



Grove Gazette

Ocean Grove Primary School e-Newsletter

*Together we support each other to be passionate learners,
growing to be our best for a positive future in our community*



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Wednesday, 20th December, 2017

Confident, Compassionate, Creative, Curious, Committed, Collaborative, Critical Thinkers

School Calendar

**Remember — dark blue broad-brimmed hat
needed for Term 4, and Term 1, 2018**

Thursday, 21st December

Christmas Assembly at the Ocean Grove Pavilion, walking from school at 9.10, returning to school from 10.45am
"2018" Day

Friday, 22nd December

Last day Term 4, **1.30pm finish**

**The school office will close at 1.30pm on
Friday, 22nd December and re-open on
Monday, 29th January, 2018**



*Have a happy, safe
and enjoyable
summer break*

Monday, 29th January, 2018

All staff return to school — this is a **Student Free Day**

Tuesday, 30th January

Curriculum Day — this is a **Student Free Day**

Final bookselling day prior to school commencing, office open for book sales from 9.30am to 12noon
Uniform shop extra opening hours, 9.00am-3.30pm
(closed for lunch between 1.00-2.00pm)

Wednesday, 31st January

Welcome back — **All students Foundation to Year 6 commence on this day**

School Canteen also opens today

— **Canteen opens Wednesday to Friday**

Friday, 2nd February

Uniform Shop Open, 8.30-9.00am (resume normal hours)

Monday, 5th to Wednesday, 7th February

Year 5 Camp to Melbourne

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From Mr Diment

Dear School Community

Merry Christmas I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season. I thank everyone for their ongoing support of our wonderful children. I look forward with eager anticipation to 2018 and what it will bring to our school. Next year will be so exciting with the building project being completed and the community having the opportunity to enjoy the facilities. In 2017 it has been a pleasure and privilege to be the principal of Ocean Grove Primary School and I never take for granted the fantastic staff, students and families that we have.



2017 Reports On Thursday, 21st December, our semester two student reports will go live on Sentral. A reminder that it is important to view your child's published report in conjunction with the ongoing comments that have been made throughout semester two and the curriculum tracker statements. The published report on Sentral contains:

- A-E grades and growth from the previous report
- Specialist subject progress and comments
- 7Cs of learning progress
- Activities that your child/ren have participated in throughout the semester
- Attendance up until Tuesday, 19th December

Gavin and I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the student reports. In particular, it has been great reading about all of the wonderful growth throughout 2017. This growth is both academic and social and is testament to the commitment and passion of our students and staff. This year I encourage parents/carers to focus on the growth of their child/ren and celebrate the progress that has been made. Moving forward to next year I would like to us to all consider three words: skill, will and thrill. I agree with John Hattie who suggests that all three are necessary for any effective and ongoing learning to take place. Whether it's learning to do a jump shot, learning the piano or trying to solve a maths problem these three components need to be there for the learner to achieve success.

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From Mr Diment / Continued

House Celebration Day Thank you so much to Mr King and our student leaders for organising the 2017 House Celebration Day. Besides the fun of going to the movies etc., the real highlight is the positive and pastoral relationships that develop among all House members. The older students really look after and care for the younger ones at the venues. Well done everyone.

Grade Allocation On Thursday, 21st December each child will receive a letter advising families of their child's 2018 teacher and grade. Grade allocation is a complicated, considered and lengthy process. Teachers have put in many hours of work to determine our future grades, taking so many factors into consideration, e.g. academic level of students and social dynamics. Once in place, any student potential grade moves would need a significant reason as one change affects all of the factors listed above. I am proud to say that we have wonderful teachers that any of your children would be lucky to have.

School Captains Thank you to Ross, Veronica, Sabine and Merric for their year of student leadership. Each group of school captains bring their own skills and attributes to the role and I thank them for their contribution. They have combined with the whole cohort Year 6 students to be a great group for the school and community.

Staffing Changes for 2018 Next year, we welcome Damien Horbury, Cassandra Moss and Emma Hainsworth. I look forward to them making significant contributions to our school and we are excited and lucky to have them with us. This year we say goodbye to Mrs Ramsbotton, Mrs Kelly and Ms Jones. We thank them for their fantastic effort and commitment during their time at OGPS. Our departing teachers will be acknowledged at our Christmas assembly on Thursday.

Graduation It was an honour to attend the Year 6 Graduation last Tuesday night. It was an absolute pleasure to celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 students and look back on their seven years at OGPS. Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 teachers and parents who organised the evening. Along with all staff, I wish our graduates every possible success at secondary school.

2017 Departing Families Best wishes and thank you to our 2017 departing families for being part of our school community.

Our School Community Thank you to our brilliant school community who continue to provide us with so much support during 2017. The level of support and assistance is simply amazing and is never taken for granted by our teachers and students. Family involvement had allowed us to hold so many extracurricular school events and give the students a new or exciting experience. This support was recognized and celebrated on Wednesday with a special Parent Helpers' Morning Tea.

Administration Support A big thank you to our office team who have provided fabulous assistance during the year and once again allowed our teachers to focus on teaching. Thank you to Judy, Jenny, Lesley and Anna for your commitment throughout the year. You all do an amazing job!

Summer Safety The Barwon Coast Committee would like to send a reminder message to the Ocean Grove community that jumping or diving from the Barwon Heads public jetty and William Buckley Pedestrian Bridge is dangerous and prohibited. There is signage present advising people not to jump or dive.

Have a great fantastic Christmas and thank you for being the best community.



Darryl Diment
Principal
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School Calendar — continued – 2018 dates

Tuesday, 6th February

Apple Fair Meeting

Monday, 12th February

Year 1 Minibeasts incursion

Tuesday, 13th February

Year 2 Fascinating Frogs incursion

Friday, 16th to Tuesday, 27th February

Life Education Van arrives for an 8-day visit

Thursday, 22nd February

Brainstorm Theatre, whole school incursion

Wednesday, 28th February

OGPS Parents and Friends' Club Annual General Meeting, at 2.00pm

Friday, 9th March

Twilight Apple Fair, from 4pm

Monday, 12th March

Labour Day Public Holiday — **No School**

Monday, 26th March

Curriculum Day — this is a **Student Free Day**

Tuesday, 24th April

Curriculum Day — this is a **Student Free Day**

Music Tuition at OGPS

Meagan Burch has joined our list of music tutors here at school, our existing music tutors all have waiting lists. If you would like your child to join this program learning piano, guitar, ukulele, drums or singing, please contact Meagan directly at mbmt@bigpond.com

TERM DATES FOR 2018

- Term 1** Wednesday, 31st January (all students Foundation to Year 6 commence on this day) to Thursday, 29th March (Easter in School Holidays, Good Friday is Friday, 30th March)
- Term 2** Monday, 16th April to Friday 29th June
- Term 3** Monday, 16th July to Friday, 21st September
- Term 4** Monday, 8th October to Friday, 21st December

Reminder to all students — dark blue broad-brimmed hat needed for Term 1 next year