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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Families,

Last week at a meeting I saw some interesting statistics regarding attendance. Firstly, students in East Gippsland tend to take more days off school than students in other areas of the state. Secondly, there is a clear link between lower academic results and missing days from school. The message is really clear, attendance at school matters. When kids are at school they are learning. When they are absent they are not. Please do everything you can to ensure your child misses the least amount of school as possible. Every day and every hour counts.



Recently we have been spending a lot of time thinking and talking about improving student's literacy skills. This means their ability to read, write, spell, speak, listen and understand what they see, read and hear. It is always a challenge and one that all Principals have to try and manage. There are many strategies we can try here at school that may help students learn to read and write, but one of the most valuable things that can be done to help children is having adults read to them. This is something that can be done very effectively at home. There is very clear evidence that when parents read aloud to their children their language skills improve and develop. Sometimes this can be a challenge for parents as they may not have



## WHAT'S ON?

**Tuesdays**—Bank Day

**Fridays**—Lunch orders from Rosie's

**Tues 15 Mar**—School Council nominations close

**Wed 16 Mar**—Sporting Schools lunchtime and after school sessions

**Mon 21 Mar**—Sporting Schools lunchtime and after school sessions

**Wed 23 Mar**—Parent-Teacher interviews  
Sporting Schools session 2.00 to 3.15pm  
School Council 4.30

**Thurs 24 Mar**—Last day Term 1

**Fri 25 Mar**—Good Friday

**Mon 11 Apr**—First day Term 2

the time or the motivation to do so, but it is something I would strongly encourage all parents to do. The more time you can spend reading aloud to your child the better.

Parent teacher interviews will be held next Wednesday afternoon. Please contact Andy in the office or your child's teacher to make a booking.

Regards,

*Tony Clark*

*Acting Principal*

## Sporting Schools

The Sporting Schools Program continues at lunchtime and after school. Children can participate in an earlier session of Sporting Schools on Wednesday 23 March from 2.00 to 3.15pm while teachers are involved in parent-teacher interviews. Please book your appointment time on the timetable on front desk in office. Remember

that it can be helpful to have your child along at the interview.

### **Student Awards**

Student of the week—Rose—great start to school at ONPS

Jazmine—being the best I can be

Jessica, Jessie, Mark and Amy-

Rose—25 nights reading



### **Parent-Teacher Interviews 23 March**

Timetable available on front desk in office for you to book your time to meet with your child's teacher to have a chat about how things are going in the classroom. Please note that you are welcome to make an appointment with teachers at other times if you have any concerns about your child's progress or there are other things you need to pass on.

### **Parents and Friends Easter Raffle**

Parents and Friends Easter Egg raffle will be drawn on the last day of school in Term 1. Please donate an egg for the raffle prizes. Place all donated eggs in the basket in the office. Thank you. Tickets at 50c each or three for \$1.

### **School Payments**

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

**BSB 313-140 Account 12004000.**

### **School Banking**

School banking day for students is on Tuesday. Any students who would like to start up a new school bank account may collect a starter pack from the school office.

### **100 Years of Orbost Railway**

26 March to 16 April 10am to 3pm daily at Orbost Exhibition Centre. See a 5 x 3 metre working model of Orbost Railway Station and our historic viaduct.. Free entry

### **Puppets and Play playgroup**

Friendly sessions for children under school age, promoting language, play and social interaction. Great opportunity for school transition. Fridays 11.30 to 12.30 in the library at Orbost North PS.

### **For Sale**

2008 Holden Omega S'Wagon. Reg to Jan '17, fully serviced, new rear tyres, great condition \$7500 ONO. Ph 0400156001 Marlo.

### **Orbost Education Centre Courses**

A number of courses are coming up in April at Orbost Education Centre, Ruskin Street.

12 April—Safe Food Handling, 9am to 4pm

13 April—Responsible Serving of Alcohol, 9am to 1pm

20 April—Provide CPR, 9am to 12.30pm

20 & 21 April, Provide First Aid, 9am to 4.30pm.

For details, bookings and further information please contact the Education Centre on 5154 1788

### **Neighbourhood House Happenings**

**Cheesemaking weekend**—Soft cheeses; haloumi, feta, ricotta etc—April 2 and 3 Bookings essential

**Art class**—beginners, Continuing Paint or draw, Tuesdays 10-12 \$14

**Tai Chi**—Beginners start 10 Feb, 6pm, Continuing 6.45pm

**Smart phone, tablet, computer lessons**— 1 to 1 instruction for absolute beginners, learn at your own pace; by appointment

**Core exercise**—All ages 2.30 and 5.30 Mondays

Contact Liz at the Neighbourhood House for details.