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Welcome
Welcome to OGPS for an exciting 2017. We have our new building work starting, new teachers and students and so many fabulous experiences to share throughout the year. A huge welcome to our new Foundation students. After their initial day on Wednesday the 1st of February, they have been completing their learning interviews. I would like to wish our Year 6 students a wonderful year as they commence their last year of primary school.

New Staff
This year we welcome Hollie Stewart in Year 5, Brent Watson in Year 4 and Megan King in Year 1. Nicole Pearce will be our art teacher for term one.

Gavin Nelson also commences as our new assistant principal. We look forward to the skills, knowledge and talent that they will bring to OGPS.

Camp Sport and Excursion Fund (CSEF) Applications
A reminder to parents who hold a current Health Care Card as of 31st January 2017 that applications for the Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund (CSEF) are now open. If you believe, you are eligible and have not yet applied, please visit the office to complete the application forms with your Health Care Card.

Cyber Safety and Mobile Devices
On Tuesday, Robbie Noggler from Victoria Police delivered cyber safety sessions for our 3-6 students to reinforce best practice for devices and social media use. Staff and parents also attended a professional learning session to help us continually grow our knowledge. On the holidays, I heard an interesting analogy that suggested buying a mobile device should be considered the same as buying a dog. Everyone knows that buying a dog brings with it ongoing responsibilities e.g. feeding and a mobile device is no different. Parents need to be constantly involved with everything that comes with owning a device. Goodwin (2011) states “The simple truth is that technology is here to stay. Schools are invested in it, kids are growing up on it, companies continue to develop it, jobs demand it, and the global economy depends on it.”

Action over the Holidays
During January, our new relocatable building arrived and is situated adjacent to the SLC near the school garden. Due to our increased enrolment, the Department has provided this building. This is not part of the $4 million building project that is progressing through various stages as the architects continue to design and make modifications to ensure the projects meet our and budget expectations. More news to follow very shortly. The urinal in boys’ toilets received its annual deep clean.

Growing to be our Best
This year during the first two weeks of the school year, all of our students will be once again 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 of 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 2017
Grove Gazette will published online on a fortnightly basis using iNewsletter. The new format allows us to include more photos and information to let our community know what is happening at OGPS. We will continue utilise the immediacy and reach of social media tools such as Facebook and push notifications to keep our community more up to date and informed. The office will resend a document to all families called ‘Ways to Keep in Touch’ to outline the many available communication opportunities.

Absences from School
School attendance in 2017 remains a high priority at OGPS. Our duty of care outlines that we know where students are during school hours. The school needs to be informed of student absences before 11.00am on the day the student is absent. When a student is away from school without explanation via phone or an absence explanation (to be entered between 9:15 am and 10:55 am) on Sentral, the student’s parent/carer will receive an sms after 11.00am requesting a reason for the absence. If no contact can be made to provide an explanation parents/carers are required to notify their 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.

Parent Helpers in 2017
Parents wishing to assist in classrooms must have completed our classroom helpers program. Cathy Buchanan-Hagen will be running the 2017 program on Monday the 27th of February and Monday 6th of March in the staffroom between 9-11am, attendance at both sessions will be required. Cathy will be highlighting the methods of how we 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. However, it is 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.

Foundation Information Evening
There will be a Foundation Information Evening on Tuesday the 27th of February between 5.30 and 6.30pm. Mr Nelson and the Foundation team will available on the night to answer questions, share information and officially welcome everyone into the OGPS community after the few weeks of the school year.

SLC Information Evening for Year 5 and 6 Families
On Tuesday the 13th of February between 5:30 and 6:30 pm we will be holding an SLC information evening in the SLC building. Mr Diment and the SLC team will outline the routines, processes and behavioural expectations of SLC. Please take the opportunity to come along to meet other parents and the teachers and ask any questions you have.

Three Way Learning Conferences 2017
This term as a part of our assessment and reporting schedule all students, parents and teachers will be participating in Three Way Learning Conferences. The focus of the conference will be on bringing teachers, families and students together to help students know where they are and how to achieve future learning goals. These will be held on Tuesday 21st February between 12.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. It is expected all children and families attend. A note outlining the on line booking procedures was sent home on Monday.

School Crossing Safety
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 F-2 and Yr 3-6 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.

Thank you for your continued support of OGPS, Darryl Diment.
Upcoming Events

School Calendar

**Friday, 10th February**
Whole School Assembly, 9.00am Student Leaders
Badge Presentations, and 7C Awards for students in Yrs 3 and 4
School Photographs for Foundation students

**Monday, 13th February**
SLC Parent Information Evening, 5.30-6.30pm in SLC Building

**Friday, 17th February**
Foundation to Year 2 assembly, and 7C Awards, 3.00pm
Student Leadership Camp

**Tuesday, 21st February**
Three-Way Learning Conferences, Foundation to Year 6,
12.30-6.30pm — This is a normal school day
School Council Meeting, 6.30pm Staffroom
Apple Fair Meeting, Meeting Room Admin Building, 7.00pm

**Friday, 24th February**
Resilience Project Student Sessions
Years 3 to 6 School Assembly, and 7C Awards for students in Years 3 and 4, 3.00pm

**Monday, 27th February**
Classroom Helpers’ Program, Session 1, 9.00-11.00am
Foundation Information Evening, 5.30-6.30pm

**Tuesday, 28th February**
Parents and Friends’ Club Meeting, 2.30pm, Staffroom
Resilience Project Parent Evening, 7.00-8.30pm

**Friday, 3rd March**
Foundation to Year 2 assembly and 7C Awards, 3.00pm

**Monday, 6th March**
Classroom Helpers’ Program, Session 2, 9.00-11.00am
Tuesday, 7th March  
Apple Fair Meeting, 7.00pm

Friday, 10th March  
OGPS Twilight Apple Fair, 4.00-8.00pm

Monday, 13th March  
Labour Day Public Holiday — NO SCHOOL

Friday, 17th March  
Foundation to Year 2 assembly, 7C Awards, 3.00pm

Friday, 24th March  
Years 3 to 6 assembly, 7C Awards for students in Years 3 and 4, 3.00pm

Monday 27th to Friday, 31st March  
Foundation to Year 1 Swimming Program

Monday 27th to Thursday, 30th March  
Year 5 Camp to Melbourne

Friday, 31st March  
Whole School Assembly, 9.00am, 7C Awards for students Foundation to Year 2  
Last Day of Term 1 — 2.30pm Finish

Monday, 17th April  
Easter Monday Public Holiday — NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, 18th April  
First Day of Term 2

Monday, 24th April  
Curriculum Day — STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday, 25th April  
Anzac Day Public Holiday — NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, 26th April  
School Photographs, Foundation to Year 3

Thursday, 27th April  
School Photographs, Years 4-6 and Family photographs

Monday, 1st to Friday, 5th May  
Swimming Program, Years 2 and 4
Term Dates

Term 1       Wednesday, 1st February to Friday, 31st March
             Easter in School Holidays, Good Friday is Friday, 14th April
Term 2       Tuesday, 18th April to Friday, 30th June
Term 3       Monday, 17th July to Friday, 22nd September
Term 4       Monday, 9th October to Friday, 22nd December

**Note for 2017 Foundation Parents**
Your child will attend normal school hours on Thursday, 9th February
upon completion of the Foundation learning interviews.
Over the following 4 weeks, your child will not attend school on these
Wednesdays:
Wednesday 8th, 15th, and 22nd February, 1st and 8th March, 2017

**Curriculum Days for 2017**
The dates listed below are our curriculum days for 2017.
Term 2 Monday, 24th April.
Term 3 Thursday, 20th July.
Hi Everyone

Welcome to a new school year and a special welcome to all of our new families.

The Parents' Club is a great way to become involved in the school community. We have monthly meetings, help out at school events and organise a social event during the year. If you are interested in being involved please sign up! Membership is $1 and you just need to drop this into the box in the front office (along with your name and email address). We will then email you regular updates about where and when you can help out.

Our first meeting is our AGM on Tuesday the 28th of February at 2.30pm in the Staff Room. We will provide further information about this in the next newsletter.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any ideas, suggestions or feedback,

Fiona Dempster
Parents' Club President
7C Learner Awards

This week's Awards for students in Years 3 and 4 will be presented at our whole school assembly, 9.00am on Friday, 10th February, 2017

**Confident**
Matilda Hunter M4K for a confident start to the year and a new school, well done, Matilda.

Kim Strachan M4R for showing great confidence in her transition to year 4, well done.

Louie Hunter M4E Louie has settled in so well to OGPS, he has displayed excellent confidence throughout our Growing To Be Our Best program.

**Compassionate**
Henry Hicks M4W for being a caring and compassionate member of our class, making everyone feel welcome.

**Committed**
Henry Belsar-Label M3C for demonstrating commitment and a positive attitude in the first two weeks of school, well done.

Eddie Clark M3D for a great, committed start to year 3.

**Collaborative**
Max Foley M3L for using collaboration to help create our classroom display.
Kailani Jones M3B for collaboration, he has been a terrific class mate and helper, a great start to the year.

Eve Lake M3L for using collaboration to help create our classroom display.

Georgette Rowsell M4R for collaboration brilliantly with her peers and being inclusive of everyone.
Word of the Week

bonzer

\BON-zer\ adjective
1. Australian. remarkable; wonderful.

Quotes
"That was bonzer," he said, balancing on a rail and running his hat through his fingers by its brim. "Thanks for the company."
-- Colleen McCullough, Bittersweet, 2013

Origin of bonzer
Bonzer entered English around the year 1900. Its origin is unknown, though it is possibly an alteration of bonanza.
Notes that have gone home recently, or going home

- Letter re Three Way Learning Conferences for 2017, on Tuesday, 21st February, for whole school, book your time no later than 20 February
- OGPS BYOD/ICT Agreement for Years 3 to 6
- OGPS ICT Agreement for Foundation to Year 2
- Senior Choir Information, selected students
- Junior Choir Information, selected students
- School Band Information, selected students
- Health and Wellbeing Resilience Project on Friday, 24th February, for whole school, note return date 20 February
- Visit to Ocean Grove Library, various dates, students in Year 1, note return date 3 March
Apple Fair 2017

Apple Fair Raffle Tickets

Apple Fair raffle tickets are coming home today. The raffle is a major part of the fundraising for our Apple Fair and prizes have been generously donated. The raffle will be drawn on the day of the Apple Fair, at approximately 7pm.

We have prizes from:

- Hello World Travel
- Ocean Grove Camera and Photo
- The iPhone Guy
- One Day Estate Winery
- RACV Resort
- Mr Grubb at Oakdene
- Driftwood Café
- Ian Pattison Jewellers

We thank these wonderful businesses for supporting our school in our major fundraiser.

Please return all raffle tickets to school, sold or unsold, with money collected, prior to Tuesday, 7th March. If you would like more raffle books, please contact the office.

Donations for our Silent and Live Auctions

Our Annual Apple Fair is on Friday, 10th March 2017. If you who have a service, product or gift voucher that you would like to donate for our Silent or Live Auctions we would love to hear from you. It would greatly assist our fundraising goals for our school and educate the community on the local and regional businesses whose generosity supports Ocean Grove Primary School.

If you would like to make a donation please contact Lyn Corby (E: lyn@corby.net.au, P: 0413 797 694) or Candice Parker (E: Candiceparker@hotmail.com, P: 0404 231 043). The school can also be contacted direct on 03 5255 1340.

Thank you

The Apple Fair Fundraising Team
BYOD & Cyber Safety @ OGPS

Welcome to a new year at Ocean Grove P.S. and an extra welcome to the families that have joined us in the ‘Bring Your Own Device’ program. This newsletter spot will be a weekly feature that will contain tips, reminders and other information about the BYOD program at OGPS. We thank you for your support and our intention is to continue to foster a strong and positive connection between school and home in regards to the use of handheld devices and internet safety.

On Tuesday 7th February we hosted Leading Senior Constable Robbie Noggler from Victoria Police. Robbie ran cyber safety sessions for Year 3-6 and an after school session for staff and parents. Thank you to the parents that attended.

We ask our parents to make sure they visit our BYOD school site: http://ogpsbyod.weebly.com/

This site contains many resources to assist with the use of devices both at school and home. It also contains the full presentation delivered to parents last year at our BYOD information evening. It will be updated regularly so make sure you bookmark the site in your favourites.

See you next week!
Mr KT.
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.

**Lunchtime Martial Arts at OGPS** with Adam from Warrior Academy, available this term, students learn techniques, games and drills, fun and safe, children develop confidence, coordination and self defence skills, suitable for all levels, including beginners, for information and bookings, call Adam on 0409 589 369.

**Bellarine Sunset Run—Raising Funds for Bellarine Community Health Head Space** 2nd staging of this event, 21.8km, 10.5km or 4km run on Sat 11 Feb, to register visit www.bellarinesunsetrun.com, children u12 are free.

**Discover the REAL Ocean Grove—Calling for Amazing Nature and Landscape Photographs of Ocean Grove** Bellarine Catchment Network, Friends of Ocean Grove Nature Reserve and Ocean Grove Coastcare are putting together an Ocean Grove Environment Booklet, if you have great photographs, contact project manager, Matt Crawley on 0417 231 853
BHFCN Seagulls Girls Footy 2017 be part of the Barwon Heads Football Club AFLW competition, come to Village Park, Barwon Heads, from 5pm on Mon 13 Feb, meet the coaches, sign up, for info call Kim 0402 300 819, or Susie 0412 871 110

Geelong and District Government Secondary Schools—Information Sessions for Parents of 2018 Year 7 Students
Bellarine Secondary College, 70 Shell Road, Ocean Grove, Mon 15 March, call 5251 9000
Grovedale College, 19 Wingarra Drive, Grovedale, Thurs 23 March, call 5245 4545
Geelong High School, Ryrie Street, East Geelong, Thurs 20 April, call 5225 4100
Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College, Little Ryrie Street, Geelong, Tues 28 March, call 5221 8288
Newcomb Secondary College, 81-85 Bellarine Highway, Newcomb, Mon 27 March, call 5248 1400

Bec Fairey Dance Studios at Barwon Heads and Leopold, call Bec on 0423 663 317, or www.becfaireydance.com