Calendar dates

OCTOBER
Tuesday 16th Sean Choolburra event Swifts Creek
Wednesday 17th School Council
Saturday 20th Working Bee 9-11 see attached
24-26th Grade 3/4 camp.

NOVEMBER
Tuesday 6th Melbourne Cup no school
Monday 12th Bike riders visit
Wednesday 14th Harold and Life Ed van.
Friday 16th Pupil Free Day – Staff attending
professional development.
Weekly: Assembly: Friday 8.45
Wednesday 10.00 Playtime Group – Music/Multi-
purpose room.
Every Day at School Counts

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Paige McCoy for the 13th.

From the Principal

Hello Everyone
Welcome back to term, I hope everyone is rested and
ready to show their top endeavour with learning,
effort and a positive attitude so everyone is able to
achieve their best and support each other to do the
same.
At the end of term 3 Miss Wong and Miss McInnes
used a professional practise day to plan for term 4.
The productive day saw literacy, maths, mates and
other areas discussed and aligned to support strong
teaching and learning focuses across the school. We

have also been lucky to gain grant funding for
Sporting Schools and will be enjoying developing
skills for hockey and tennis. The children certainly
improved with basketball and table tennis in term 3.
Thank you Cindy for organising great activities and
supporting all children to improve and gain
confidence.

Term 4 brings a change of season and given the dry
year we have experienced we need to be aware of
the risk of bushfires. Omeo Primary School is on the
Department of Education Bushfire At- Risk Register
(BARR) which means our school is considered to be at
bushfire risk. Our school is required to close on any
CODE RED days. Notification will be provided as
early as possible. Please read the attached
information piece with the newsletter. Safety of all is
our key priority should this need to occur.

I encourage everyone to take the opportunity and
attend the Sean Choolburra performance in Swifts
Creek next Tuesday at 7pm. Sean presented to our
school a couple of years ago and is highly
entertaining and engaging for all age groups.

Included in the newsletter
• Head to Head Flyer
• Sean Choolburra flyer
• Term Calendar - updated
• Working bee information
• Bush Fire information
• School photos preliminary information

Kind regards Trish Lynn
Student of the Week
The junior room congratulates:
James O’Keeffe
For earning his first prize from the prize box and starting the term well remembering most of the class expectations. Well done James for learning the class rules and earning enough stamps to get a prize!

The senior room congratulates:
Brodie Attard
Brodie has been working hard to control his temper and stay focussed in class. Great work Brodie, keep it up!

School information and news
Transition program at Omeo PS.

Transition dates and times
All 2019 Prep children visit on
Thursday November 22nd 8.45 - 10.45
Friday November 30th 8.45 - 1.45 (assembly at 8.45)
Wednesday December 5th all day 8.45 - 3.15
Tuesday December 11th all day 8.45 - 3.15 (State-wide transition day)

Prep 2019 children are invited to join the junior room on Wednesdays from 2.15 and join our Walker Learning Investigations.

The children will also be joining us for lunch across the term.

Enrolment packs & Information books are available.

SCHOOL BANK DETAILS
CBA - Bairnsdale
Account No. 10006685 BSB: 063-857 Please mark your transaction with family name and what it is for:
Eg: Shepherd2Camp. A phone call or note is helpful.

Auswim instructor training Please let us know if you are interested in gaining Aus Swim training to assist with our whole school swimming program.

Working Bee Saturday 20th October 9-11.
We are having a working bee on Saturday 20th to freshen and tidy up the yard. Most of the tasks are small so if you can spare some time that would be really helpful. There will be some painting – seats/ tables undercover, signage supports, front entry gardening, spreading some mulch on the bank etc. If you can’t come on the day perhaps you could come another time and tick off a task. Please see Trish or Frank.

PAYING CASH FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
It is super helpful when parents return notes and money on the days Andrea works, which are MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY in the office.

Prep One Two News
We have had a good start to the term this week, remembering classroom and yard expectations, using positive words and being kind to one another. Congratulations to Zandar for being voted class captain and George vice captain. I’m sure the boys will be good role models for the class.

Literacy Focus
Our focus for the next 2 weeks is on numbers, how to write them correctly and matching them to their corresponding words. We have revised suffixes and nouns and verbs.
Maths Focus
In Maths we are learning about place value, how to read long numbers and adding tens and hundreds together.

Judith Wong

Senior Learning Community
Students returned on Monday with great tales of holidays, sounds like everyone had a relaxing break ready for our last term!

Literacy Focus
This fortnight students are working on poetry. This week we are focusing on Haikus, a style of poetry from Japan consisting of three lines of five syllables, seven syllables, and five syllables. Students have been brainstorming words about their topic and yesterday created ‘what am I?’ poems where they had to describe an animal or object using the correct number of syllables. We have also been reading and responding to Colleen’s Emails and enjoying reading about her travels.

In Reading, we are working on increasing our vocabulary by finding interesting words in our reading to add to our BOB list (list of personal spelling words) and our class word bank.

Maths Focus
We are currently learning about place value including reading and writing large numbers and how the value of a number is affected by which place value house it lives in.

Avis McInnes

From the Omeo PS Parents & Friends Club Committee Members.

Reading Tips
Talk to your kids (a lot). Reading is a language activity, and if you want to learn language, you’d better hear it, and eventually, speak it. Too many parents don’t talk enough to a baby or young child, but studies have shown that exposing your child to a variety of words helps in her development of literacy skills.

So talk — and sing — to them about everything. They will reap the benefits later on with increased literacy knowledge.

Omeo Kinder Gym
Is currently under review… watch this space for information about the new kinder gym coming this term.
Phone: Omeo District Health: Ph: 5159 010 or Rowena Turner Schools as Hubs Coordinator High Country Ph: 5159 4323

OMEIO PLAYTIME GROUP
When: Every Wednesday from 10.30 am
Where: Omeo Primary School Music Room
What: An informal gathering of pre-school parents.
NO COST- Tea & Coffee Provided.
Please bring a piece of fruit to share

Reading Circles - Term 4 - 2018
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 4 are:

Omeo – Monday 22nd October – 9.45 a.m.
Omeo – Monday 19th November – 9.45 a.m.

For more information ph: Rowena Turner (SAH coordinator) Ph 5159 4323.

The Omeo PS Parents & Friends Club wish to thank Tania Smith who made a whopping profit of over $700 at the recent Motor Bike Event. Thank you for all the work you did in organising the equipment, purchasing drinks, fetching eskees and ice, setting up, packing up and selling drinks over the 2 day event. That’s a huge effort from you Tania! NB: And from Andrea, Tania also converted all the coinage into notes so it would make it easier for me to handle- THANK YOU SO MUCH!

The funds will be well spent on activities and assets that will benefit all the students at the school.
Community Activities

Rhyme Time Music Program
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.
Ph: Kelly Jobling at East Gippsland Shire – 51591455
For more information ph: Rowena Turner, SAH Coordinator Ph 51594323

Food for thought, I came across this recently and considered it worthy of sharing.

One day a school teacher wrote on the board the following:
9x1=7
9x2=18
9x3=27
9x4=36
9x5=45
9x6=54
9x7=63
9x8=72
9x9=81
9x10=90

When she was done, she looked to the students and they were all laughing at her, because of the first equation which was wrong, and then the teacher said the following;
I wrote that first one wrong on purpose, because I wanted you to learn something important. This was for you to know how the world out there will treat you. You can see that I wrote the RIGHT thing 9 times, but none of you congratulated me for it, But you all laughed and criticized me because of one wrong thing I did.

So this is the lesson: The world will never appreciate the good you do a million times, but will criticize the one wrong thing you do...don't get discouraged. ALWAYS RISE ABOVE ALL THE LAUGHTER AND CRITICISM. STAY STRONG.”

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS at Omeo Primary School on Tuesday 30/10/2018-

Please read the preliminary information. More information and your Order and ID number will come home in the Newsletter of Wednesday 17th October, 2018

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

SCHOOLPIX will be here on Tuesday, 30th October 2018

PHOTO DAY TIPS:

Dress: Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines.
Hair: Neat and swept off face

Online Orders: To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. Orders can be placed online up to 2 working days after photography. You do not need to return the order form if you order online.

Remember: All orders placed online before midnight on photography day will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.

Manual Orders: Complete your order form and return with payment to school on photography day.

Sibling Orders: For a special photo of your children together order online by 8am on photography day. Alternatively collect a Sibling Order Form from the office or download it from the SchoolPix website and return it on photo day. Only siblings that place an order will be photographed.

If you have any questions call SchoolPix on 1300766 055 or email help@schoolpix.com.au
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**Weekly events –Friday:** Whole school assembly at 8.45

**Transition 6-7** Parent information night in week 2 TBC. Mr Cawley visiting week 5, TBD – Prep tea / grade 1 sleep over, gr 2 overnight camp.
Tuesday, 16 October 2018

Family friendly community event for families and friends
This is a no cost event for families

VENUE: Swifts Creek Hall – 7.00 p.m. show

Charming, captivating, cheeky, clever and charismatic, Sean Choolburra has carved his niche as Australia's No 1 indigenous entertainer.

Sean's comedy is uniquely & truly Australian. His is a fresh new voice in a comedy scene inundated by white fellas. He blends pop culture, dance, comedy and hip hop in a high energy, feel good show.

Sean gives audiences a chance to get in on many hilarious 'Black Fella Yarns'. Perhaps it is his ability to share the naivety of a small town aboriginal boy, still coming to grips with the big city lights, that makes him all that much more inviting and engaging as a performer.

Sean is a dynamic and versatile comedian, rap singer, dancer, storyteller, actor & hip-hop didge player.

He is a rising star of not only the comedy world, but also as an all-round entertainer, and is guaranteed to raise your spirit while splitting your spleen.

Check out Sean on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfCLF3piFQA

For more information contact:
Rowena Turner
Schools as Hubs-5159 4323
The Swifts Creek Angling Club

Invites you to

A Waterbug Blitz Event

John Gooderham from The Waterbug Company is coming to Swifts Creek to share his knowledge of water bugs, water health and Waterwatch monitoring with our community. John has developed the Waterbug App. The Waterbug web site and has published the Waterbug Book. We invite you to join us in taking a closer look at what lives in the Tambo River and in our farm dams and to learn more about water quality. This information will be included in the National Waterbug Blitz Program.

Friday 19 October 2018

10:00am – 11:00am Location: Steve and Anne Richardson’s, 7250 Great Alpine Rd, Swifts Ck
Look at and use all types of water quality testing equipment. Learn how to operate the gear and what the results mean. Look at chemical parameters of the water in the Tambo River and from Farm Dam samples. Learn where to find more information, how to get more comprehensive sampling done and how to become a regular water quality monitor.

11:00am – 11:30 am Morning tea provided

11:30am – 1:00pm Location: Stephen and Anne Richardson’s
Learn how to sample and capture aquatic bugs with John Gooderham. Learn how to identify a range of bugs using guides developed by John. All equipment provided.

1:00pm – Lunch BYO or visit local eateries in town

2:00pm – 3:30 pm Location: Swifts Creek Caravan Park
Sample and identify insects from this area. Compare the results and learn how to record this information to see change over time. Anne Richardson will run us through tips and techniques on how to capture these small invertebrates on camera.

4:00pm – 5:30 pm Location: DELWP, Swifts Creek
Teacher Training Session. A Waterbug Blitz PD session outfits educators to take advantage of the Waterbug App and Agreed Level Taxonomy Waterbug ID resources. Help assemble lesson plans based around any of the following topics depending on the year levels/groups you teach and their interests: Flow Ecology, Foodwebs and Environmental Monitoring.

DINNER: DIY dinner at Albion Hotel

RSVP: Martina Valentin 51 59 4515, Lisa Lee, Landcare Facilitator 0439 591 868 or Anne Richardson on 0408 523 498

This program is supported by East Gippsland CMA, the Victorian Landcare Program and is an initiative of the Poat’s Walk Working Group.
REGISTRATION

Name(s): .................................................................................................................................

School (teachers only): ..............................................................................................................

Address: ....................................................................................................................................

Postal Address: ...........................................................................................................................

Telephone and/or Mobile No: ........................................................................................................

Email Address: ............................................................................................................................

Date: ........................................

I am registering for the full day event from 10am – 3:30pm: ............YES..............NO........

I am registering for the teacher training event from 4:00pm – 5:30pm: ...YES..............NO........

Please return completed form via any one of the following methods:

1. Post: Lisa Lee, Landcare Facilitator, PO Box 110, OMEO VIC 3898
2. Email: lifhighcountry@gmail.com

What to bring: water bottle, hat, gum boots, waders, lunch and camera.

For more information on this event www.landcarevic.org.au
For information on the Waterbug Blitz visit https://www.waterbugblitz.org.au/
To purchase equipment visit www.thewaterbugshop.com.au/waterbug-blitz

Please comment on what you’d like to know about water bugs or water quality here: ..................
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This program is supported by East Gippsland CMA, the Victorian Landcare Program and is an initiative of the Poet’s Walk Working Group.
School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- All bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan — **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility’s grounds and gutters.

**What can parents do?**

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, our face book page [https://www.facebook.com/omeoprimaryschool/](https://www.facebook.com/omeoprimaryschool/) and
by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.


For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season see:

- https://emergency.vic.gov.au
- Facebook (facebook.com/cfavic)
- Twitter (twitter.com/CFA_Updates)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
YOU’RE INVITED

Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton AM
and the Omeo Police Station
invite you to the
Head to Head Fundraising Walk Omeo Event
an awareness and fundraising event for the mental health of Victoria Police members

Sunday, 14 October 2018
@ 2 to 3pm
Recreation Reserve, Omeo

FREE afternoon tea provided by Omeoshire Lions

Club Presentations from your local community leaders and the Chief Commissioner

For further details on the cause or to donate, visit www.headtoheadwalk.org.au