Calendar dates

FEBRUARY
No School for preps on Wednesdays during February 20th, 27th.
Thursday 21st District Swimming Bairnsdale
Wednesday 27th Information evening see attached note
MARCH
Monday 11th Labour Day – No School
Wednesday 13th School Council 5.30 1st meeting of new school council.
Thursday 14th Regional Swimming

Birthdays
Happy Birthday to Josh and Oliver for the 18th.

From the Principal
Hello Everyone
Swimming: Our swimming program has been completed and we are very grateful for our instructors and helpers who have supported this program across the two weeks. We had all sorts of weather, rainy, hot, windy, great water temperature and cool water. Everyone- adults and students have completed a great program, improving skills and confidence.

Instructors: Josie Sutherland, Kate Freestone
Judith Wong, Sandi Beltrame, and Cindy Mass. Our Fabulous Helpers: Kieran & Nora Jeff, Kate & Lee Gordon, Tania Smith, Colleen Foster, Ashley Pendergast, Tania Crisp, Gail Jones, Lisa Lee, Trudy Anderson, Jill Hill, Martine Plowman. Thanks also to Verity and Maree for their attendance and support. We also had numerous visits from parents, grandparents and friends.

Library Help
Another thank you to our library helpers: Lisa Lee, Ashley Pendergast, with support from Kate Freestone who have catalogued new books and dictionaries for the students use. Martine Plowman has covered some of these. The books are from our book fair or school points accrued from book club orders (thank you Colleen). If you can help with covering please see Kate or Andrea. Again we are grateful for this support and also the wonderful resource we have as our library. Across the year help in the library can include shelving books especially non-fiction and general tidy up. Just ask someone to open up for you.

School Council nomination form went home last Thursday. Nominations need to be returned by next Thursday 28th February.

Good luck to Bonnie, Colten, Beccy and Adam who are competing in the District Swimming tomorrow in Bairnsdale.

Next Wednesday we are holding our information evening from 5-7pm. Please see the attached note and reply slip to assist with catering.
Uniform, drought relief package. This package is a great help to families, but a lot of work for Andrea who had done a sterling job in contacting families and entering the data on the required system. There is more to do and it will be very important to follow instructions when ordering. Some items will come direct from State School Relief and others will be through eduThreads. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding.

PLEASE RETURN: Student enrolment forms. Thankyou to all those who have returned these already 24/29, or 85%, we need the other 5 please.

Cheers Trish

Student of the Week

The junior room congratulates:

Ella Holloway
For being helpful in the classroom by sharpening pencils to help us with our learning! Thanks Ella for helping our classroom run smoothly and showing respect to our equipment.

The senior room congratulates:

Beccy Plowman
For the consistently positive and hardworking nature that you apply to all aspects of school, and in particular for the kindness you show to your Mate Josh during our weekly sessions.

Prep One Two News

This week we are getting used to being at school for the whole week and completing our tasks in the classroom and playing co-operatively with each other in the playground. While also giving out plenty of positive Dojo points for things like ‘helping others’ ‘being on task’ and ‘showing 5Ls’ (good listening posture), we are also now recording negative Dojo points for things like interrupting, being a distraction (by being slow to get back to class) and using mean words. We aim to have a positive learning environment where all students can learn and teachers can teach!

Literacy Focus

Our letter of the week is the letter ‘S’ and we have been learning words starting with $ and finding ‘s’ in everything we read. We have also learnt ‘sh’ words and how ‘sh’ sounds different to ‘s’. We have also started completing our word sorts for the week with the preps learning the cutting, sorting and sticking process while other students learning ‘th’ and ‘wh’ words. Other students are looking at the middle sound in a word and the difference between â words as in ‘black’ and ā words as in ‘blade’.

Maths Focus

In Maths we have been working on our counting, counting forwards as far as we can (current record is 24) and backwards from any starting number. For example starting at 19 and counting backward.

Judith Wong

Senior School News

Well done to all students on a very successful and fun filled Swimming Program. It is great to see a number of Senior students have made it down to the District Swimming trials in Bairnsdale tomorrow, we look forward to hearing how you go and wish you luck! Aside from this, all students improved in their stroke

COMMUNICATION WITH THE OFFICE

Student Information Form

At the beginning of each school year we send home the student information form. It is very important that we keep contact information as up to date as possible. For changes in contact details and any health changes or updates (eg: asthma plans) throughout the year, contact Andrea directly.

CSEF: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Parents who are eligible must hold a healthcare card. If you are a new parent or your circumstances have changed, please contact Andrea as you are eligible for a further $125 credited to your account.
techniques and stamina during our 6 days at the pool and should be very proud of their efforts. Sporting Schools started today for the Senior class, with an athletics focus this term, and the Kitchen Garden program begins tomorrow with Andrea. A note went home about this earlier in the week. Grade ¾ students involved in Kitchen Garden are reminded to bring along a piece of fruit to share on a fruit platter for Thursday - and remember, no lunch needs to be packed but bring Recess food.

Literacy

This week we are beginning to learn about the CAFÉ Menu and practising applying the strategies to our reading. The CAFÉ menu involves students looking at strategies to improve their Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expand their vocabulary to make them more effective readers. I will also be commencing a new Benchmarking assessment using a new kit the school purchased after attending a session on this system yesterday. We have also commenced our Words Their Way spelling program this week, with students having a spelling list of words to learn in preparation for a test on Friday, and completing word sorts and other spelling activities based on their words.

Maths

This week in Maths we have been completing a Place Value Common Assessment Task (CAT) as part of the work teachers are doing in our Professional Learning Community. I look forward to using this data to plan lessons for our unit on Place Value.

Homework

This week student brought home their Homework books to be completed and returned by Friday each week. Students are also expected to read for a minimum of 20 minutes each night as recorded in their diaries, which will be checked each Friday.

Please note diaries are to come to school every day, thanks to those who regularly bring them in.

Kate Freestone

KITCHEN-GARDEN PROGRAM FOR 2019
The focus for the Kitchen Garden Program 2019 is to involve 8 students who make up Grades 3 and 4. The Kitchen – Garden program developed by Stephanie Alexander, originally focussed on this age group. Students will be collecting produce and going over to the Early Learning Centre where they will prepare and cook a healthy lunch. After this they will be either doing work in the garden or investigating some aspect of the garden. Volunteers with working with children check are encouraged to help out. Students from other year levels will be involved throughout the year.

A sample of our fresh produce grown in our garden

OMEPO PS – PFC

It’s meeting time!

The PFC are holding a general meeting and wish to invite you to join us. It will be held on Tuesday the 5th of March at 3:15 pm in the School Library. The PFC is always looking for new members who can share ideas, contact books, cook and organise a fund raiser. Please come along. Dad’s welcome too!

Contact Tania Smith, President

OMEPO PS – PFC

FUND RAISING EVENT - BBQ

TUESDAY
12TH MARCH
2019

Dear parents, friends, grandma’s, grandpa’s and community.

The Parents & Friends Club are cooking the BBQ at the 2019 Hinnomunjie Calf Sales on Tuesday the 12th of March.

We need some help from our school community to:

- Attend, help set up, make cuppa’s, cook the snags and help pack up.

And/or

- Bake a plate of scones or fruit cake.

The PFC have everything else organised including a marque for shade, power, BBQ, drinks, ice etc. We set up at 7:00 am and have snags ready to eat by 8:00 am and generally pack up around 12:00 pm. The calf sales run from 10am until cattle are all sold.

We would be grateful for your help, for the whole time, a few hours or by baking something. The PFC have been
doing this event for many years and it’s a wonderful fund raiser for our school.

Please phone or text Lisa Lee on 51591 670 or 0439 591 868 or return this form to school

Reading Tips

Make it easy for your child to read and to keep up with reading books from school by:

Sharing this reading time so that other members of your family can read with your child also.

List words that they don’t know and go through the list until they can recognise the words.

Praise your child and encourage them to read to others who will also give praise.

Don’t be too quick, or too slow, to say the word that your child is trying to sound out. Give them a chance to do it themselves, and then offer to help them.

Reading Circles - Term 1 - 2019
Reading Circles will be held each month at the Early Learning Centre Omeo. (Kindergarten). If you are a parent, grandparent or friend of a child aged from 0 to 6 years, then come along and join in the fun. Morning tea is provided.

The Reading Circle dates for term 1 are:
Omeo – Tuesday 26th March – 9.45 a.m.

For more information ph: Rowena Turner SAH Co-ordinator, Ph 51594323.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TRAINING FOR THE OMEO-BENAMBRA MIDGET NETBALLER’S STARTS THIS
THURSDAY 21ST FEB AT THE OMEO REC RESERVE.

4-5PM

ALL BOYS AND GIRLS 8 YRS & OVER WELCOME
Everyone is invited to our

**Information sessions and school community BBQ on**

**Wednesday 27th February 5-7pm.**

- 5pm Junior Information session
- 5.30 Senior information session
- 6 – 7pm BBQ

The information sessions will occur in each classroom and cover general information and provide a chance for questions. This will be followed by a BBQ tea.

Families are asked to supply a salad to share.

The school will provide meat and bread.

Please return the catering slip to help us with ordering by Friday 22nd February.

*If you have any special dietary requirements please let us know, so we can make adjustments. It would also be helpful to label salads, gluten/ dairy/ nut free if possible*

---

### Information evening and BBQ Catering Slip

**Wednesday 27th February 5.00- 7pm**

The _______________________ family is looking forward to attending the Omeo Primary School information session & BBQ.

We will have ___ (number) people attending.

___Sorry we are unable to attend.

RSVP by Friday 22nd Feb.