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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 6th	Family Carols Night
December 7th	Grade 2 Sleepover
December 7th	Foundation Breakfast
December 10th	Parent Helpers' Afternoon Tea
December 11th	Year 7 Transition Day
December 12th	Grade 6 Big Day Out
December 18th	Grade 6 Graduation
December 21st	Last day term 2018

Principal's Column

Last week thousands of students went on 'strike' to attend rallies across Australia to protest against perceived government inaction on climate change. There was much criticism of the students for missing school and protesting in this way.

Coincidentally, the climate action march coincided almost exactly with the 63rd anniversary of Rosa Park's refusal to relinquish her seat on a bus to a white person and her subsequent arrest for civil disobedience; a symbolic action now seen as pivotal in the movement against racial segregation.

Earlier this year, we saw thousands of students in the US speaking out against that country's gun laws and policies.

And as a young student myself, I remember seeing the Vietnam moratorium protests in the early 1970s where people defied authority to express their view that conscription and the war should cease.

These events reminded me of a book I read as a young teacher. It was called 'Teaching As A Subversive Activity'. The authors suggested that the main purpose of schools should be to cultivate 'built-in, shockproof, crap detectors' and for kids to call it out when they see it.

In the Victorian education system, we openly encourage students to think for themselves, to have a voice and to develop their agency. The students who marched last week were doing exactly that and I'm sure their teachers were very proud of them for doing so.

Uniform Award

This weeks
Uniform Wearers of the Week Award

goes to

EKAA RAGHUBANSHI

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





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Grade Structure 2019

The end of the year often brings a bit of excitement and a bit of sadness. It's great to start thinking of Christmas and the holidays and time with friends, but it's also a time when we say goodbye to other friends and colleagues. This year is no exception.

Natasha Neimann, Melissa Papal, Ann Ramsdale and Sue Blears will be leaving us at the end of the year. I would like to thank all of these staff members for their hard work, dedication to the school and the connections made with everyone. Good luck for the future!

We also welcome two teachers new to the school. April Tarollo, who may be familiar to you as she has spent time in the school working as replacement teacher. Christine Crivelli was also recently appointed. Christine is a 'local' and has spent the past few years teaching at Roxburgh Rise Primary School. We are really looking forward to working with both teachers and expect great things from them!

We also welcome back Greer Arnold, who many of you will remember was here a couple of years ago.

Welcome back Greer!

The following is the staffing structure that we will commence the next school year with:

Class	Teacher
F	Kira Hannah
F	Kathy Seator
F	Alex Macias
1	Jane Cardamone
1	Tania Haimon
1	Marina Plesa/Denise Anderson
2	Kate Dyer
2	Martha McKenzie
3/4	Carol Barty
3	Meagan Ward/Brenda Jamieson
3	Hayley Evans
4	April Tarollo
4	Julia Prociw-Charalambous
5/6	Livio Coreno/Tess Haycox
5/6	Kirsty Potts
5/6	Lacey-Rae Garner-Giumelli/ Christine Crivelli
5/6	Amy Devlin/Greer Arnold



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Specialists:

Japanese	Melissa Broso
Visual Arts	Dave Flint
PE	Liam Sutawan
Sustainability/Science	John Hughes
Performing Arts	Melanie Ojczyk
Intervention	Denise Anderson, Sally Morath

Support Staff:

Sheryl Hamilton, Michelle Watson

Office Staff:

Annette D’Elia, Fran MacDonough, Meredith Wall

OSHC:

Julie Andrews, Dawn Cadee, Alison German

Leadership Team:

Bryan Nolan, Sally Morath, Maria Girodano

In going through this process it is important to have a fair spread of experience across the school while providing teachers with the opportunities to experience new challenges.

The structure reflects our belief that ‘straight’ grades have been very successful for us in the past, but we also need to maintain flexibility when the circumstances warrant this – as in the senior school again next year. It also takes into account staff

requests and ensures that a strong team focus applies at all levels of the school.

As mentioned previously, we were successful in our application for the Maths Specialist initiative. This will mean that two of our teachers – Marina Plesa and Lacey-Rae Garner-Giumelli – will receive special training in the teaching of mathematics. They will both be fulltime at the school but their time will be split between their grade and assisting other teachers with mathematics.

John Hughes will be once again be fulltime at the school following three years as a part time teaching fellow at Melbourne University. This is great for us as it allows John to expand on his Sustainability Program to incorporate more Science focused content as well.

Please note that circumstances can alter very quickly and changes may still occur.

Children will meet their new teachers and grades on **Wednesday 19th December.**

2019 School Fees

The fees support the school in providing resources for the students. Payment is to be made prior to the 1st February 2019. You will find the Oak Park Primary School Parent Payment Policy on the school website: www.oakparkps.vic.edu.au Please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager Annette D’Elia delia.annette.a@edumail.vic.gov.au if you have any queries or wish to set up a payment plan.



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Parent Helpers' Afternoon Tea



Parent Helpers' Afternoon Tea!

Date: Monday 10th December
Time: 2.00pm

You are cordially invited to attend our 'Thank You' Afternoon Tea for all of our wonderful parents!

Everyone welcome!

Afternoon tea provided



Oak Park Primary School

PLEASE NOTE

The last day of school is Friday December 22nd. The final assembly will start at 1.00pm and students will be dismissed following the assembly. Please ensure arrangements are in place for the picking up of your children at the earlier time.

Book Club

Thank you to all families/teachers who have purchased books through Book Club this year. Once again Book Club has been very successful. This year our school generated over \$9000 in sales, earning over \$1800 in Scholastic Rewards. Along with rewards earned from the Book Fair earlier in the year (\$1600) this allows the school to buy resources that benefit the students.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support and I hope that we make 2019 even better.

Library Books

The end of the year is fast approaching! It is now time for all library books to be returned to the Library. Students were issued with notices early this week listing the books still in their possession. Please

Lunch Orders

Lunch Orders will resume next week



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ensure these are returned ASAP. If you believe that you have returned it or you cannot locate them please contact me by email – watson.michelle.m@edumail.vic.gov.au, see me in the Library or return the notice with a note on it to explain.



SUSTAINABILITY

Snails

Thank you to all the students who have brought snails in for our lizards. They love them and our supply dwindles pretty quickly. If you have trouble with snails in your garden, Bob and Frank (our lizards) would be happy to take care of that for you. Bring them to school from Wednesday-Friday and I will be able to collect them and give them a good home (until lizard lunch time).

School Pets for Holidays

It is coming up to the end of the year and many of our pets, including our fish, mealworms and blue tongue lizards need carers for the holidays. If you are interested in taking on this role (all very easy, and I can supply most of what is needed for them) please let me know.

Frog Census

Last week our intrepid frog seekers travelled to the “living stream” at the end of Herbert St. We were very excited to hear a colony of several Eastern banjo frogs (you might also know them as Pobblebunks) in the pond there. Still no sign of the growling grass frog but we will have one more go next week. Thanks again to our wonderful parent helpers; Kirti Crute and Jenni Moffat.

Fighting Extinction

Our student leader for Sustainability; Sienna Giddings has been upcycling old folders etc. to sell at a stall to raise money for Zoos Victoria’s ‘Fighting Extinction’ program, and more specifically, the critically endangered Baw Baw frog. Sienna raised \$140 through her efforts and this has now been sent off to help the conservation and recovery effort. Well done Sienna!

Carols Night

Tomorrow night, Thursday December 6th is our Family Carols Night. The kids have been rehearsing songs, the teachers have their tongs and aprons ready to BBQ, and we will have cold drinks and zooper doopers for sale so you can cool down. We have lots of stalls, face painting and glow candles for sale, so bring some change and you might be able to get some Xmas shopping done. Carols are from 7-8pm, but the stalls and BBQ will be ready at 5.45pm. If you don’t want to buy a sausage or a burger, BYO picnic. It’s going to be warm and outdoors, so bring a picnic rug, sunscreen and a hat.



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If all the children are good, they're going to be in for a real treat when Santa arrives

**Oak Park Primary
Family Carols Night**

**Fun starts at
5:45pm**

Soft drinks,
Zooper Doopers
and glow candies
for sale

**Carols
7pm-8pm**

- ★ B.Y.O. Picnic dinner and rug
- ★ Sausage sizzle
- ★ Visit from Santa
- ★ Raffle
- ★ Face painting
- ★ Stalls for gift shopping

**Thursday
December 6**

PIC•COLLAGE

School Parking

Once again, we would ask families to NOT park in the staff car park, particularly the disabled zone.

This car park is for staff only. As you can probably tell, there are not enough parks for our staff, so by others parking there, it doesn't allow those who are entitled to utilise the park, to do so.

We have seen many near misses also, by students arriving and departing the school by going through the car park and running behind cars.

STUDENTS, please walk in and out via the footpath and gate, not the car park itself.



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WOW AWARDS

Class	Name	Awarded for
FH	Eaintchue Ktike	For being so kind and helpful to others in our classroom. It's been wonderful to see the initiative and care you take in supporting your peers. Well done!
FP	Raz Tolmie	For showing enthusiasm about learning and always trying your very best. Well done Raz!
1/2C	Baran Kaygisiz	For the great improvement in your work and for showing resilience. Well done Baran
1M	Chris Li	For always showing kindness and respect towards others. You are a wonderful classmate
1H		
2D	Sophie Crute	For always working hard and being a great listener. You set a very good example for everyone in class. Well done
2M	Elliot Mohummudally	For some excellent contributions to our class Haiku about a waterfall.
3P		
3E		
4A		
4JW	Hosanna Crute	For being easy going and helpful to others
5/6LD		
5/6C		
P.E		
Art	Alexandra Dyer 5/6P	For and outstanding reproduction of Vincent Van Gogh's "Sunflowers"



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