

# OFFICER SPECIALIST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome to the Officer Specialist School Community for 2015. We welcome back our families from last year and welcome to all our new families. We would like to include all the new staff who have joined us this year and all our returning staff.

We have seven new Teachers and eight new Education Support staff. We are growing at a rapid rate, and it is very exciting to hear the wonderful programs teachers are planning to provide an exciting and engaging curriculum for all our students.

We had our first School Council meeting for the year this week, where many ideas were tabled to promote the involvement and communication between parents, staff and the greater community.

Our first social function will be Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February where we will have a "Welcome BBQ" – school will provide the sausages and if everyone can bring a plate share it will be great to catch up with everyone in a social setting. (Further detail later in the newsletter)

Cheers,  
Sue & Denise

## SCHOOL FEES

The school fees will be \$100 this year and a letter will go home next week. There will be the opportunity to pay them directly into the school account.

### School Terms Dates 2015

For your information the 2015 school year will run as follows in Victorian Government Schools:

- Term 1: 28 January (teachers start) 29 January to Friday 27 March
- Term 2: 13 April to Friday 26 June
- Term 3: 13 July to Friday 18 September
- Term 4: 5 October to Friday 18 December

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Assembly Friday  
13<sup>th</sup> February at  
2:15 in the Gym.**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
Labour Day.** There  
will be no school on  
this day.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March –  
Last day of Term 1.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Family Welcome  
BBQ – Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
February 2015**

5:30pm – 8:00pm

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## STAFF LISTING

### ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

**Principal:**

Sue Campbell

**Assistant Principal:**

Denise Munt

**Business Manager:**

Evelyn Dodgson

### TEACHING STAFF:

Adam Marchant

Cassie Meloche

Hacinta Lazic

Melissa Pongracic

Kat McCulloch

Jodie Agius

Stella Baron

Raul Vigilanti

Lettie Evans

Michael Timewell

Eric Buchler

Justin Green

Gayle McMillan

Helene Rowe

Glynis Vogrig

Christine Walker

### ALLIED HEALTH:

Physiotherapist: Lauren Stent

Occupational Therapist:  
Geri Morales & Aleysha Nguyen

Speech Therapist: Liz Gray

### TEACHER ASSISTANTS:

Judith Beggs

Shaun Delaney

Debra Frawley

Kim Gilding

Jamie Reardon

Amy Hadgkiss

Kelly Brenton

Stacey Sewell

Yoshi Mallawa

Andrew Garrett

Kara Short

Belinda Black

Jody Banch

Annie Wilson

Julia Nicholas

Ashleigh McGrath

Janine Gerovasilis

Marie Masterson

Jamie Hildred

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is wonderful to see nearly every student in school uniform and wearing it proudly. We expect all students to wear the school uniform, so please make sure all students have correct uniform every day. The uniform can be purchased at Beleza in Pakenham, or Target, Big W and other similar stores carry navy blue school clothes, and gold polo shirts. These plain navy blue or gold polo shirts are suitable for school.

A major safety issue is piercings. **Students may wear studs only.** Sleepers and ear stretchers or ear expanders, are not appropriate wear for school as they are not safe to wear during Physical Education/Sport lessons or during general play when there is the opportunity for ear lobes to possibly tear.

As the weather is very warm and I'm sure we are in for more hot weather, please provide your child with a **hat or cap**. It can be any colour, but it is necessary for recess times, walks in the local community and sport.

## BUS NEWS

Thankyou everyone for being so patient with bus changes - times and stops – as we accommodate our growing school population.

- **Please be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the expected time as buses are running late at further stops along the route.**
- It is very important to return the paperwork that was sent home last week. Please read the relevant content with your child so that they are aware of the rules, so that everyone travels safely.
- PLEASE let the office know if your child is not going home on the bus. Write a note in the diary, and/or come past the office to let someone know that you are taking them home as we have been looking for some students to get on the bus and they have already gone home and the staff at the buses don't know where they are. Thanks for your help to make this run smoothly.

## **MORNINGS**

We have a full staff briefing every morning before school, so staff are not around the playground or classrooms before 8:50. Please remember to bring your child after this time as there is not any supervision in the playground.

## **STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS (SSG'S)**

All teachers will be organising a meeting time with parents to learn more about your child and to develop your child's goals for their future learning. These meetings will be held next week: Tuesday and Thursday nights according to the times the teachers can provide.

The dates will be: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

It is time to elect new school council members. School Council nominations will open next Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. Please consider being a part of the School Council as parents provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help to shape the direction of the school.

## **STUDENT ABSENSES**

Could I please remind all parents/carers to ring the school office when your child is absent.

School Phone Number:            5943 2800

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

Our therapy department are in need of a few items to assist them in their work. If anyone is able to donate any of the following items, they can be dropped off to Evelyn in reception. We are looking for:

- Any old cutlery – especially small spoons and forks.
- Phone books, old text books or unused encyclopaedias.
- Fabrics or materials suitable for weighted vests.

Thank you,  
From Geri, Liz & Lauren.

# Students of the Week

Room 101 - Glynis	Christian for good standing in circle time.
Room 103 - Christine	Keira for starting the year with a smile and trying new things.
Room 107 - Cassie	Makayla, for a great start to her school life and happily coming into her new classroom.
Room 108 - Helene	The whole class for settling into the new year with great smiles.
Room 201 - Hacinta	Jack for beautiful writing.
Room 202 - Mel	Jaylah for a wonderfully positive start to the year.
Room 203 - Kat	Matilda for a fantastic start to the year.
Room 206 - Jodie	Reaver for settling in well to his new class.
Room 208 - Justin	The whole class for a fantastic start to the year.
Room 301 - Stella	Josh for his fantastic sportsmanship and his work towards positive interpersonal skills.
Room 302 - Raul	Lachlan for excellent work in guided reading. Euan for excellent work all week.
Room 303 - Lettie	Melissa for having a fantastic start to the year with a great smile.
Room 305 - Michael	Jake for being a fantastic role model to new students.
Room 306 - Eric	Nick for a fantastic start to the year at his new school.
PE award - Adam	Shannon who showed great sportsmanship by sharing the ball with his classmates and displaying good behaviour in sport.



# Welcome to 2015 Officer BBQ.



**Everyone welcome!!!!**

**20<sup>th</sup> February**

**5:30pm – 8:00pm**

**School will provide sausages and bread (sauce 😊) and cordial**

**Could each family bring a plate to share – salad or dessert**

Please return the following slip so that we know how many to cater for. Hope to see you there.

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Gluten Free Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vegetarian Option Required: \_\_\_\_\_