



Officer Specialist School

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OFFICER SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Visiting Class 305



Performing Arts With Glynis



Fine Motor Activities. At Home. With our Therapy Team.

Principal's Message.

Hello everyone and welcome to term four.....and what a busy one it will be!

This Friday, Oct 20th we will be having our Secondary Formal from 7.00 pm-9.00 pm in the school gym. This is always a wonderful event and we are looking forward to seeing our students dressed up and dancing the night away!

The 27th of October is World Teachers Day. At Officer, we take this opportunity to celebrate all of the staff in our school community who work together to provide such wonderful learning opportunities for our students. Our teachers, ES, Allied Health, Admin, Maintenance, ITC team, and leaders...thank you for all you do, your resilience, your optimism, your support of one another and your belief in our students.

We have our Celebration of Cultural Diversity Day next week: Tuesday, Oct 24th. Students are encouraged to wear national costumes, national colors, or dress-ups related to countries (eg Australian theme: Green and gold, Aussie rules footy player, surfer, kangaroo!!). We would like to invite families to come along for our parade from 11.30 am and then we will be hosting a Community Cuppa for any parents/carers who would like to join us in the Common Room from 12.45 pm.

This term we will also be planning the Prep Transition Program during which prospective Preps will be visiting the school to spend some time in the playground and classrooms. We are also organising a Primary Graduation for those students who are moving from the Primary to the Secondary Department in 2024! At the end of the term when the weather is warm we have planned the Primary swimming program...a fun way to end the year! In the Secondary Department, we will have our Secondary Graduation on Dec 8th.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Officer Specialist School acknowledges the traditional owners of the land throughout Australia. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to the elders past, present and future.

On Thursday 14th Dec we will have our Celebration Day when students will visit their class for the following year, we will have our celebration assembly and then the End of Year Family Picnic from 5pm. As you save the dates in your calendar please remember the following dates:

- **Monday 23rd October: Professional Practice Day- assessment and reporting**
- **MELB CUP HOLIDAY 7th Nov**
- **Monday 27th Nov: Curriculum Day Professional Learning for staff-trauma training.**
- **Duke of Ed presentation on Nov 30th.**
- **Last Day for students will be Tuesday 19th Dec: 1.30 finish**

Teachers have started working on the end of year reports for our students and these will be available to families in December as will the class allocations for 2024.

We are also excited to have our school improvement building plan now out to tender so that a builder will be engaged, and our build will start early in 2024. As well as 4 additional classrooms to the rear of the school, we will be covering the basketball court adjacent to the gym so that we have additional weatherproof areas and a place to have whole school events like our assemblies.

As the weather warms up please remember that students need sunscreen and hats. Our outdoor spaces are used as learning spaces as well as recess and lunch so sun protection is very important....hopefully we will see more sun soon!

I look forward to seeing lots of you at our Cultural Diversity Celebration on Tuesday and please feel free to dress up and join in the fun!

Helene Rowe

2023

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY DRESS UP

on Tuesday 24th of October

EMBRACING CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Come to school dressed in your cultural clothes or any other clothing that reflects your cultural heritage.

You can also choose to wear your Australian outfit to celebrate with us.

Let's celebrate all different cultures that make Officer Specialist School a great place to learn!

There will be parades from 11:30AM to 12:30PM at the basketball court near the admin area.

Parents are invited to come to watch the parades and join the community cuppa.

Can't wait to see your costumes!



2023 CALENDAR



Here's a quick Snapshot at some of the key dates to remember for 2023. Dates are correct at the time of printing. But dates can change due to varying circumstances. We will inform the school community of any changes.

October.

- **20th - Secondary Formal**
- **Monday 23rd October:**
Professional Practice Day- assessment and reporting. Students not required at school.

November.

- **7th** - Melbourne Cup day - No School
- **9-10th** - Camp for Duke of Ed.
- **21st** - Art Celebration Secondary.
- **22nd** - Art Celebration Primary
- **30th** - Duke of Ed Presentation

December.

- **1st** - Primary Graduation
- **4th** - 13th Primary Swimming
- **8th** - Graduation
- **14th** - Celebration Day
- Final Assembly
- Family Picnic
- **15th** - Swimming - Primary



Save The Date!

Our Arts Celebration is on again. See pages 5 & 9 for full details.



The Arts SECONDARY Celebration

Performing Arts
Performances on
Tues 21 Nov
1:30 - 2:30pm



VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION (21 - 30 Nov)

Invitation for families of Secondary students enrolled in Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Extra Curricula Programs including Media, Visual and Performing Arts programs in Semester 2. Come along to see your child's creative art work and performance skills at Officer Specialist School. See participating classes below.

Secondary Visual Arts & Art Club 3.07, 4.01, 4.02, 5.01, 5.02, 6.01

Secondary Performing Arts 3.07, 5.10, 5.11, 6.01, 6.02

Secondary Extra-Curricular Media, Visual Arts, Drumming and Just Dance - Students will be provided a personal invitation.



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Contact Glynis, Performing Arts or Carolina,
Visual Arts for more information on 5943 2800.

CLASSROOM

Snapshot

Classroom 108
Carrie Alincinet



Welcome To 108

Hooray! It is the last term of the year!
All students in Room 1.08 have had a wonderful transition this year. Before the year ends, students in 1.08 have focus more on numbers. They have had opportunities to develop their counting skills by engaging in songs and stories. Some rote count from 1-5 without just by memorization or by singing rhymes and songs. Other have worked above and beyond their learning goals, which they have practised subitising. It is fun to learn about numbers because we have a variety of manipulatives that we can use!



CLASSROOM *Snapshot*

*Classroom 208
Celani Trajano*

Welcome To 208

What a year it has been! Term 4 already and we are now in the homestretch of this school year. Students from 2.08 are shining brighter than ever! They are more confident and more curious to explore their environment. With our story book "Market Day," students are engaging in imaginative play with a theme of "shopping" or "going to the market" They particularly love carrying their little baskets or pushing their tiny trolleys to shop for fruits, vegetables, bread and cakes. They apply their number and money skills as they check out their items using the cash register and pay using play money from their purses. Their joy while they are learning significant life skills is incomparable. We can't wait to be able to go to a real market or grocery store in the future!



CLASSROOM

Snapshot

Classroom 305
Sarah Hobbs



Welcome To 305

What a start to the term it has been in classroom 305! Students are working hard, individually, in small groups, and as a whole class, towards their goals in Maths and English. Students have been learning to tell the time in analogue and digital form, and further explore place value using MAB blocks and addition. In English we have seen improvements in handwriting, sentence structure, spelling and sequencing. On Mondays, 305 work towards their speaking and listening and social awareness goals through structured Show and Tell sessions. Students are encouraged to bring an item or picture to school that is of interest to them, whilst "audience members" learn how to actively listen to their peers and ask on-topic questions. This term, class 305 have continued to explore our therapy spaces with the assistance of our therapy staff. We have practiced using these spaces co-operatively and in a safe manner so that we can optimise our experience. Well done, 305!





Performing Arts

Secondary Performing Arts.

By: Glynis

Secondary students attending this semester's Performing Arts sessions, are busy each week, learning the signs and words to 'Welcome to Country' and 'Advance Australia Fair'. They are recalling the words to the Officer Specialist School jingle, and they are all helping to create the Officer Specialist School Values, Rap song. All classes are busy practising their classroom item and trying on their costumes, to present at the Arts Celebration. This is the day we invite parents, friends and families to visit our school on Tuesday the 21st of November, to view the secondary Performing Arts students in Rooms 3.07, 5.10, 5.11, 601 and 602 perform to a live audience. Please keep the date free, as we will be all looking forward to seeing you there.

The Arts PRIMARY Celebration



Performing Art
Performances on
Wed 22 November
12 - 1pm



VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION (21 - 30 Nov)

Invitation for families of Primary students enrolled in Performing Arts and Visual Arts in Semester 2. Come along to see your child's creative art work and performance skills at Officer Specialist School. See participating classes below.

Primary Visual Arts 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 1.06, 1.07, 1.08, 2.02, 2.03, 2.04, 2.06, 2.08, 3.06, 4.03, 4.07, 4.08
Primary Art Club
Primary Performing Arts 2.01, 2.02, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.05, 3.08, 4.08, 5.05, 5.06



Contact Glynis, Performing Arts or Carolina,
Visual Arts for more information on 5943 2800.

CLASSROOM

Snapshot

Classroom 506
Marian Mikhl

Welcome To 506

Welcome to our final term for 2023. I hope you all had a restful holiday break with your families. We cannot quite believe but we are in term 4 with only a few weeks left of the 2023 school year. This term will be jam packed with many learning opportunities and experiences. Students in 5.06 will continue to practise and develop their comprehension skills including identifying key ideas and information, inferencing and summarising. These skills are essential not only in the classroom but also in various aspects of their academic pursuits. In writing, students will continue to write a recount from a learning experience. Our focus is to incorporate connectives into writing such as the, and, next. As a class, we had many discussions on how to make our stories more interesting to the reader. In the first couple of weeks of term, students have been revising concepts previously taught such as place value, double digit addition, reading time as well as counting money. They will then move onto developing their understanding of connections between subtraction and addition. In social skills, students will continue to develop their understanding of their emotions as well as of others. They are provided with opportunities for open communication and discussions about emotions, strategies for managing and regulating emotions in various situations. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate students of 5.06 for their outstanding efforts and dedication throughout the year. Also, a big thank you to all parents and carers for their continued support.



THERAPY Corner



At Home Fine Motor Activities..

- Play with playdough or exercise putty- knead, squeeze, roll, cut out using cutters, roll into balls or snakes, and squeeze playdough through a garlic crusher.
- Make small balls from Blu-Tak and then squash the balls between your thumb and index finger. Repeat with thumb and middle finger, and then with thumb, index, and middle finger all together.
- Coloring activities- Think outside the box. For example, trace around your child's body on a large piece of paper or outside with chalk and get your child to draw and colour in all their features and clothing.
- Trace around hands and feet.
- Threading activities- There are many things around the house that you can thread e.g. pasta, pegs, paper clips, cut-up pieces of straw.
- Tong and tweezer play- pick up small toys or objects (beads, Smarties, cotton wool balls) with a pair of tongs and run to place them in a container. Time your child and see if they can go quicker next time.
- Play with pegs- Place on containers, hang up dolls' clothes, use them for construction etc.



- Find hidden objects in sand, rice, or lentils (great for kids who enjoy tactile sensory experiences). Make this harder by getting the child to use tongs or tweezers to retrieve the hidden item.
- Encourage your child to do activities on a vertical surface. This helps develop and strengthen your child's arms, hands, and fingers. For example, encourage your child to draw on a whiteboard, color in at an easel, stick magnetic letters to the fridge, or put stickers on a piece of paper taped to the wall.
- Use an eyedropper to create a painting. Just use water and food coloring.



Artwork Unveiling

COMELY BANKS PAVILION, OFFICER

You're invited to attend the unveiling of the new Comely Banks Pavilion mural on Saturday 28 October from 11am-1pm.

Cardinia Shire Council is inviting residents, local sporting clubs, schools, and community groups to attend the community opening of the mural at Comely Banks Reserve, 125 Bridge Rd, Officer.

The community day will include:

- The community unveiling of the artwork
- Sausage sizzle
- Family-friendly games
- Painting workshop.

Commissioned by local arts organisation, Melbourne's Murals, the new public artwork is painted on the exterior of the pavilion and highlights diverse representation and inclusivity in sport. Extensive community consultation was completed as part of this project.

In November 2022, Council put out an expression of interest (EOI) seeking a suitable artist or arts group to deliver a public artwork for the Comely Banks Pavilion.

A selection panel reviewed the applications and narrowed it down to two groups, who then presented their developed concepts. In July 2023, the community were invited to meet the artists and have their say on the colours, representation, and the sports included in the mural.

Melbourne's Murals received an overwhelming response at the pop-up event and from the online survey. The community feedback then informed the final design which included edits showing the inclusion of a sports star with disability, colour scheme adjustments, and a representation of more diverse genders in the characters.

This design was then approved by the project team and endorsed by Council, and the installation of the mural was completed in September 2023.

For more information on the
Comely Banks mural and community event:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Contact Council's Arts and Creative

Industries team on 1300 787 624

email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au



Cardinia



CALLING ALL PROFESSIONALS, BLOGGERS & INFLUENCERS!



OCTOBER 25, 2023

**Private viewing of our facility before
we open to the public!**

**Come see what we have to offer, room for rent,
multipurpose room, leave your brochures/cards
for our resource wall.**

Meet the owners and more!

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VIC, AUSTRALIA 3978**



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GRAND OPENING!

Saturday, October 28th | 10am - 5pm

Enjoy full access to all of our specially designed sensory equipment within a safe, nurturing, and fun environment! Our gyms are designed to foster learning, exploration, and inclusive sensory-safe experiences for children of ALL abilities!



@WRTSBerwick

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\$25 per child

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