

Welcome back to 2020 and a new school year,

We welcome Miss Bonnie Hinkley as the Prep-2 Junior teacher whilst Miss Chamberlain continues to take another year of leave. Miss Hinkley has settled in well and the children are engaged in their learning. We sincerely thank Miss Kim Cornell for her work last year. Miss Cornell has gone on to continue further study and will join us as a casual relief teacher on occasions this year. Thank you to Miss Wise for looking after our chickens during the summer break and congratulations on a great start to the year for the senior students. They are focused and ready for learning each day.

### Student learning and the school term

This term the students are focusing on the topic "Connections" in their Inquiry learning. The senior students are looking at a unit "Our Island Home" whilst the Junior focus is "Through Generations". The students will be attending Indonesian and Computer classes on a Wednesday morning followed by whole school Library. We welcome Bu Mac as our Indonesian teacher. Please ensure that students return Library books each Wednesday so they can continue borrowing.

One of our key focus this year is adding to our School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports with the Respectful Relationship initiative offered by the Department of Education. This is work we will continue throughout the year. Staff will have a day devoted to the **Respectful Relationship Curriculum on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. This has been approved by School Council as a Curriculum Day. So please note this date in your diary as it is a pupil free day.**

### Newsletter & Assemblies

Our newsletter will continue to go home fortnightly on Thursday so please look out for it in your child's bag or go online to our Website or Facebook page. <http://oberonsouthps.vic.edu.au/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Oberon-South-Primary-School-323304527860323/>

Assemblies are held in our Library on the alternate week on Friday afternoons 2.45-3.15pm. Please come along to our first **Assembly next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**, where we will announce our **2020 School Captains**.

### Welcome BBQ and Mulch spreading

On the same day as our first Assembly for 2020 we have ordered mulch to spread through our playground for extra safety for children. This will be delivered in the morning and we are seeking any parent support throughout the day to come along and offer some time to help spread this. We are hoping that if we continue with this from 3.15pm at pick up time to 4.00pm we should have this finished and then would like to offer a free BBQ for parents and students to share time and welcome new families to our school. Please see the attached slip and return by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February to assist us in our planning both for the playground and BBQ.





## Breakfast Program and Hot Lunch

The senior students have been working together with Miss Wise and Leanne having input into our Breakfast and Hot lunch programs. They have decided to utilise the wonderful support we get through the School Breakfast Club Program provided by Foodbank Victoria to utilise the cereals. Please read the following and come along for Breakfast.

### Breakfast Club

We have some exciting things happening with our before school Breakfast Club. Starting next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February we will be offering mouth-watering breakfast that changes daily.

Monday and Wednesday will be Super Cereal Breakfast Day with just cereals and milo.

Tuesday and Thursday will be the warm and toasty toast and milo days.

Friday will now be super stunning featuring porridge, baked beans on toast and cheese toasties. OSPS Seniors have voted and decided that this will be our new and improved before school breakfast menu.

We look forward to seeing everyone for breakfast between 8.30-8.55am. Kitchen closes at 9.00am.



We sincerely thank The Salvation Army South Barwon, Grovedale and Belmont Rotary and school staff for offering their time to coordinate this program each day.

### Lunches

Each Friday for the low cost of \$2, students will be able to purchase a special lunch. Thanks to the input from senior students we have now added a greater variety of lunches for students to enjoy. Our first lunch on Friday 14th February will be pasta with pasta sauce for just \$2.

Thankyou to Leanne and Miss Wise for co-ordinating this program.

### Sun Smart

Sun Smart dates where your child needs to wear a broad brimmed hat are: September until end of April. Wide broad brimmed hats must be worn outside at all times. Your help in re-minding your child/ren with this would be appreciated. School Hats are available for purchase from the office for \$12 each.

### Office Hours

Please take note the following times that the office is managed by Lauren.

Office hours 8.30am-3.45pm Monday – Thursday and 8.15am-1.10pm Friday.

**Reminder: Preps do not attend on a Wednesday until the 11th of March.**



## CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like: school camps or trips, swimming and school-organised sport programs, outdoor education programs, excursions and incursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

Schools can receive applications from families over term one and two. Eligible primary aged students will receive \$125 per year. The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms.

## Uniform

Year 7 and Prep students in government schools who receive the CSEF fund are also able to get support for school uniforms. For more information regarding this initiative, see State Schools' Relief website. The pack for 2020 has not been released yet but last year prep students, through State Schools' Relief, were provided a winter warmer uniform package which included: 1 x Rugby Top or Hooded/Windcheater or Jacket (Bomber/Polar Fleece) or Long Sleeve Polo, 1 x Tracksuit Pants or Trousers or Pants, 1 x pair of Shoes (Lace Up or T-Bar or Runner/Sneaker).

Uniform assistance is available if you're facing hardship or severe financial difficulties. Visit <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/services-for-parents/Pages/financial-help-school-items.aspx> and please contact Lauren in the office to submit your request

## School Banking

School banking with the Commonwealth Bank will commence - Tuesday weekly. A flyer was sent home Wednesday but more information is available by visiting a Commonwealth Bank branch. You can also apply on their website [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) You may also contact Lauren in the office.

## Payment Plans

Payment Plan forms were sent home to families requesting a plan for book packs and fees. If you have not returned your form please do so ASAP or contact Lauren in the office for another form. You may arrange payment plans for some other costs over the year or you may wish to make small payments over the course of the year for anything that will pop up.

## Annual privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website .

Below is a link to a youtube clip that looks at the letters of the alphabet and the sounds that they make. Please feel free to have a look at it at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BELIZKpi1Zs>

Enjoy your weekend,

Joanne Black

Principal

## OSPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS DATES— TERM 1

<b>February</b>		
Wednesday 12	No Preps	
<b>Friday 14</b>	<b>School Assembly</b>	<b>2.45pm</b>
Tuesday 18	School Council	4pm
Wednesday 19	No Preps	
Thursday 20	Newsletter	
Wednesday 26	No Preps	
<b>Friday 28</b>	<b>School Assembly</b>	<b>2:45pm</b>
<b>March</b>		
<b>Wednesday 4</b>	<b>Student Free Day</b>	<b>No Students</b>
<b>Thursday 5</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>	
<b>Monday 9</b>	<b>Labour Day</b>	<b>Student Free</b>
<b>Friday 13</b>	<b>School Assembly</b>	<b>2:45pm</b>
<b>Thursday 19</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>	
<b>Friday 27</b>	<b>School Assembly</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>