



oberon south
PRIMARY SCHOOL

OSPS NEWS

Issue 3, Thursday 28th February 2019

Important Date for the Diary - Welcome BBQ and Parent Information Session – Friday March 8th

We would like to invite all parents to join in a school information session and BBQ after School Assembly on Friday March 8th.

We invite parents to come along to Assembly, then remain in the Library where the teachers and I will share some information about classroom and school practices and procedures to assist you understand how you can support your child. This will then be followed by a BBQ for parents and families to get to know each other.

Please note this in your diary and come along – we value the connection between home and school.

School Council Elections – as outlined in Assembly last week and displayed in the foyer

If you are an enthusiastic parent interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes and wellbeing for all our students. There are different ways to become involved, either as an elected School Councillor or as a representative on our Friends of Oberon South Committee.

The OSPS timeline is as follows:

Monday 25th February: Call for nominations. Nomination forms are available at the school office.

Monday 18th March: Nominations close at 3:30pm.

If nominations do not exceed the one parent vacancy, the new Council will be formed.

If nominations do exceed vacancies, the list of candidates and nominators will be displayed for voting:

Tuesday 19th March: Distribute ballot papers.

Friday 22nd March: Close of ballot at 3:30pm.

Monday 25th March: Count votes and declare the poll.

The newly formed School Council meets on the 26th March for the first School Council meeting at 4.00pm in the Staff Room.

For more information on what's involved, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/involve/Pages/parent.aspx or call in and see me please.

School Council - Friends of Oberon South: consider becoming involved as a parent/community member

Last year we had an informal group of community members, Friends of Oberon South, work with Joan Watson on various school projects. Thank you to this group and their achievements in 2018. School Council met last week and we are formalising this group as a sub-committee of School Council. If you are interested in supporting the school from a community or parent perspective and would be interested in becoming a member of this committee please let me know. If you would like to support this group in an informal capacity or support student learning in the classroom (such as reading support) please also let me know. We look forward to further future partnerships.



Photo Permissions

Each year we are required to send out photo permission forms.

The new Department of Education permission form for photographs is an opt-out model. If we did not receive a form back it is assumed that your child can be photographed for all school purposes, which is great. If you need further clarification please contact the administration office.



Car Park thankyou and reminder

Thank you to parents for parking in the drop off and pick up zone. This has provided additional safety for our children.

If there are times you need to enter the carpark for appointments or official business please can we remind you of the need to observe the 10km speed limit. This applies to all cars at all times.

Prep Parents

Today your child has an envelope with information regarding the School Nursing Program for 2019 which is distributed to all children enrolled in their first year of school. Please can these questionnaires be returned to the administration office no later than Thursday 14th March.

A reminder that next week is the Preps first full week at school.

Public Holiday – Advance Notice. Please note that Monday, 11 March 2019 is the Labour Day Public holiday and as a result the school will be closed.

Principal Award last week went to Willow for her dedication to learning. Willow is always focused, listening and applies herself to all tasks. Teacher Award's went to Lily L for trying her best at all times and Ayden for working hard to complete all of his work.

School Absence

The focus for being on time and present at school each day is important for all children at OSPS. It is a requirement by the Department of Education that we record student absences (including late arrivals). For this reason it is important that if your child needs to be away for a valid reason that we have notification, either by phone or a diary note. This year we will be following up any absences that we have not been notified of with a reminder note to complete. Students **MUST PRESENT AT THE OFFICE** and not just go to class if they are running late. Parents must sign children in at the office where they will be given a late pass to take to class. Being at school and on time is important for all student learning.

Thank you for co-operation.

Regards, Joanne Black, Principal

OSPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS DATES TERM 1

March		
Friday 8	School Assembly Welcome BBQ & Information Night	2:45pm 3:30pm
Monday 11	Public holiday	No School
Friday 22	School Assembly	2:45pm
Monday 18	Finance Committee	3:30pm
Tuesday 26	School Council	4:00pm
April		
Friday 5	School Assembly Early dismissal—last day of term 1	1:45-2:15pm