CCF)

Book a day or the whole week how many days is up to you!



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Book Fair

SAVE THE DATE:

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Oak Park PS! The books will be arriving on Tuesday 22nd May for a week of 'paw-fect' viewing and purchasing.



Further details will be provided next term

School Photos

School Photos will be taken this year on Monday May 21st 2018. Order forms will be sent out later in the month of April. A reminder that all students will be required to wear correct school uniform.

Coles Vouchers

Thanks to everyone for collecting the Coles vouchers for sports equipment for our school. **Tuesday April 3rd**: last day to collect vouchers from Coles. Please send all vouchers to school during the first week of Term 2, week of April 16th

Chess Club

Please return your Chess Form to the office by the end of the week, we welcome new students to the club. Please see Melanie or Fran (at the office) for a form. Thank you!

Congratulations

Huge Congratulations to one of our ex-students, Ezi Magbregor, who has the basketball world at her feet! Please have a read of what an amazing rising star this girl is.



Friendship Day

Just a couple of photos from our Friendship Day. Stay tuned until after the holidays for a complete report in the newsletter



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Year 6-7 Transition

OAK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

TRANSITION TIMELINE Year 7-2019

16 April: Transition packs distributed to parents/carers of Year 6 students.

11 May: 'Application for Year 7 Placement' forms to be returned to Oak Park Primary School by this date.

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

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

Rosehill Secondary College



An opportunity for Year 5 & 6 students to experience a day at Rosehill

OPENDAY

TUESDAY 1ST MAY 2018

CLASSES BEGIN: 9:15AM DISMISSED: 2:15PM

An opportunity to discuss curriculum offerings and view the college in action. Prospectus and general information available.

Participate in a range of classes from: The Arts, Science, Languages, PE & Technology.

Bookings are essential to ensure your child's attendance.



Prospective families are invited to join the College for an

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 3RD MAY 2018

4:30-7:30PM

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS AT 6:30PM IN THE COLLEGE LIBRARY

This is an excellent opportunity for families to participate in a guided tour of the College, view classes in action and speak to current staff and students.



Rosehill
Secondary College

SEEK . VISIT . APPLY

GUIDED TOURS AVAILABLE
TUESDAYS 9:30AM

Bookings are essential, please contact the College on 9337 2488.

An opportunity to discuss curriculum offerings and view the college in action. Prospectus and general information available.

Choosing a school is one of the most important decisions you will make on behalf of your child.

Essendon Keilor College



ESSENDON KEILOR COLLEGE

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Achieving excellence with innovative STEM Education

CAMPUS School Tours 2018



By appointment
Thursday & Friday
@ 9:30 am

**Niddrie Campus
Junior Campus**
Years 7 to 9
Peters Street
Airport West 3042
Ph: 9375 8400

**East Keilor Campus
Junior Campus**
Years 7 to 9
Quinn Grove
East Keilor 3033
Ph: 8331 0109

**Essendon
Senior Campus**
Years 10 to 12
Buckley Street
Essendon 3040
Ph: 9319 1300



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Achieving excellence with innovative STEM Education

- STEM Learning Centres at all campuses
- Architecturally Designed Niddrie Campus Opening for 2019
- Leading academic accelerated learning programs for individual subjects and students

COLLEGE OPEN DAY
30 April 2018



Information Session for all campuses at Essendon Campus 6:00pm
 Tours 9:30 am & 11:30 am @ each Campus

Niddrie Junior Campus
 Years 7 to 9
 Via Watt Street
 Airport West 3042
 Ph: 9375 8400

East Keilor Junior Campus
 Years 7 to 9
 82 Quinn Grove
 East Keilor 3033
 Ph: 8331 0109

Essendon Senior Campus
 Years 10 to 12
 286 Buckley Street
 Essendon 3040
 Ph: 9319 1300

Coburg High School



COBURG
HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2018

Everyone welcome. Book today at:
www.coburg.vic.edu.au/open

We warmly invite you to visit us at Coburg High School to learn more about our school. For more information, including dates & times of our school tours, visit us at www.coburg.vic.gov.au or call 9353 1700.

Essendon Keilor College

Scholarships for Excellence

Year 7 2019



Four scholarships supporting excellence will be awarded to academically talented Grade 6 students

- 4 opportunities exist across the Niddrie and East Keilor Campuses
- Each scholarship will cover basic fees, the first year of the student's books and the basic uniform up to the value of \$1000

Application forms are available at each campus office and must be submitted by Friday 4th May

Successful applicants will be notified by Wednesday 9th May

No late applications will be accepted

Niddrie Junior Campus
 Years 7 to 9
 Via Watt Street
 Airport West 3042
 Ph: 9375 8400

East Keilor Junior Campus
 Years 7 to 9
 82 Quinn Grove
 East Keilor 3033
 Ph: 8331 0109

Community News



RECRUITING NOW
PLAYERS & COACHES

Oak Park Saints Basketball Club is currently recruiting:

Under 8's Mixed	Boys	Girls
Born 2011, 2012, 2013	U10's Born 2009 & 2010 U12's Born 2007 & 2008	U10's Born 2009 & 2010 U12's Born 2007 & 2008 U14's Born 2005 & 2006

Coaches required for U8's, U10's, U12's & U14's across both boys & girls

Beginners Welcome

Please forward all enquiries to Jo Leech email: opsboysreg@gmail.com

Winter Season commencing 21st April



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ATTENTION ALL GIRLS & WOMEN!

FALCONS.ORG.AU

COME AND PLAY AFL & SOCCER

DAREBIN WOMEN'S SPORTS CLUB

HOME TO 17 AFLW DRAFTEES!

CONTACT US TODAY
 Soccer - soccer@falcons.org.au
 AFL - youthgirls@falcons.org.au
 A.H. Capp Reserve, Halwyn Cres, Preston

2ND BIGGEST GIRLS SOCCER PROGRAM IN VIC!

Darebin Women's Sports Club is looking for women and girls to join us and play AFL and SOCCER in 2018!

AFL
 • Junior teams
 • Auskick, U10's, U12's, U14's, U16's, U18's

SOCCER
 • U16's, U12's, Seniors and Mini Roos Kick Off (ages 4-9)

★ PLACES FOR 2018 ARE LIMITED SO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY! ★

Come and give soccer and footy a go! For more info contact info@falcons.org.au

WESTERN ARTS THEATRE INC.'S
Production of

Peter Pan JR

April 6th - 14th
St Bernard's College Auditorium
41 Rosehill Rd, Essendon
 tickets at trybooking.com/UFZH

Music and Lyrics by
 Sammy Cahn, Sammy Fain, Michelle Tumes, Xavier Atencio, George Bruns, Jack Lawrence, Frank Churchill, Winston Hibler, Ted Sears, Oliver Wallace and Ray Kelley

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Lyrics by
 Eric Svejcar

Book and Additional Lyrics by
 David Zelnik

Based on the screenplay by
 Ted Sears, Erdman Penner, Bill Peat, Winston Hibler, Joe Rinaldi, Milt Banta, Ralph Wright and William Cottrell

Based on the play by
 J.M. Barrie

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
 All performance material supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

GREAT SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

Western Arts Theatre's Disney's PETER PAN JR. is playing at St Bernard's College Auditorium from Friday 6 April to Saturday 14 April and promises to be a lot of fun for the whole family. The cast is made up of over 30 talented 7 to 17 year olds from the local community and beyond.

Peter Pan JR. is the story of the boy who wouldn't grow up and the girl who has to. After finding his shadow in the Darling family nursery, Peter teaches Wendy, Michael and John how to fly and sweeps them off to Never Land, where they meet Lost Boys, Mermaids, Indians and, of course, Pirates. If the children are ever to return home, Peter must defeat Captain Hook with the help of Tinker Bell and her fairy friends. *Peter Pan JR.* features classic songs from the 1953 film such as, "You Can Fly!", "Following the Leader" and "The Second Star to the Right" as well as songs from the Pirates of the Caribbean ride and the 2008 Disney film *Tinker Bell*.

St Bernard's College
 41 Rosehill Road
 Essendon

7:30pm
 6, 7, 12 and 13 April

2:00pm
 7, 8, 13 and 14 April

Adults: **\$30**
 Concession: **\$26**
 Children under 15: **\$24**
 Family: **\$100**
(Over 16's include 2 adults and 2 children)

Tickets available at trybooking.com/UFZH

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia). All performance material supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

The show is running for a limited season over the April school holidays so don't miss out! Book your tickets at: www.trybooking.com/UFZH or check out Western Arts Theatre's webpage (<http://westernartstheatre.org>).

For more information or if you have any queries, contact Meg Warren at westernartsproducer@gmail.com



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Oak Park's Got Talent- Lunchtime Club

We have had some fantastic acts this week. We had 3 comedy acts: Archie told us some good jokes, Varsha and Zara worked as a team telling their jokes and Tori and Chloe made us all laugh too. We also had Rahni, Makayla, Riley, Sarah and Zara who worked so well together to show us a great dance routine.

This week our winning act was Zeynap, Landen, Ella, Amelia, Lucy and Mia G. They performed a song called "River" and combined rapping and dancing. It was very entertaining. They will perform their act for you next week on Thursday at the final assembly for the term. This weeks performers are below- Good Luck!

Thur 29 th March	Jayna	Hula Hoop
Thur 29 th March	Riley 2M, Olivia 2M, Millie 2M	Dance
Thur 29 th March	Coco and Friends	Dance
Thur 29 th March	Jayda	Dance
Thur 29 th March	Mia	Dance/Singing

Term 2 Oak Park's Got Talent timetable will be posted in the first newsletter next term.

WOW AWARDS

Term 1 Value - RESPONSIBILITY

Class	Name	Awarded for
FH	Maya Krzton	For working hard to improve your writing and sounding out words independently. Keep up the wonderful effort
FS	Lily McCracken	For showing enthusiasm for everything we learn in class – you're a great role model. Well done!
FP	Harvey King	For showing great enthusiasm towards your learning and for being a great helper to everyone!
1M	Ayana Goel	For settling in beautifully to our class. Well done Ayana



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1H	Elaa Raghubanshi	For always listening to instructions, focussing on tasks and being kind and respectful
1/2C	Zahli Maynard	For being a caring student and always helping your classmates
2M		
2D	Edwin Griffiths	For staying focussed in class and finishing all class work to the best of his ability. Edwin worked hard to catch up on all work that was missed. Great effort
3E	Dopnika Corso	For constantly striving to do, and present your best. You are always there to help everyone
3P	Julian	For always putting so much effort into your work, and having a positive attitude
3/4B		
4A	Isabella Moonen	For exemplary work habits and behaviour in our classroom
4JW	Bejna	For being responsible and bringing your reading log in with great comments
5/6C		
5/6G	Layla Sapiano	For working independently and successfully to build her 3D robot by making accurate nets
5/6LD	Will Percy	For displaying a positive attitude towards your learning
5/6P		
Sustainability		
Art		
Japanese	Ryan Reichhart 3/4B	For displaying responsible behaviour towards his learning in Japanese with the creation of his Japanese word find. Keep up the great effort Ryan!
Phys. Ed.		
Performing Arts	Elise Hughes 1M	For your constant enthusiasm in every class and respectful nature towards all your peers. Well done!



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The Hon Daniel Andrews MP

Premier of Victoria

1 Treasury Place
Melbourne Victoria 3002
Telephone: +613 9651 5000

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am delighted to announce the opening of the 2018 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge.

Now in its 14th year, the Challenge continues to encourage our kids to read more books.

Research shows that reading plays a vital role in a child's development, helping students develop their academic, social and emotional skills.

For children not yet at school, the Challenge invites parents and carers to experience 40 books with their child. For students from Prep to Year 2, the Challenge is to read or experience 30 books. For students in Years 3 to 10, the Challenge is to read 15 books.

Children who complete the Challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement and will have the opportunity to see their names included on an online Honour Roll.

More information about the Challenge can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc where you will find key dates, guidelines, frequently asked questions and the 2018 Challenge booklist with more than 9,000 titles catering for all age groups.

You can also visit the Challenge Facebook page www.facebook.com.au/VicPRC where you can share stories, keep informed and recommend books.

Good luck, and enjoy the 2018 Challenge.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier of Victoria



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If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign this form and return it to your school.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: *Department* refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, *Person* refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

1) Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic)*. This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual’s name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

2) Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child’s first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

- Publish your child’s name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

3) Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department’s Information Privacy Policy located at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx>

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department’s Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au .

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

Yes I consent to my child’s name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child.....

Parent Signature.....