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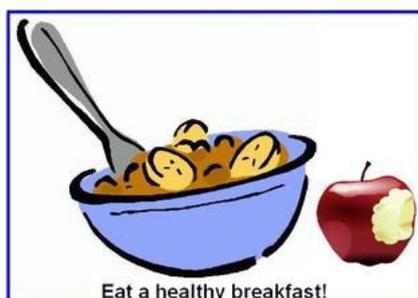
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## Principal's Report

Dear Families,  
Welcome back to the start of the 2016 school year. I hope everyone has had a safe and relaxing break. My name is Tony Clark and I am the principal of Ruskin St Primary School in Orbost. As Jo explained to the community last year I will be 'caretaker' principal of ONPS for term 1 while she is recovering from her surgery. This means I will be at the school each day checking on how the students and staff are going and ensuring that the school is running smoothly. I certainly won't be implementing any changes or new programs, but using the opportunity to get to know the students and the staff and see how things run at ONPS. Already I can see that the students are ready to learn and that they get along well with each other. I am looking forward to learning everybody's names and finding out more about each child.

As I will be at school each day for yard duty at lunchtime, if there are any issues or concerns you would like to raise with me or you would just like to introduce yourself for a chat, this would be a good time to do so. I will also be at school Wednesday mornings for yard duty and assembly.

Breakfast club will be starting soon and will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8.30am. The school has been lucky enough to receive some funding to support this program so there is no charge. However



## WHAT'S ON?

**Tuesdays**-Bank Day  
**Fridays**- Lunch orders from Wendy's  
**Wed 3 Feb**-Assembly 9.00am  
**Thurs 4**-Swimming 11.10 departure  
**Fri 5 Feb**-Swimming 11.10 departure  
**Mon 8 Feb**-Swimming 11.10 departure  
**Tues 9 Feb**-Swimming 11.10 departure  
**Thurs 11 Feb**-Swimming 11.10 departure  
**Fri 12 Feb**-MSN2 Swimming Carnival

we do need some support from parents to help run it. If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact one of the staff at school.

Finally, I would like to make a special welcome to the two new preps that started last week. I hope that Beau and Peppah have a great start to school and that they settle in well.



*Tony Clark*  
*Acting Principal*

## School Banking

School banking day for students is on Tuesday. Good to see some students already getting into the saving habit!

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

New applications can now be completed for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. Eligible parents/carers can apply for a \$125 per student per year payment

which is paid direct to the school to go towards the cost of camps, sports events or excursions. To be eligible you need to hold a Health Care or Pension Card current as of 27 January 2016. Those who received the allowance at this school in 2015 and are still eligible do not need to reapply. Application forms are available from the office at school.



**Hats On!**

Please remember that students **must** wear a school hat while they are outside during Term 1 and Term 4 each year. Students who do not bring their hat to school will be required to



stay in the shaded areas during play and lunch times. It is especially important that everyone has their hats on while we are spending more time outside during the swimming program.

**If your child needs a new school hat or any new school uniform items these can be purchased from Donchi's.**

**Sporting Schools**

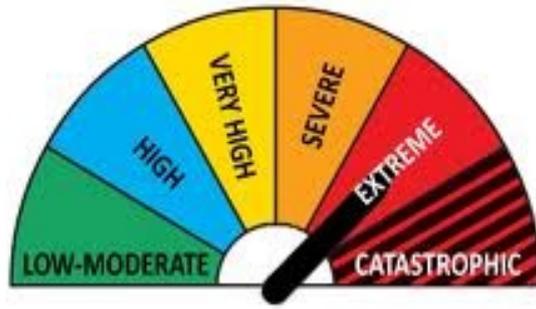
Sporting Schools program will be running again this term but will probably commence in week 4. Permission forms are available at the office for any student who wishes to participate in the 2016 Sporting Schools Program.



**School Payments**

Please note that school payments can be made via direct credit to

**BSB 313-140 Account 12004000.**



**Emergency/Bushfire Management**

The Department of Education and Training (DET) in association with Emergency Management Victoria have worked closely to develop new policy that will ensure Victorian schools are prepared for bushfire season. Currently when a Code Red Fire Danger Rating (FDR) day has been determined, schools on the Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR) are required to pre-emptively close.

Now, under a new policy developed by DET certain schools in exceptional circumstances may also pre-emptively close or relocate on days where an Extreme FDR day has been forecast.

A decision to close or relocate will only be made in extreme circumstances and through close consultation with the Department of Education and Training, and advice from Emergency Management Victoria.

Parents will be notified of any closure or relocation by 3.00pm the day prior to the forecast Extreme (FDR) day.

Our highest priority is the safety of all of our students and staff, and the Department and Emergency Management Victoria have worked closely on this policy to ensure that all schools are prepared for the bushfire season.