



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, 31st January, 2018

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

School Calendar

Remember — dark blue broad-brimmed hat needed for Terms 1 and 4

Wednesday, 31st January

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

School Canteen opens Wednesday, 7th February

Friday, 2nd February

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

Monday, 5th to Wednesday, 7th February

Year 5 Camp to Melbourne

Tuesday, 6th February

Apple Fair Meeting

Thursday, 8th February

Year 6 Student Leadership overnight camp

Friday, 9th February

MSP Photography, Foundation and new students to OGPS

Monday, 12th February

Year 1 Minibeasts incursion

Tuesday, 13th February

Year 2 Fascinating Frogs incursion

Wednesday, 14th February

Foundation students do not attend

Friday, 16th February

Fundraiser Day for the Orang-utan

Friday, 16th to Tuesday, 27th February

Life Education Van arrives for an 8-day visit

Tuesday, 20th February

Connecting with your kids Parent Workshop — Independence, FREE event, 7pm in SLC Building

Wednesday, 21st February

Foundation students do not attend

Thursday, 22nd February

Brainstorm Theatre, whole school incursion

Tuesday, 27th February

School Council Meeting, 6.30pm, Staffroom

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From Mr Diment

Dear School Community

Welcome A big welcome back to everyone for another exciting year at OGPS. A special welcome to our newest students in Foundation as you start your schooling. After their very first day today, Wednesday they will be completing their student learning interviews. I would also like to wish our Year 6 students a wonderful last year of primary school. It only seems like yesterday that they commenced school. Finally, on behalf of all our staff, I extend a sincere and very warm welcome to our many new families beginning their time at OGPS.

Book Bags and Resources After much discussion and consideration about the most efficient way to organise student resources, students today named and labelled the items in their book bags such as books, THRASS charts etc. We are asking students to keep a book for each subject at school and take the spare books and resources home in the book bag. Storage space at school is extremely limited (especially with the building work) and by taking spare books/resources home our students have more ownership and responsibility over their resources.

Building Works This year will see the conclusion of our building modernisation project and it will be great to see our community enjoying the new facilities. Our Year 4 students moved into their area today and the feedback has been very positive. The students love the deck area and the configuration of the building. The Year 2 students will move into their space very soon. The oval is taking shape with a good coverage of grass and work about to commence on the soccer pitch. The new gym building will also start soon. Part of the project will see the construction of a 1.8m fence that will completely enclose the school and completely restrict 'out of hours' access. This will hopefully prevent the damage, graffiti and unauthorised use that occurs during these times.

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From Mr Diment / Continued

New Staff We are extremely fortunate to have such a fantastic mix of teachers at our school that keeps growing, with the inclusion this year of Cassie Moss in our Year 6 team, Damien Horbury also in our Year 6 team and Emma Hainsworth in the Foundation team. This is a team of highly skilled teachers with a mix of experience. I'm sure it will be another very positive and productive year, with a lot of great experiences and activities to look forward to.

Parent/Carer Voice and Input and School Council Recently, I completed some professional reading relating to parent involvement in schooling. The report asked: What do parents want most from their schools? The study found that parents were most eager for input with the leading response being the ability to offer input on school policy. With this finding in mind I encourage interested parents to become involved with the OGPS school council. This year we have four vacancies and we would love as many applications as possible from our parents/carers. Being on school council gives members the opportunity to contribute to school policies.

Year 6 Mini Camp Next week our year 6 students have the opportunity to attend an overnight camp on the 8th to 9th February at the Riverview Caravan Park in Ocean Grove. This will be a wonderful experience where the children can further develop friendships and positive relationships with their peers and teachers. The students will be able to challenge themselves and increase both their personal and interpersonal skills.

Changes to Absenteeism Reporting Policy Over the school holidays Minister for Education James Merlino announced changes to the School Attendance Guidelines that Government schools notify parents of unexplained student absence as soon as practicable on the day of absence. Prior to the announcement, Government schools were advised to attempt to make contact with the parent within three days of an unexplained student absence. Like many Victorian Government schools we already notify parents on the morning a student is absent. When a student is away from school without explanation, the student's parent/carers will receive a text after 9.30am requesting a reason for the absence. An explanation of a child's absence can be made by phone from 8.00am or via Sentral after the SMS is received. If you are unable to contact the office, then it is a requirement to notify your child's teacher in writing or in the student's diary on their return to school. The note should include the child's name, the date/s and the reason for absence.

Science @ OGPS is changing This year, science @ OGPS will be one part of a renamed program STEM. STEM incorporates science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It covers a wide range of disciplines and skills, which are increasingly in demand in our rapidly changing world. STEM skills and knowledge are important for all stages of our learning, jobs and everyday lives. Renee Forward will be the teacher responsible for the program.

Camp Sport and Excursion Fund (CSEF) Applications A reminder to parents who hold a current Health Care Card as of 29th January, 2018 that applications for the Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund (CSEF) are now open. If you hold a health care, or pensioner card and have not yet applied, please visit the office to complete the application forms with your Health Care Card or Pensioner Card.

Growing to be our Best This year, during the first two weeks of the school year, all of our students will once again be completing the *Growing to be our Best* Program. We have developed the program to help students be more aware of their roles, responsibilities and rights as a learner in our learning community. These areas will be explored through our 7Cs of learning that we have developed at OGPS. We deliberately leave our classroom walls bare to start off the year so our students can co-design and develop the learning spaces. They will jointly construct displays e.g. anchor charts during the program and throughout the year to promote ownership and expectation.

Grove Gazette in 2018 The Grove Gazette will be published online on a **weekly** basis. We will continue to utilise the immediacy and reach of social media tools such as Facebook, Instagram and push notifications to keep our community up to date and informed. The office will send a document to all families called 'Ways to Keep in Touch' to outline the many available communication opportunities.

Parent helpers in 2018 Parents wishing to assist in classrooms must have completed our classroom helpers program. Cathy Buchanan-Hagen will again be running the 2018 program. Cathy will be highlighting the methods we use to teach English and maths and outlining the expectations involved in being a classroom helper. The program is not intended to be arduous or deter parents from helping, it is however essential that our teaching strategies and practices are consistent across the school. If you have completed the program previously you are not required to do it again. Dates and times to come shortly.

School Calendar — continued

Wednesday, 28th February

Foundation students do not attend
OGPS Parents and Friends' Club Annual
General Meeting, at 2.00pm

Tuesday, 6th March

Apple Fair Meeting

Wednesday, 7th March

Foundation students do not attend — final
Wednesday of non-attendance

Friday, 9th March

Twilight Apple Fair, from 4pm

Monday, 12th March

Labour Day Public Holiday — **No School**

Wednesday, 14th March

Foundation students attend school today

Tuesday, 20th March

School Council Meeting, 6.30pm, Staffroom

Monday, 26th March

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

Tuesday, 24th April

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

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From Mr Diment / Continued

School Crossing Safety Reminder All parents who drive their children to school should be aware of the need for safe driving and parking practices near school crossings. Two key requirements are:

1. Avoid parking close to the crossings in order to maintain clear visibility for all users.
2. Cross at the marked crossings.

School Assembly and Student Awards A reminder to all of our new families that assemblies are usually held each Friday at 3.00pm. Student Awards for students in Foundation to Year 4 are distributed each Friday during our alternating Foundation to Year 2 and Years 3 to 6 assemblies. Students in Years 5 and 6 complete activities for points that accumulate and result in the awarding of Sports, Arts, Academic or Community Colours. All parents are very welcome to attend assemblies that will be advertised in the Grove Gazette.

Our current student enrolment is

654

Thank you for your continued support of OGPS,

Darryl Diment

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We welcome and appreciate your feedback, therefore please feel free to contact us at this email address.

A Reminder...

Families are reminded that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Tips for Parents to Begin the School Year

- Avoid labels. Praising for effort sends the message that your child has the power to improve and change, but labeling him "smart" gives him little control over changing how he is perceived. Be mindful of labeling yourself ("I can't do my taxes -- I'm terrible at maths") and others ("Your gymnastics partner is such a klutz").
- Teach kids from an early age that the brain is a muscle that can be strengthened with practice. This sends the message that kids can directly affect their intelligence, which may empower unmotivated teenagers.
- Lose the guilt. Parents often praise their kids to make themselves feel good, or to protect their kids from failure. But it's critical for parents to help their kids to learn to cope with setbacks and to help them focus on ways to improve.

"How Not to Talk to Your Kids: The Inverse Power of Praise." New York Magazine: 1 Po Bronson

**Assembly NEXT week,
Friday, 9th February
for students in Years 3 to 6 students**
*and presentation of 7C awards for students
in Years 3 to 4*

**Assembly the following week,
Friday, 16th February,
for students in Foundation to Year 2**
*and presentation of 7C awards for students in
Foundation to Year 2*

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2018

As of Wednesday, 31st January, we are calling for nominations to the OGPS School Council. Although a formal body, the School Council is an enjoyable way of being involved in our school's overall direction, vision and policy development. The constituting order of Ocean Grove Primary School confirms the composition of Council as being: 8 elected parents/carers and 5 Department of Education and Training employees including the Principal and two community members. Meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm with at least two meetings per term.

This year our retiring members include Lisa Dickson, Amanda Hooper, Darren Bishop and Avanelle Derham along with staff member Leanne Kelly. Members retire at the end of their term, however, they are welcome to nominate for membership again if eligible (e.g. have children here or still work at the school).

We currently have the following vacancies to be filled:

- Four** 2 year elected parent positions.
- One** 2 year elected DET member position.
- One** community member position.

What is a School Council and what does it do? All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students. The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual School Council elections.

Why is parent membership so important? Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children have a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved? The most obvious way is to vote in the elections. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the School Council OR encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on School Council? No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election? An official notice informing parents of the election and a call for nominations will be on display at school on Monday. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the School Council where their child is enrolled. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the school office within the time stated on the notice of election. 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.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Consider standing for election to Council this year.
- Be sure to vote in the elections if an election is required.

The timeline is as follows:

Wednesday, 31st January: Call for nominations.

Wednesday, 7th February: Nominations close (4.00pm)

If nominations do not exceed vacancies, the new Council will be formed to meet on Tuesday, 27th February.

If nominations exceed vacancies, the list of candidates and nominators will be displayed and the process will be:

Monday, 12th February: Distribute ballot papers.

Wednesday, 21st February: Close of ballot (4.00pm).

Friday, 23rd February: Count votes and declare the poll. New School Council meets on the *Tuesday, 27th March*

Nomination forms will available on Monday from the school office or can be emailed on request. (Call us on 52551340 or email at ocean.grove.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au). Note that you can self-nominate for a position.

Notes that have gone home recently, or going home this week

Please contact the office if you have misplaced a permission slip

Activity Date	Activity Information	Group(s) Involved	Note and Money Due
Various dates	Visits to Ocean Grove Library permission slip	Year 1 students	
12 February	Year 1 Minibeasts Science incursion permission slip	Year 1 students	9 February
13 February	Year 2 Fascinating Frogs Science incursion permission slip	Year 2 students	9 February
22 February	Brainstorm Theatre whole school incursion permission slip	Whole school	16 February

Connecting with your Kids Workshop on Independence Tuesday 20th February at 7.00pm

As parents, we naturally want the best for our children. We want them to have happy, safe and rewarding lives filled with possibilities. Teaching children 'executive skills', also known as life skills are vital for them to succeed in the futures they design for themselves. Executive skills are often learnt later on in life on the job by trial and error. They help individuals to be adaptable or to 'read the play'. Executive skills are the people skills that enable us human beings to be able to socialise, communicate and interact with each other in harmony. They can include gratitude, empathy, communication, imagination, organisation, self-awareness and resilience.

There are so many benefits for our children in learning these life skills at an early age. More than all that, these skills build connection and closeness in families. Being connected as a family is one of the most special things that can be experienced in life.

Young people in our communities are experiencing higher rates of depression and anxiety; one in four young Australians currently has a mental health condition. It is vital that we are connected with our children so they feel they have someone they can come to if they experience any mental stress.

I'm offering a free workshop on independence at Ocean Grove Primary School. Through participation in this workshop, you can expect the following:

- simple, practical and easy ideas you can use at home with your children to help build stronger family relationships
- improved self-confidence in communicating with your children
- clear methods for connecting with your kids
- creative ideas to teach a variety of different 'life skills' to your children
- happier, more secure kids
- improved academic results.

Andy McNeilly's workshops are full of heart and soul and great strategies. Andy will help you to think differently about how to parent.
Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist

Details Tuesday 20th February 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Ocean Grove Primary School, SLC Building
Free event

Please RSVP on www.andymcneilly.com.au and go to the 'Workshops' tab to reserve a place.

Thanks for your support,
Andy McNeilly



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 Holiday, 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

Note for 2018 Foundation Parents

Foundation learning interviews will take place from Thursday, 1st February to Tuesday, 6th February inclusive — your child will not attend school on any of these days, except to attend their 45 minute interview. Upon completion of the learning interview days your child will attend **normal school hours on Wednesday, 7th, Thursday, 8th and Friday 9th February**. For the remainder of February, your child will not attend school on these Wednesdays:

Wednesday 14th, 21st and 28th February and 7th March, 2018

Curriculum Days for 2018

The dates listed below are our **curriculum days** for 2018.

- Term 1** Monday, 26th March **Curriculum Day** (focus on Positive Education), **student free day**
- Term 2** Tuesday, 24th April **Curriculum Day** (focus on Mathematics), **student free day**

REMINDER

Playground Supervision before and after school

8.45 to 8.55am before school
3.20 to 3.35pm after school
Playground Opens 8.45am
Playground Closes 3.35pm

Quote of the Week



*"One who makes no mistakes,
makes nothing."*

Teresa of Avila

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School Canteen

Open Wednesday to Friday, at recess and lunch
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for details visit www.ogps.vic.edu.au go to
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SCHOOL CANTEEN

is OPEN

Wednesday to Friday
at recess and lunch

**COMMENING WEDNESDAY NEXT
WEEK, 7TH FEBRUARY**

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ON

MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS

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Music Tuition at OGPS

Please contact music tutors direct

Matiss Schubert, guitar, call 0409 868 226

Luke Bradley, guitar, call 0417 548 701

Andrea Robertson, piano and singing 0431 478 550

Sylvia Thomson, piano, call 0407 532 954

Rael Lovell-Gamble, drums, call 0400 213 506

Meagan Burch, various instruments, contact
mbmt@bigpond.com



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Ocean Grove Primary School takes no responsibility for and does not endorse the quality or conduct of any activity mentioned in this section of the newsletter. Customers are required to make their own enquiries and judgements.

Ocean Grove Calisthenics has it all, love to dance, sing and perform? Classes commence Sat 3 Feb at Ocean Grove Memorial Recreational Hall, 123 The Avenue, Ocean Grove, classes from 3yrs to 16+, for info contact oceangrovecalisthenics@gmail.com

Mannerim CFA Free bushfire information meeting, at Mannerim Fire Station, Banks Road, Mannerim on Sun 11 Feb at 11am, find out about this year's fire season, including fire modelling and simulation table demonstrations, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au meetings, or call 5240 2700

**Reminder to all students —
dark blue broad-brimmed hat needed for
Terms 1 and 4**

LOST PROPERTY

Cooper Scherf has lost his new Pokemon lunch box, it's black with various Pokemon figures on it and has his name written on the inside of the lunchbox. If found, please either let Cooper in in S5K know, or bring it in to the office. Thank you.