DATES TO REMEMBER - 2017

February

Fri. 10th  Canteen Opens
Mon. 13th 5.30pm Prep Information Night
Tue. 14th 7pm Grade 6 Camp Parent Info Night
Wed.15th  School Photos
Mon. 20th 6pm Grade 1 Information Night
Mon. 27th 9.30am/After Assembly – PFA Morning Tea
Tue. 28th 7.30pm – PFA Meeting and AGM
           Edwin Flack Swimming Carnival
           Noble Park Swimming Pool

March

Mon. 6th  Grade 6 Camp Wilson’s Prom
Wed. 8th  Casey North Swimming Carnival
Mon. 27th  PFA Easter Raffle
Tue. 28th  PFA Hot Dog Day
Fri. 31st  Cross Country Trials

Term Dates For 2017

Term 1 - Wed. 1st Feb. to Fri. 31st Mar.
Term 2 – Tue. 18th April to Fri. 30th June
Term 3 – Mon. 17th July to Fri. 22nd Sept.
Term 4 – Mon. 9th Oct. to Thur. 21st Dec.

From the Principal

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Oatlands Primary School for the 2017 school year. I hope that you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Welcome to our new students also, those who have started Prep this year and new students from Grades 1 to 6. Our Prep students have had a very good start to their schooling, with students settling into learning straight away. At Oatlands we receive so many positive comments about the manners, positive behaviour and friendliness of our students, which is a credit to both parents and staff

New Staff Roles

This year we welcome John Armao to the role of Assistant Principal of Welfare. John will be working on a range of different programs across our school and working closely with classroom teachers in a proactive role. Also, Fiona Jamieson will be running a music program for students through our school choir, percussion groups and Grade 1 music lessons. Fiona brings a huge amount of experience in music to this program.

Student Accident Insurance Arrangements

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance transport. Accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers for those families who are interested.

Communication Between Home and School

This year will be a very exciting year at Oatlands Primary School. We are continuing to develop our school into the best school that we can be. An important aspect of this is our strong foundation based on two-way communication between home and school. We have a number of organized opportunities where communication takes place (e.g. Parent-Teacher Interviews, Newsletters, blogs) and we are very keen to hear from you any time.

Wes Holloway

EFTPOS – Minimum of $15.00 for transactions
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

All parents need a current Working With Children Check to help in the classroom and to participate on excursions. The application guide and form are NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Pre-loved uniforms are available from the office for a donation of $2 per item.

PARKING:

No parents should be entering the staff car park to drop off or collect their children from school. Moving cars and excited children are a recipe for disaster.

Medications

Please note: A Department of Education form states ‘wherever possible medication should be scheduled outside of school hours eg: medication required 3 times per day is generally not required during a school day: it can be taken before and after school and before bed’. So it is preferred that students do not bring medications to school.

Safety in Car Parks

Our community is reminded to take extreme care with driving and parking in and around the school car parks. Drivers are asked to drive at a walking pace, respect and co-operate with other drivers at all times, ensuring that students are only dropped off in safe areas and not within carriageways. Drivers be respectful of local resident driveway access to their homes. Please ensure that you are parking in the designated parking zones.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS AT SCHOOL

Please lock your bikes with a bike lock, when you ride to school. Riding and Scooting while on school grounds is not permitted at any time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost Property is located in the foyer outside the Grade 6 classrooms.

HATS!

As part of our Sun Smart Policy, all students will need to be wearing a hat during recess, lunch and outdoor activities during term 1. The best type of hat is one which shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck.
## Oatlands Canteen 2017
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The above price list is for over the counter sales only. Parents must go onto the Flexischools website for lunch order prices. The website is [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).
Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

MORNING TEA MONDAY 20TH OF FEBRUARY @ 9:30am (After Assembly)

The PFA would like to invite all parents to a welcoming morning tea on MONDAY 20TH OF FEBRUARY @ 9:30am (After Assembly) in the staffroom. This is just a chance to chat with other parents and find out what the PFA is all about. The PFA is an integral part of the school community and a great way to meet other parents. The funds raised by the PFA help support school projects, teachers and students. PFA nomination forms will be available at the morning tea. Toddlers welcome.

In 2016 the PFA conducted the following fundraising events:
- Crazy Hair/Free Dress Days & Footy Colours Day
- Easter Raffle
- Mother’s Day Stall
- Entertainment Books
- Cadbury Chocolates
- Oatathon
- Disco
- Vision Portraits

These events raised over $26,000 and the funds were distributed accordingly:
- English – take home and reading packs
- Maths – Maths hands-on resources
- Information Literacy – Google Chrome laptops for classroom use
- Major Project – Artificial turf oval
- Free Icy Pole Day and a visit from Santa

PFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Monday 27th of February @ 7:30pm

Those parents interested in joining the PFA are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting on Monday 27th of February at 7:30pm, in the staffroom. The PFA is where all parents have a chance to share ideas about ways to benefit our children and our school. At the AGM all PFA committee positions will be vacant. To have a functioning PFA the four executive positions must be filled plus an additional five (5)
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School Banking

School Banking will be starting back on Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} of February. If you are a new family wanting to sign up, it has changed. Instead of going through the school you will need to visit the Commonwealth bank branch, our local branch is Fountain Gate Level 2.

**Bank books**

Once you have your bank book please follow the following steps.

1. Fill in the bank deposit slip in the yellow book, if these are not filled out the book won’t be processed (e.g. Account Name, Account Details, Student ID, Date, Amount of Money on the banking slip and bud).
2. Give the book to your classroom teacher on Monday/Tuesday morning for them to send up to the office so the School Banking volunteers can process the book.
3. Once it has been processed you will receive 1 token per weekly transaction and then they will be sent back through the classroom tubs for the teacher to hand out.

**Making a claim for a reward**

1. Collect 10 tokens.
2. Fill in the redeeming coupon for the reward and put in your bank book.
3. The banking team will order it when they do the banking - ordering the reward may take a few weeks to come in.
4. Once the reward has arrived it will be put in the classroom tub and handed out by the classroom teacher.

The tokens get recorded by the Commonwealth Bank on the banking portal each time a transaction is done and can only be redeemed if there are 10 recorded tokens. Unfortunately if you give us 10 tokens and the system shows a lower amount we cannot process it. Tokens cannot be shared between students.

**Volunteers**

We need help with our School Banking. This program has grown in popularity and we have a small group of fantastic parents who are processing the banking at the moment, however our school banking will not be able to continue unless
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www.oatlandsps.vic.edu.au  (click the newsletter tab)
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-Government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;

  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (10 April 2017).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

- The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

  - Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
  - Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

- The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

- For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.

   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT(S) DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2017 closes on 30 June, 2017.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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The Positive Parenting Telephone Service: Support for grandparents caring for grandchildren, fathers and rural families

Parenting has the biggest impact on how well children do in life, but contrary to popular belief, people are not born knowing how to be good parents. Parenting is a set of skills that are learnt ‘on the job’ and, they can always be improved.

Gateway Health is trialling a parenting support program delivered via telephone or online specifically for grandparents, fathers and rural families from across Victoria who sometimes find it difficult to attend parent support services in person.

The Positive Parenting Telephone Service (PPTS) makes it easy to access a proven parenting support program delivered by qualified parent support workers from your home at a time that suits you – daytime, evenings and weekends.

PPTS will help parents and carers develop the skills to:

- build better relationships with your children
- encourage the behaviours you want to see from your children
- teach children to think before they act and to keep busy without constant adult attention
- teach your children new skills, to solve problems for themselves and know when to ask for help
- set family rules that are realistic and followed.

Parents and carers will be supported by weekly telephone calls over 6 to 10 weeks. You can also participate in PPTS online - with or without telephone support. The program is currently free to all grandparents caring for grandchildren, fathers and rural families from across Victoria.

Victorian schools and early childhood services are encouraged to share information about this program with families in their community.

For more information, see:

- Positive Parenting Telephone Service

The Positive Parenting Telephone Service can be contacted on 1800 880 660

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Executive Director
Early Years and Primary Reform
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To enable girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.
Are you aged between 8 and 98 years old?

Do you want to learn about aviation, flying, field-craft, meteorology or astronomy, adventure training, teamwork and communication skills?

Are you interested in an exciting career in the aviation industry?

Do you want to develop your leadership, confidence and organisation skills?

Do you want to make life-long friends?

Do you want to get out and have fun? Do you want a challenge and a sense of achievement?

Come to our open night to see what we can offer.

Berwick Squadron Open Night
Wednesday 8th February 2017
7pm to 9pm

Adults welcome to join as Officers

The Australian Air League is Australia's national uniformed youth organisation which promotes and encourages the interest of aviation.

Boys and Girls are welcome every Wednesday night 7pm till 9pm at Berwick Lodge Primary School Hall

Mansfield Street, Berwick

Freecall: 1800-502-175
Email: info@airleague.com.au
Website: http://www.airleague.com.au/

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