

OBERON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Helping young children make friends..

Friendships and successful peer relationships play a significant role in a young person's life. Friends contribute in a huge way to children's social and emotional development so it is vital to encourage positive ways of relating in our own children and their friends.

Making and maintaining friendships is a very complex skill for many children to acquire. Children have to know how to join in group activities, to be approving and supportive of their peers, to manage conflict appropriately and to exercise sensitivity and tact in their interactions. Parents can be involved by assisting in the development of:

- ◆ Sharing & taking turns
- ◆ Co-operating to achieve a common goal
- ◆ Developing understanding and empathy
- ◆ Being able to collaborate on solutions to problems
- ◆ Trusting others and being trusted in return

This week, stop for a moment and watch how your child plays with friends.

Jenny Lander
Principal

Since 1992, children all around Australia have turned out in their hundreds of thousands to help clean up Australia. School Clean Up Day allows students to create a healthier environment and teaches how to conserve our beautiful country. By reducing the impact of waste in our environment, students can make a difference in their local community.

With this in mind, our students will be involved in the following activities on Friday. Parents are very welcome to come along and join in.

P/1/2H & P/1/2W will be working in groups to clean up the playground.

3/4F & 3/4I will be walking to Waurn Ponds Creek to clean up. Rubbish will be weighed, sorted and recycled back at school (The walkers will leave at 9:00am and return before recess).

5/6W & 5/6C will be cleaning up the area between the Oberon High School and Oberon South.

Maths Games

Included in this newsletter is a fun way to practise number facts. Quick and easy, it can be played in a few minutes and will reinforce the automatic responses when working mathematically with single digits. Create a tally sheet for the number of games won and ask your child to let us know how they go.

Clean Up Australia Day - Friday 29th February for Schools

DIARY DATES - Term 1 2008

Date	Day	Item	Note	Money
29 February	Friday	Last chance for EMA forms to be submitted	✘	
5 March	Wednesday	SPECIAL LUNCH DAY— Orders due back by Monday 3rd March	✘	✘
6 March	Thursday	Travelling Treasures Program (State Library Visit) - Grades 5 & 6	✘	✘
9 March - 20 April	Daily	Go for Your life & the Active Family Challenge		
10 March	Monday	Labour Day Public Holiday - NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL		
12 March	Wednesday	Boat Safety for Kids—Grades 5 & 6	✘	✘
18 March	Tuesday	School Council Meeting and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		
20 March	Thursday	Last Day of Term 1		

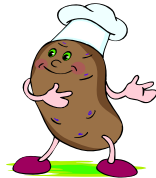
SPECIAL

LUNCH



DAY

WEDNESDAY 5TH



PLEASE FIND A MENU FOR THIS DAY ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER. YOUR ORDER **MUST** BE IN NO LATER THAN MONDAY 3rd MARCH.



- Jai Glover - GREAT job as Dr Amazing in the Life Ed van!
- Aaron Holt - Appropriate responses in the Life Ed van!
- Mara Collins - co-operative group 'caring and sharing' with others.
- Jordan Rossi - Excellent joining in his handwriting and consistently neat work, Good Job!
- Amy Auger - Brilliant Handwriting!
- Ethan Hollins - being 3/4F's Dr Ethan in the Life Ed van.
- Anisa Radmehr - displaying excellent leadership in her job as school captain at every assembly!
- Xander Dixon - using commas in his writing correctly!
- Ben Tate - Improved handwriting skills!
- Caitlin McKinlay - Excellent job as school captain at every assembly this year!
- Harrison Perry - Excellent job as school captain at every assembly this year!
- Stacy Anastasopoulos - Excellent job as school captain at every assembly this year!
- Flynn Bennett - Finding the letter of the week and question mark in our big book!

**HAPPY AND SAFE
PLAYGROUND AWARD -**
Rayleigh Burt

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program

2009 Year 7 Intake

Information Evening

Thursday, 17th April 2008

Belmont High School Library, 7:00pm

(A tour of the school is available between 6:00 and 7:00pm)

Please direct all enquiries to Ms Lesley Goode

Telephone: 5243 5355 (Belmont High School)

Email: goode.lesley@edumail.vic.gov.au

ART NEWS

Under the Sea Mural:

Time to decorate your family's sea creature!

You will find your family's sea creature (fish or seahorse) attached to this week's newsletter. Remember, all you need to do is use your creative talents to decorate one side. Some ideas include covering it with sequins, glitter, fabric or painting – use your imagination. Once returned, they will be attached to a sea background which will be on displayed in our school corridor for all to see. Please return your beautiful sea creatures to the office as soon as possible - no later than 10th of March. Don't forget to put your family's name on the back. I can't wait to see your creations.



Marcia Birrell

*****IMPORTANT*****

The Excursion notice that went home for the Travelling Treasures State Library Visit did not include the date.

Please note that this excursion is on

THURSDAY 6TH

LOOK WHAT'S COMING!



**A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT THE 2008
NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS...**

Tim Fraser....

My son Will is in Grade 2 at Oberon South Primary School. I'm married to Fiona and we also have two daughter; Grace (4 and a half) and Sarah (2).

I am an Ambulance Paramedic with 12 years experience in Melbourne, Geelong and Air Ambulance.

In my spare time, I enjoy playing golf and watching local and international sport.

While on the School Council, I hope to bring a fresh outlook and continue to foster the growth and development of the school and its programs.

Liz Hay....

Hi Everyone, my name is Liz Hay. I'm the mother of the three beautiful Johnston children; Meg (5/6C), Georgia (3/4I) and Will (P/1/2W). In my spare time (ha ha!) after running around with my children and puppy, Axel I work full time managing the Coles Express Service Station in Highton.

I am looking forward to being on the Committee and helping in the decisions that will make our school the best it can be.

Allison Whytcross....

Hello - I'm Allison and I have two daughters - one in Junior H (Year1) and one at 4 year old kinder. I also have a Japanese Exchange student who is in Year 10 at Oberon High.

I am excited about being one of your representatives on School Council this year. Having been a Primary teacher for twenty years I have been on council a few times before - but this time I will be in the role of a parent!

Would love to hear your thoughts and ideas and represent them at our meetings. Let me know!

Lisa Marshall..

Hello Everyone! My name is Lisa Marshall and I am one of your new representatives on Oberon South's School Council. My eldest child Jonathon, is in grade 6 this year and my daughter, Sally, is in grade 2.

Previously, I have been on committees at the local kindergarten and I have also been involved in Sally's Girl Guides troop fundraising and as a rostered parent support person.

My involvement with this school over the past 7 years has seen me help with fundraisers such as sausage sizzles and a spring carnival, reading in classrooms, helping with the book fair week and rostered as a canteen helper. I like to keep up to date with what is happening at the school and take an avid interest in how the curriculum is working for our children.

I hope you find me approachable with any queries that you feel may need to be addressed.

Yours Sincerely,

Lisa Marshall

Dean Schmidt....

I am a 42 year old electrical engineer, working for Alcoa at the Pt Henry Aluminium smelter. I have worked in remote areas of Queensland and Western Australia and we moved to Victoria primarily for Ana's education.

I want to have an active role in Ana's education, so I was delighted to be accepted on the school council. I have met many wonderful children, parents and teachers at Oberon South and I am looking forward to working in a team environment with the other school councillors.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
ABOUT SCHOOL COUNCIL,
PLEASE SEE JENNY LANDER.**

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED TO TODAY'S NEWSLETTER...

- ✓ SPECIAL LUNCH DAY CANTEEN MENU!!
- ✓ YOUR FAMILY'S SEA CREATURE TO DECORATE!!



The Parent Trap

The Bedtime Struggle

Bedtime can be a special time between children and parents, however, it can easily turn into a struggle. Parents are often tired at the end of the day and are eager to get the kids to bed so they can have some quiet time for themselves. And children often don't want to 'miss out' and can become defiant and prolong the process. Often bedtime becomes a struggle where we fall into the trap of getting angry and frustrated, giving in to on-going demands ("I want a glass of water"; "I just have to finish this") or allowing the child to stay up longer than they should.

1. **What to do** - By setting limits, you will gain your children's respect and build their self-esteem. Here are a few tips on avoiding the bedtime trap:
2. **Be clear** – establish a time that is fair according to your child's age. Once agreed on, it is NOT NEGOTIABLE. (This may vary on Friday or Saturday nights)
3. **Create a bedtime ritual** (eg: bath, book, drink, bed). Routine is very important as it provides a sense of security.
4. **Winding down time** - start your ritual 30-60 minutes before your child's actual bedtime. Eliminate activities that would excite the child such as rough-play or tickling.
5. **Offer choices instead of orders.** Your child will have a feeling of control over what happens to him when given choices. For example, you might say, "Do you want to wear your red or blue pajamas?"
6. **Create closeness.** For example: listen to your child's feeling about the day; say three things that you love about each other, or read together.
7. **Explain to your child ONCE** that if they get out of bed, you will take them back. Avoid the verbal power struggle. If you find yourself getting frustrated or hear yourself saying, "Didn't you hear what I said? I told you to go to bed", then stop! Simply take them back to bed. You may have to do this several times, particularly at the beginning. However, as the week progresses, things will improve.

Good luck, Sandra Muratti ☺

Parentline 13 22 89 www.parentline.vic.gov.au.

Ray's Outdoors

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SCHOOL DISCOUNT !!!

As our school is a customer of Ray's Outdoors. As a bonus, all students are now entitled to a school discount. Ray has 34 stores and 35000 items for you to buy at cheaper prices!

A better deal in 3 easy steps...

Step 1: visit Ray's and select your good's

Step 2: **at the register quote your school name**

Step 3: pay with your own money but remember to thank your school teacher!

10% OFF STOREWIDE

CREATION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL....

Hear Peter Sparrow of *The Creation Bus....*
Wednesday 5 March 2008 at 7:30pm

Dynamic Answers from Genesis

Belmont - Highton Baptist Church

43 Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont

Enquiries: Phone Ps Craig Allan on 5241 1453

FREE!!!

Wood: Suitable for fireplaces, garden stakes and craft projects!

Sawdust: Great to mix with your compost!

Wood Shavings: Can be used as animal bedding and nesting material!

Come to Penny's Pine!!

Bridge St, Newtown

(next door to the aquatic centre)

5223 2358

Don't Forget...

If you have something that you would like to sell, hear some great news about someone in the school community or something similar, please let us know so that we can include it in our newsletter!

The newsletter goes home to every single family, every week and is a great way to communicate with the entire school community.

So remember, if you have something to share, let us know!

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ENTERTAINMENT

BOOKS

Oberon South PS is again offering to the Community to purchase Entertainment Books.

These books offer many discounts at Restaurants, Bistros, Cafes, Movies and many more establishments.

Entertainment Books cost \$50 each, these are available from the School Office.

A couple of the many places where your Entertainment Book can be used is:

Fine Dining -

Waterfront
Empire Grill
2 Faces
The Barking Dog

Casual Restaurants -

Buckleys
The Grovedale Hotel
The Bended Elbow
Irish Murphy's

Informal Dining and Takeaway -

KFC
Gloria Jean's Coffee
Juicy Stuff
Pizza Hut

Arts, Sport & Attractions -

Sovereign Hill
Time Zone
Geelong & Ballarat Bowling lanes
Bellarine Adventure Golf

More information attached to today's newsletter

CAR PARKING

A reminder that the staff carpark is for **staff cars only** due to the limited available space. Thankyou for your consideration in this matter and for continuing to park in the street.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF GRADES:

P/1/2H -

Miss Melissa Hodge

P/1/2W -

Mrs Karen Williams

3 /4F -

Mr Graeme Ferguson

3 /4I -

Mrs Kerry Iapozzuto

5 /6C -

Miss Helen Chamberlain

Specialist -

Mr Ross McKinlay

There will be a
**National
Stopwork Action
Day**

8:55am - 12:50 pm.

**Monday 3rd
March 2008.**

A letter will be sent home outlining this day in more detail.

OSHC NEWS

After School Care has gotten off to a great start this year, there is lots of fun and exciting activities happening, as well as yummy and healthy snacks after school!

It is very important that parents MUST notify the office / Leanne if you wish for your child to attend OSHC.

Due to numbers, we MUST know how many children will be attending care for each night.

If you haven't already enrolled your son/daughter in OSHC, we encourage you to do so! Even if you don't think you need to because you can be around to collect the children, what if you have car trouble? Or get held up somewhere? Simply call the school and we can notify your child/ren that they will be attending OSHC. It is important for you to enrol, as if children are not enrolled in OSHC then they cannot attend care.

If you have any questions regarding anything about OSHC, please see the office or Leanne.

THANK YOU!