

NEWSLETTER 2 – 8th February, 2019



Italian at Oxley Primary School

Prep children started our first session of Italian for 2019 by learning about the word 'CIAO'.

We listened to and repeated the greeting, which means both 'hello' and 'goodbye'. Children identified the letters, put them in order on the board, and then had a go on their own. Come in and have a look at the display in the front foyer.

Try having a practice with your children at home – 'ciao' – (pronounced 'chow').



Grazie, Lisa Gardner.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Pupil Free Day

I apologise for any inconvenience that this poses for families but we do have another **pupil free day** on **Thursday 14th February**.

We will be participating in a series of highly regarded professional learning opportunities with our cluster as well as a number of town schools.

In partnership with Appin Park and Yarrunga, we are very excited to have Peter Sullivan working with us around our Mathematics instruction for the year. Information regarding Peter and his credentials can be found at the link below. His focus will be on using challenge tasks to differentiate in the classroom. Peter will work on having an impact in every classroom to drive our goal of continuous improvement in numeracy.

<https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/peter-sullivan>

Information / Important Dates

Below I have tried to outline a number of different ways in which you can keep informed with what is happening at OPS on a weekly basis. To us it is incredibly important that you feel just as much part of the school as your child does.





Skoolbag


Skoolbag is one of Australia's most trusted school apps, empowering schools to engage parents through a simple and central communication platform. The easy-to-use desktop and mobile app streamlines all aspects of organising school life, from newsletters and events to student attendance and documentation.

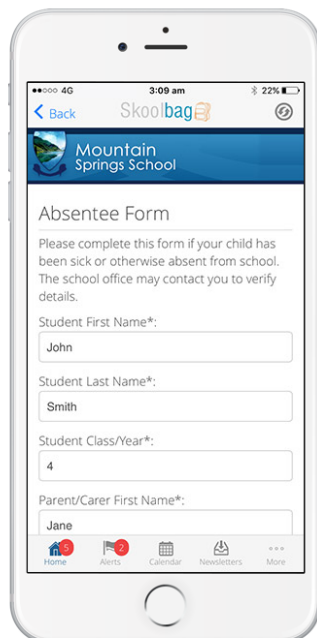
Why use it? You will be able to receive weekly newsletters, view important dates throughout the term and year and inform us if your child has been absent. I strongly recommend you using the skoolbag app as it is


our number one source of communication. Please come and see us if you need any help with setting the app up on your phone.


 **School Events Calendar**
Stay up to date with upcoming events using Skoolbag's native calendar. Seamless iCal integration ensures you'll never miss a personal or school event.


 **Email Newsletters**
Stay in the loop with the latest school events and updates delivered straight to your inbox. Regular email newsletters will keep the essentials on your radar!

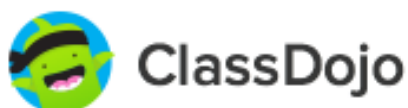
 **Accessible Documentation**
The convenient parent portal offers easy access to documents published by the school, such as newsletters, forms, online payments, notes, permission slips, Annual Report, and more.



 **Absentee Note eForm**
Take the stress out of sick day with simple digital absentee forms. Update the school on details of your child's absence in a quick and convenient way.

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 **Instant Push Notifications**
When emergencies or other urgent events occur, simple push notifications will bring the information straight to the palm of your hand – right when you need it most.



At Oxley Primary School, we use class DoJo to help bring you into the classroom. The program allows the teachers to take photos or even record events so that you can share these experiences with your child/ren.

Currently some of our teachers are already using this program and some are still learning how they may use it. We hope that all classes will be using Class DoJo by the end of the first term. Teachers will send you an email or hard copy of a letter about Class DoJo once they have it operating effectively. Please keep in mind that the focus of this program is to share experiences with you as the child's parent / guardian and not as a form of communication about anything that has gone wrong throughout a day. We have an open door policy and we expect teachers to ring parents if there are any issues. This is the same expectation for parents, encouraging you to come in and see us or give us a call if there is an issue that you or your child is dealing with. Please also remember that the first point of contact is with your classroom teacher and then if you feel that you still need to talk through the issue please feel like you can come and see me.

Newsletter

At the bottom of the newsletter, there will be important dates that are coming up over the term. Please make sure you read these dates as there are a number of events that you need to pencil into your diary for the term. The newsletter will be emailed out on a Friday however it will also be available as a hard copy if you require it in this format.

Parent / Teacher Interviews – Information Night

To start the year we would like to invite all parents along for parent / teacher interviews. The purpose of these interviews is for your classroom teacher to get to know your child a little better as well as getting to know you as their parent. If you have already made contact with the classroom teacher in regards to something specific you would like to discuss there is no need to book an interview time. There are three questions we would like you to think about before coming along to the interview:

- What are the strengths of your child?
- What is something important that we need to know about your child?
- What are your hopes for your child in 2019?

Parent / teacher interviews will be held on the 27th and 28th February. More information regarding times and how to book will be sent out soon.

Jeremy Campbell - Principal

Oxley Primary School is committed to Nurturing confident, lifelong learners, in a friendly rural community.

Prep Students – School Nursing Program

This week forms have gone home for the School Nursing Program with Prep students and we would appreciate if you could get these back as soon as possible.

The Primary School Nursing Program (PSNP) is a free service offered by the Department to all children attending primary schools and English Language Centre schools in Victoria.

Primary school nurses visit schools throughout the year to provide children with the opportunity to have their health checked; provide information and advice about healthy behaviours and link children and families to community-based health and wellbeing services.

The PSNP is designed to identify children with potential health-related learning difficulties and to respond to parent and carer concerns and observations about their child's health and wellbeing. Parents or carers complete the School Entrant Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) which is distributed during the first year of school. With parent and carer consent, follow-up health checks are conducted by the school nurse.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

Everyone – Parent Payment information and Parent Financial Support Documents.

In December our school fees structure, which is broken up into Essential Learning Items (previously known as school fees) and Voluntary Financial Contribution was sent home on the newsletter. The Essential School Items are \$240 per student per year and the Voluntary Financial Contribution is exactly that a voluntary contribution that goes towards the maintenance of the grounds and our Information & Technology program. This year we are suggesting \$70.

Today, I have sent home a detailed information sheet for you to consider as well as an application form for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund program. This program is available to all parents that hold a valid health care card. Payment plans are also attached and encouraged to be used.

Anaphylaxis, Asthma & Allergy Plans

If you have a child/ren that suffers with any of the above conditions, we require an up to date plan. These plans must be on the correct proformas. Please see me anytime to grab a form.

Student Information update

Thank you to all the families that have returned paperwork regarding your child/ren's personal information to the office. This paperwork would have gone to your email at the start of the year. If you did not receive this paperwork and require changes to your phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical, etc. please see me anytime.

Attendance

Unfortunately, there will be times throughout the year where your child/ren are unwell, need to attend medical appointments, family holidays, arrive late or need to leave early.

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that this information is communicated with the school at your earliest convenience. This can be done via an email, skoolbag, note to the teacher or a phone call. If no information is received, I will make a phone call to enquire as to why your child/ren are absent. This is for the safety of your family.

Thank you, Jaye Miller – Business Manager

OSHC REFLECTION WEEK 2



OUTCOME 1: CHILDREN HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF IDENTITY

MADDISON AND LILLYA DECORATED MASKS AND ROLE PLAYED



OUTCOME 2: CHILDREN ARE CONNECTED WITH AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR WORLD

MADDY AND ALICE DECORATED ABORIGINAL BOOMERANGS



OUTCOME 4: CHILDREN ARE CONFIDENT AND INVOLVED LEARNERS

MADDY USING HER TIME WELL TO DO HER HOMEWORK

GO BANANAS IS A FAVOURITE IN OOSH AT THE MOMENT

LEARNING THE RULES ON HOW TO PLAY POOL



OUTCOME 3: CHILDREN ARE CONFIDENT AND INVOLVED LEARNERS



OUTCOME 5: CHILDREN ARE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS

TOM AND HADE WORKED TOGETHER TO MAKE CREATIONS OUT OF THE BETTER BLOCKS



UNO COMPETITION HOW MANY TIME CAN YOU WIN. THIS GAME CAN GET VERY COMPETITIVE AND LOTS OF RULES COME FLYING AROUND!

PIC-COLLAGE

Term Planner

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4th - 8th February	Library / Science P – 4 All students to have their hats for recess and lunch play.	Music lessons start for all classes.	Prep student's day off. Art Seniors Yr. 3 – 6 Guitar Lessons	Bluearth starts for all classes. Italian lessons start for all classes.	
11th - 15th February	Library / Science Yr. 5 and 6	Music	Prep student's day off. Art Juniors P – 3 Guitar Lessons	Pupil Free Day – Teacher Professional Development Day	P.E. Italian
18th - 22nd February	Library / Science P - 4	Music	Prep student's day off. Art Seniors Yr. 3 – 6 Guitar Lessons	Bluearth Italian Lunch Order Day - Hot Dogs School Council 7 pm	
25th Feb – 1st March	Library / Science Yr. 5 and 6	Music	Prep student's day off. Art Juniors P – 3 Guitar Lessons Parent / Teacher Interviews	Italian Parent / Teacher Interviews PFA - Chocolate Drive	
4th – 8th March	Library / Science P - 4	Music	Prep student's day off. Art Seniors Yr. 3 – 6 Guitar Lessons	Bluearth Italian Lunch Order Day	
11th – 15th March	Labour Day – Public Holiday	Music	Art Juniors P – 3 Guitar Lessons	Italian	Hot Cross Buns order
18th – 22nd March	Library / Science P - 4	Music	Art Seniors Yr. 3 – 6 Guitar Lessons	Bluearth Italian Lunch Order Day	23rd March - Ladies Event
25th – 29th March	Library / Science Yr. 5 and 6	Music	Art Juniors P – 3 Guitar Lessons Hot Cross Buns order forms due back	Italian	Marmungan Athletic Sports – students to make their own way to the athletics track.
1st – 5th April	Library / Science P - 4	Music	Art Seniors Yr. 3 – 6 Guitar Lessons	Bluearth Italian Lunch Order Day Hot Cross Buns to be collected Marmungan Athletic Sports - back up day.	Bunny Brunch morning tea LAST DAY OF TERM - 2.30 pm finish

Come and try **FREE** Baseball



Hand-eye drills for batting and fielding are key, and will be covered throughout this four week program. As Baseball is a very inclusive game we encourage any child of any ability to give it a go. Teamwork is a requirement to succeed in this great game and this is why we enjoy it as much as your child will.

4 WEEKS ONLY
6TH, 13TH,
20TH & 27TH FEB
6PM - 7PM
AGES 8-12



LIMITED AVAILABILITY. PLEASE
REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST

PLEASE CALL - Owen 0419514695

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EMAIL - owengodenzi@gmail.com

All equipment is supplied. Please wear suitable sports attire and bring a drink bottle.



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FREE – Parenting Program

Tuning into Kids – is a five week parenting program that supports parents to become more aware of their child's emotions and its impact. Parents learn how to develop an ability to label and understand their child's emotions and how to support their child in learning to regulate these emotions. Parents are therefore able to use their children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for connecting, teaching and problem solving.

Programs details:

Dates – Tuesdays 26th February 2019 to 26th March 2019.

Times – 10am to 12pm

Venue – Gateway Health, 45-47 McKay Street, Wangaratta

Bookings Essential – Phone Intake on (03) 5723 2000

COST - FREE