Calendar dates

July
Skiing will be on Tuesdays 23, 30 July, 6 & 13 Aug.
Biathlon TBC

JULY
Wednesday 24th – School Council

AUGUST
Wednesday 14th – School Council and community meeting
Monday 19th Book Character Parade and community book work. ‘Reading is my secret power.’

SEPTEMBER
2-4th 3/4 camp at Coonawarra

WEEKLY EVENTS
Wednesday Playtime playgroup 10.30
Thursday Homework club 8am, Investigation room.
Friday Assembly at 8.45 – Assembly room.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone having a birthday this week.

From the Principal
Hello Everyone

Welcome to Ryan Goss who joined us in the junior grade this week.
Biathlon team member Francesca, worked with the children on Monday. Thank you to families who have return forms for our biathlon trip to Dinner Plain next Monday 29th. Children will need to bring snacks, lunch and water bottle. They will need to wear snow gear - pants, coat, waterproof shoes/ boots; and beanies, scarves depending on weather should be carried.

Tuesday we commenced skiing with Miss Wong in charge and fantastic support from parents and Damien Pendergast. While the conditions weren’t great kids had lots of positives to share. Mrs Freestone was at a literacy PD in Bairnsdale continuing our focus in this area. Both grades have been working on smooth, quiet and timely transition between different components of lessons. There has been a marked improvement increasing available teaching and learning time due to not waiting or wasting time. Our visit to Lakes Primary School provided more ideas to assist here.

We’ve had a phone call from a community member asking us to remind everyone about road safety especially on dark foggy mornings. Please make sure that children walk using paths, use the school crossing and have light coloured jackets.

We have Miss Wong, Jackie Rowan, Gemma King and Trudy Anderson updating and gaining Auswim training this weekend. We are really grateful for this commitment in time and energy. It will also be a great help with our swimming program next year.

Require: Biathlon permission forms please.

Cheers Trish

FAMILY ACCOUNTS:
We have finally received the last of the drought money for families. $200 per child will be placed in 36 students accounts whilst 2 families chose the $100 credit. New students to our school unfortunately missed out as they were not enrolled when this offer came out however ALL new families received the $375 CSEF drought money into their accounts just recently.

The money will be held in your account. School Fees will be paid from this money. From this account also we will be taking $5 to reimburse the school for the costs of uniform postage which the school paid on your behalf. This has been a long process but the benefits for families financially has been wonderful. We will keep you informed of your account balances during the year.

Trish and Andrea
**Student of the Week**

The junior room congratulates:

**Bryce Russell**

For doing really well on his spelling test and concentrating hard and getting his word sort finished quickly this week. Well done Bryce for being HARD-WORKING when it comes to your spelling. Your effort is paying off!

The senior room congratulates:

**Connor Russell-Navratil**

For showing the personal strength of being a Good Listener when teachers give you feedback about your behaviour. Well done Connor for being able to listen and change your behaviour to make better choices and help improve your learning.

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**PREP ONE TWO NEWS**

This week we have been learning about light, light sources, reflectors of light and how shadows work. We have been enjoying learning about what personal strengths are in Mates and how they can help us during our day at school. We have voted Erin as class captain for the term and Abby as class co-captain.

**Literacy Focus**

This week we are reading information reports about light and learning how to discuss why we like certain books as well as how authors make their writing more interesting by using describing words.

**Maths Focus**

In Maths we are learning continuing to learn about ‘groups of’ (multiplication) and learning what 2x3 (2 groups of 3) looks like as an array. It’s really important to use the language of ‘groups of’ or ‘2 3s’ when talking about multiplication because ‘2 times 3’ doesn’t mean much to a young learner. When teaching multiplication, we are required to teach the concept in such a way that the student can apply the concept to a worded problem rather than rattle off their ‘times tables’ without understanding what they mean. Learning their times tables by memory is still important but students need to understand what is ‘groups of’ and how it’s related to repeated addition before learning tables by memory.

**Judith Wong**

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**SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

This term we have been continuing to aim for quiet and calm transitions but have added an extra element to make them even smoother by getting our tables ready for our next activity before we meet on the floor. Students have been doing a great job of reminding each other to get things ready and this has really helped us to have more learning and work time.

**Literacy**

We are continuing to be voracious readers and are using a Reading Log to track our independent reading in the classroom. This week we are working on the 3-2-1- reading response strategy where we record 3 things that happened, 2 interesting words or phrases and 1 thing we are wondering after reading. We have also commenced reading conferences. Our holiday recounts are progressing well and many of us are up to the refining stage where we add and remove parts of our draft to make it more interesting for the reader.

**Maths**

The year 3’s and 4’s are looking at the different ways to represent multiplication such as repeated addition and arrays while the 5’s and 6’s are looking at representing multiplication vertically using both short and long methods depending on the original numbers.

**Growth Mindset Focus**

Homework

During the weeks of skiing all homework is due on Thursdays. Friday lunchtime will continue to be homework club for those students who did not hand their homework in during the week. Homework group will continue on Thursday mornings.

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

Kate Freestone

**HELP AUTHOR CRAIG DENT!**

As part of the new book Craig Dent is working on (with the help of the Senior class) he has asked us to collect information about defunct football clubs in the area. If anyone has any information about clubs from our area that have been active in the past please send it along to school or drop us an email.  

omeo.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. Thanks for your help.
Last Wednesday evening a Family First Aid Session was held at the Early Learning Centre in Omeo. The Schools as Hubs program organised the event in response to a request by a group of parents and many parents of young children took the opportunity to attend.

Kerryn Wratt, Omeo Paramedic and Sue Carroll, Swifts Creek Bush Nurse delivered a basic first aid session, concentrating on CPR and anaphylaxis procedures in smaller children as well as adults. Sue and Kerryn answered questions and discussion was held around risks with children, considering our environment and isolation, such as snakebite.

Another Family First Aid session will be delivered this Wednesday evening, 24th July, 6.00 to 7.00 p.m. at the Swifts Creek Bush Nursing Centre.

FOR SALE
We have some excess student maths books for sale. Grade 4,5,6. They are just outside the office. Please have a look or send in some money. $2.

KITCHEN GARDEN TERM 3, STARRING GRADE 5 AND 6 STUDENTS!
Group 1 consisting of Caitlyn, Bonnie, Grace, Jack and Kye will be cooking this week. Remember if you have any ripe bananas which you could contribute for our delicious banana bread, please send them along.

Thankyou
Andrea Shepherd

READING TIPS
Learning to read doesn't just happen. To become readers, kids need to have rich experiences with language at a young age. Young children use play and talk as a way to expand, explore, and make sense of their world. When you talk, sing, read to, and play with an infant, toddler, or pre-schooler, you’re laying the foundation for reading.

THE HIGH COUNTRY EARLY YEARS ACTION GROUP
PARENT SUPPORT SURVEY 2019
The High Country Early Years Action Group (HCEYAG) aims to provide opportunities for families to gain information from experts in a range of areas including wellbeing, learning development and transition to school.

We are keen to get feedback from families about what information and guidance they think would be helpful to get from experts, and their experience of raising children in the High Country.

This simple survey will assist us in planning future workshops for families in the High Country. The survey will be sent home in hard copy form for students in grade’s Prep, 1 and 2.

The survey consists of 10 questions and should only take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Please provide as much information as you can.

Please complete and return your survey by Wednesday 8th August 2019.
Survey Returns can be returned to Rowena Turner, your early years service provider (kinder/childcare) or school.
Alternatively complete the survey online at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3TWVT3Y

Pauline Canfield
Chair of the High Country Early Years Action Group

READING CIRCLE DATES- TERM 3 2019
This term we are looking forward to listening to some more fantastic stories read by community members at the Reading Circles held each month at the Early Learning Centre – Omeo.

The Reading Circle dates for term 3 are:
- Tuesday 30th July – 9.45 a.m.
- Monday 19th August – Community Reading Event & Book Week, Dress Up Day – 9.30 a.m. at Omeo Primary School with Reading Walk starting at 10.00 a.m. (More info to follow on)
- Tuesday 3rd September– 9.45 a.m.

For more information phone: Rowena Turner
SAH Co-ordinator, 51594323.
**Rhytime Time**

Every Monday morning @ 10.30 - 11.00a.m.

East Gippsland Shire Offices – Omeo

Share rhymes, sing and dance with Kelly for a fun, interactive music session aiding and enhancing development in your child.

All Pre-School families including babies are invited to come along. Sessions are no cost.

Parents are welcome to stay and have tea or coffee afterwards.

Phone: Kelly Jobling at East Gippsland Shire – 51591455
or Rowena Turner Schools as Hubs – 5159 4323.

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We have selected some additional Lego items, pencils and student whiteboard erasers from our points.

Approx $460 in value.

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Radiant Education Centre
Kindergarten Omeo
Time: 9.45 to 10.30
Tuesday 26th March 2019
Contact person Rowena Turner
5159 4323
Omeo PS 5159 1313