Calendar dates

OCTOBER
Wednesday 18th Gr 6 transition session 7-8.15
Tambo Campus
Thursday 19th Small kinder transition group visits.
Monday 23rd Reading circle – 9.45 in school library
Tuesday 24th Parent info session on writing 5pm.
Wednesday 25th Arena drama workshop EC
Friday 27th Gr 6’s to Swifts Creek – Tambo Campus

Combined Schools Day in Omeo EC Saturday 28th CFA bushfire awareness Day –
community event

Weekly: Wednesday: School banking-
Fridays: 8.45am Assembly

Every Day at School counts

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Lucy Adams for today 18th and
Connor Russell-Navratil for the 19th October.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next Wednesday the senior class will be having a
different type of day. They will be participating in a
drama workshop run by the Arena Theatre
Company. The children will work with artists across
the day and present their work at the end of the day
from 2.15. Please join us if you can. There is more
information included in the newsletter.

Next week is very busy with something extra on for
four of the five days. Please be kind to teachers as
all of this takes head space, flexibility and
preparation above normal levels.

Thank you to parents for helping the children have
clean neat uniform and we have 100% with hats.

Grade 6 parents received an invitation last term to
an information evening on tonight Wednesday 18th
from 7-8.15pm in the Tambo Campus Library.

Attached with the newsletter today is some
information regarding Children’s Week activities
from 21- 29 Oct. If you are in Bairnsdale on Saturday
21st there are some great opportunities for the
children.

Cheers Trish

Student of the Week

The junior room congratulates:  
Jakob Ridley
For getting highest Class Dojo points on Monday
and showing respect to the visiting Kinder kids
and remembering all the rules around school.
Thanks Jakob for being so welcoming to our
visitors!

The senior room congratulates:
Adam Smith
For always trying your best during all classroom
activities and being a friendly and caring class
member.

School information and news

Bushfire at Risk Register – BARR Information
Omeo Primary School is included on the 17-18
Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR) which means Omeo
Primary School will be required to close as a
precautionary measure on days determined to be
Code Red by the Emergency Management
Commissioner.
Parents please be aware that in the case of a code red day the school will not be open. It is important to note all bus routes co-ordinated by Swifts Creek School will not operate on these days. You will be informed should this need to occur.

**ABSENCE NOTES:** Please ensure you provide a note which clearly states the date your child was away and the reason. This information fulfils the legal obligation we have in monitoring attendance and assists us to code the absence correctly.

**GRADE 3/4 CAMP:**
Thankyou to those children and parents who have so quickly returned the camp information. A brief note will be coming home regards proposed changes to bus times to and from the camp. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to call.

**UNIFORM:** Martine Plowman who looks after our uniform shop will make herself available at around 10.45 on the 23rd November to open the uniform shop for parents of our prospective preps to purchase or make an order for school uniform for 2018.

**SCHOOL BANK DETAILS**
CBA- Bairnsdale
Account No. 10006685 BSB: 063-857

Please mark your transaction with family name and what it is for: Eg: Shepherd2Camp
A phone call or note is also helpful.

**HeadLice.** Please remember to check weekly and treat as required, as this is the best way to control any infestation.

**Reading Tips**
What happens before school matters to your child.

What children know before they enter school is strongly related to how easily they learn to read. Three predictors of reading achievement are:
- The ability to recognize and name letters of the alphabet
- General knowledge about print (eg, which is the front of the book, which is the back and how to turn the pages)
- Awareness of phonemes (the sounds in words)

Reading aloud together builds these knowledge and skills. As a result, reading aloud with children is the single most important activity for parents and caregivers to do to prepare children to learn to read.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** What wonderful initiative and leadership has been shown by Caitlyn Jones and Bonnie Orchard in taking responsibility for breakfast club- they spent time in setting up tables for breakfast and are working on surveying students and writing menus. A wonderful job so students, support them and have a yummy breakfast at school.

**BEST WISHES TO GEMMA:** This morning we recognised Gemma’s upcoming marriage to Tom King and wished her all the best. The students presented Gemma with a booklet and flowers. All the best Gemma and Tom –we hope the day shines bright for you on your special day.
**Prep One Two News**

We welcome the kinder kids to our class this week for the start of the transition program. Our class have been very good at showing the new kids how things are done at school. We are also learning about different countries including South Korea where the Winter Olympics will be held next February.

**Literacy Focus**
This week we are reading The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss and continuing to look at rhyming words and patterns where the ending word on the 2nd and 4th lines of a verse rhyme. We are also putting together spelling word lists for the year 1s and 2s to practise and do spelling activities.

**Maths Focus**
In Maths we are practising to count by 3s as well as counting by 5s. We have also been practising recall out 10 and 20 facts so we can get better times on speedy maths.

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**3/4/5/6 Classroom News**

This week we have a class goal of working quietly. This is important for each student to remember and practise when being a part of a learning community as one loud and disruptive student can influence the learning of all students and teachers in the classroom. We are trying to be more mindful of how our actions affect others. This week we have also commenced having student chair our Morning Meetings, well done to Brooke and Lucy who have done a fantastic job planning the meetings this week.

**Literacy**
We have been listening to lots of different stories using the Epic! Computer program during Daily 5 and as a whole the class has listened to over 150 books so far! We have worked on a page for a special book for Gemma who is getting married soon, including some ideas for how to have a happy marriage, names for future children and house designs. We have also commenced a new Look Say Name Cover Write Check (LSNCWC) process this term, which involves students choosing eight words from a list based on a particular spelling strategy or pattern that they require improvement on.

**Maths**
Students have worked hard to develop their understanding of what the mean, median and mode of a set of numbers is and have been applying this knowledge in a range of problem solving activities. Yesterday they were responsible for planning a quick lesson to teach the visiting Year 2 students about the three M’s.

**Recognition**
Well done to Lucy who has reached 200 nights of home reading. Bonnie and Brooke who have now read for more than 175 nights.

The six students who completed the Denmark project for the CWA International Day did a fantastic job working independently to research Denmark and prepare a project and presentation. The members of the CWA were very impressed with their work, especially Brylee’s project which was awarded as the joint winner with Zoe from Swifts Creek. The students then enjoyed a delicious Danish lunch as a reward for their hard work.

Congratulations to Brooke who displayed **Persistence and Inclusion** when completing her project on Denmark for the CWA International Day. Not only did Brooke persist in competing her own project she was also spotted by Tyrah to be helping Lucy complete her project also. Thanks to Tyrah, Bonnie and Colten who each nominated a student for displaying a school value this week, you are all bucket fillers!
PRESENTATIONS TO CWA BY STUDENTS ON DENMARK

Mrs Grinter read a story from a Hans Christian Andersen book that her father owned from 1906.

Mr Bruce Commins talks about his time living in Denmark 40 years ago,

Brylee presenting

Students ate a delicious Danish lunch.

Homework

This term we have decided to complete our new LSNCWC at school so students are only required to complete Maths Mate Sheet 2 Term 4 and their reading log for homework this week.

Mrs Freestone & Mr A

TERM FOUR ACTIVITIES

HOMEWORK GROUP: Mrs Freestone will be opening the Flex Space on Thursday Mornings from 8:00-8:30

Omeo Kinder Gym 2017

Join in with Kinder Gym, held every Thursday from Reserve (in the room underneath the Grandstand). This is for children aged 0 – 5 years and is run by Omeo District Health. For more info phone: Emma at 5159 0100.

Reading Circles 2017

Reading Circles will be held each month at Omeo Primary School library.

Omeo – Monday 23rd October – 9.45 a.m. Omeo - Monday 13th November – 9.45 a.m.

Omeo - Monday 4th December – 9.45 a.m.

If you are a parent, grandparent or friend of a child aged from 0 to 6 years, then come along and join in the fun. Morning tea is provided.

For more information ph: Rowena Turner, SAH Co-ordinator Ph 51594323.

Art room request; The children would love to do some woodwork, hammering, sawing etc. If you have any pine offcuts that we could have for this it would be very much appreciated.

Trish
Secret Schoolyard Workshop

**Dates:** October 25 2017  
**Times:** 9:30am – 3pm (or end of school day)  
**Outline:** Through the Secret Schoolyard Workshop Arena artists work with students to find ‘hidden’ creatures throughout their school, develop their characters and live animate them for the whole school to see.

Arena artists will work with students to identify places within the school that are significant to students. These hotspots may be chosen as they have stories or memories attached to them or because of their physical features.

Students will then work in small groups to develop characters born out of these places. Students will use photography, visual art, storytelling and drama activities to create the face and personality of their creature. In creating these characters students reflect on their school and community and develop an understanding of what is important to them in their school and environment.

Arena artists will then animate the creatures using new live animation technology. Students will then learn to ‘puppet’ these characters, giving both movement and voice to the digital character. The day will culminate in a performance for the whole school community with students introducing their characters to the audience.

**You’re invited**  
Parents and community members are invited to join us Wed 25th Oct from 2.15 for the presentation of the days learning.
PFC CATERING EVENT

PFC have been invited to cater for the CFA bushfire awareness Day at Omeo Rec. Reserve

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER

This is a guaranteed profitable fundraiser to put money directly into making our school better for all.

We are required to provide morning tea and lunch for a minimum of 40 people.

Please return the slip below, circling what you would prefer to contribute. Kids are welcome and older ones can assist with serving and help with dishes afterwards if they would like to be involved.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE ALL FAMILIES GETTING ON BOARD TO SHARE THE LOAD AND EXPENSE. IT WILL SAVE YOU MONEY IN THE LONG RUN AS THESE FUNDS SUBSIDISE THINGS LIKE THE SWIMMING PROGRAM, CAMPS & EXCURSIONS.

FAMILY NAME: .................................................................

I will bake a cake or slice for morning tea

I will make a salad for lunch

I will make a quiche for lunch

I will make a fruit platter

I will help out on the day between 10am – 2pm

A great opportunity to have the kids involved (serving food, general helping etc) supporting the community and PFC

I cannot do any of the above so have enclosed a monetary donation towards the cold meat platters.
Reading Circle—Schools as Hubs

Celebrate Children’s Week.

We are going on a Bear Hunt!
Around the school playground.

Morning tea provided
Everyone Welcome
For pre-school families

Omeo Primary School Library
Time: 9.45-10.30 AM
When: Monday 23rd October 2017

Come along, enjoy and share the simple pleasure & lifelong educational benefits of reading aloud to our children.

Contact:
Schools as Hubs Coordinator
Rowena Turner: 5159 4323
Omeo Primary School: 5159 1313