**DATES TO REMEMBER!!!**

**JUNE**

- Friday 26th: Last Day of Term 2
  2:30pm finish

**JULY**

- Mon 13th: Term 3 commences
- Mon 13th: Official opening of the new playground.
- Fri 17th: Breakfast Club
- Wed 22nd: OPS Cross Country Trials
  Casey Fields

**AUGUST**

- Mon 27th: PFA Meeting

**SEPTEMBER**

- Tue 18th: Edwin Flack District Athletics
  Casey Fields
- Tuesday 25th: Fathers’ Day Breakfast
- Wed 26th - Prep – Grade 6

**OCTOBER**

- Sunday 11th: Family Photos - PFA

**TERM DATES FOR 2015**

- Term 3 – Monday 13th July – 18th September
- Term 4 – Monday 5th Oct. - 18th December

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**From the Principal**

**Mid-year Break**

A reminder, school finishes at 2:30pm this Friday 26th June. Term 2 has been a busy and very productive term. We wish all of our families a relaxing and enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready to learn at the beginning of Term 3 on Monday 13th July.

**Student-led Conferences and Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Last week the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students had their Student-led Conferences. The feedback from parents, students and teachers is that our students did a great job overall as they took on a greater degree of responsibility in monitoring and reflecting on their learning during Semester One. This week our Grade Prep, 1, 2 and 3 students have had their Parent-Teacher Interviews. Well done to our staff for their great work this semester in leading the learning of our students.

**Southern Metropolitan Cross Country Trials**

Well done to our students who participated recently in the Southern Metropolitan Cross Country Trials, it is a huge effort to make it through to this level of competition. Congratulations to Jamilee-Lee Code, who won her division and will now compete in the Victorian Championships.

**New Playground Area**

We expect the new playground to be ready for use when we return at the start of Term 3. There will be a range of different spaces in the playground including the pirate ship, sand pit, undercover chess tables, amphitheatre, mini trampolines, mini pebble pit, watercourse and telephone pipe. We are planning to have the official opening by our recently retired Prep teacher Jenny Robinson in front of our Prep students, Prep staff and families following Assembly on the first Monday back.

**Supervision Before School**

A reminder that teacher supervision out in our playground starts at 8:45am and students who arrive at school earlier than this are not supervised by school staff. If students need to be at school earlier than this, we strongly recommend they are booked into the Before School Care program run by Camp Australia in our BASC Building. Phone number 1300 105 343.

**Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund**

Families with a Health Care Card can apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund by completing an application form and returning this to the office by the end of Term 2. The form is attached to the Newsletter or you can download a form from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

**Wes Holloway**
CAMP AUSTRALIA

Were getting ready for Fun these school holidays, are you?
With the school holidays just around the corner, we are busy preparing for the upcoming holiday program!
Come along to join in all the fun

For more details on the program and to book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs
Or call our friendly customer service team on 0452 247 965 / 1300 105 343

Term 3 Incursions at Oatlands

During Term 3 we will have our Health based bi-annual visit from the Life Education Van.
The Life Education mobile classroom provides age appropriate sessions covering a wide range of drug and health related topics. Healthy Harold, the much loved Life Ed giraffe mascot, helps make the sessions fun and interactive.
The Life Education Van will be here at Oatlands from Wednesday August 26th till Friday September 11th. Every grade will be timetabled to attend a session. The cost for each child to attend is $9.00. A parent information session will also be held for interested parents.

The second incursion has a Forensic Science Interactive workshop, and caters for students in grades 3 - 6.
This Science Incursion will be conducted over two days, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th of September. Each grade will be timetabled for a 75 min session and to attend will cost each child $5.00.

Both incursions are highly recommended and have been heavily subsidised by the school. We encourage parents to plan for their costs.

ART ROOM

The Art Room would really appreciate any:
Ice cream, large yoghurt or margarine containers
Green or brown fabric in any size (the larger the better)
Thank you.

Breakfast Club

The PFA will be introducing a Breakfast Club every Friday morning starting from Friday 17th of July.
The sessions will be from 8:20am to 8:45am in the gym kitchen.
Toast and Milo will be provided at no cost. Children who attend have to sign in and once they have signed in they won’t be able to leave until 8:45am.
The Good Guys have kindly donated a toaster and Coles Fountain Gate have donated a gift card.
If you would like to donate milo, vegemite, longlife milk or bread please email the PFA.
If you have any further questions please email pfa@oatlandsps.vic.edu.au
Kind Regards
PFA Committee
Have a good day.
Jess Ward

2015 School Fees

Our school fees for 2015 have been confirmed at $160 by School Council. This may be paid up front by Friday 27th February or in three instalments of $80 by the end of Term 1, $40 by the end of Term 2 and $40 by the end of Term 3.

BELEZA HALLAM SUPERSTORE

TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS

Sat 27th June 10am – 1pm
Mon 29th – 3rd July 10am – 4 pm
Sat 4th July 10am – 1pm
Resuming normal trading hours from 6th July
9:00am – 5:00pm weekdays
9:00 – 1:00 Saturdays

Fathers’ Day Breakfast

The Fathers’ Day Breakfast has been scheduled for Tuesday August 25th, 2015. For the new dads to Oatlands this is one of our school’s highlight days where you can listen to a motivational and informative presentation, have a bite to eat but most importantly interact with your child at school.
The guest speaker will be announced early Term 3. Let your boss know that you’ll be in late that day or put in for an RDO.

Prep enrolment 2016

Already we have over 160 enrolments for Prep 2016. Please see reception for an enrolment form asap.
JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL 2015

The Oatlands PS Junior School Council provides students with opportunities to develop their leadership skills and have an input into their school. Students from Year 3 to Year 5 are elected by their peers. The School Captains, from Grade 6, also form part of the JSC. The Junior School Council meets regularly throughout the year and is chaired by a classroom teacher, with input from the students themselves.

Responsibilities of our JSC members include:

- Performing a range of fundraising and awareness activities for both the school and various charities, including an annual fundraiser for Guide Dogs Victoria.
- Consulting with their grade level and raising items for discussion at JSC meetings.
- Providing feedback to their grade level about issues discussed and decisions made at each JSC meeting.
- Presenting JSC meeting minutes at the monthly School Council meeting.
- Making suggestions and/or undertaking minor improvements to school facilities or grounds
- Assisting School Leaders as required, for instance on Fete Day or whole school events.

Oatlands PS Junior School Council members for 2015 are:

Grade 3 - Africa Matusik and Ebaad Syed

Grade 4 - Josh Carns, Jess Halmos, James Rowe, Charlotte Coad

Grade 5 - Roya Qayum and Omid Fazli

School Captains - Baron Grant and Esha Vashisht
UNIFORM POLICY

Oatlands Primary School Council has determined that the wearing of school uniform will be compulsory for students at Oatlands Primary School.

The wearing of school uniform will promote safety, a sense of pride, school spirit, equality amongst students and identity in the school.

The Oatlands School Uniform is available at Beleza Uniform Shop in Hallam. To ensure equality and uniformity across the school, any garments in school colours purchased from local retail stores must be in the same style as the uniforms supplied by Beleza.

The official school uniform consists of:

- light blue or navy polo shirts or skivvies (short and long sleeved)
- maroon track pants, waisted trousers/slacks or shorts
- maroon fleecy track tops or studded cardigans
- maroon, blue and white checked summer dress
- maroon culottes or maroon check winter pinafore
- three toned baseball jacket
- navy blue, maroon and light blue rugby top (grade 6 students only).

Maroon bike shorts may only be worn under dresses.
Maroon or navy tights, footless tights or leggings may be worn under the school dress.

A legionnaire or wide brimmed hat must be worn each day during Terms 1 and 4. A ‘No hat, No play’ rule will be enforced during this period. (It is recommended that a hat is worn all year round when outside). During Terms 2 and 3 plain navy or maroon beanies are optional school uniform.

Students are required to wear school uniform on excursions as a matter of safety and ease of identification. Students may be excluded from participating in excursions or representing the school in the community if they are not wearing school uniform.

Parents are encouraged to clearly name their child’s clothing.

The following are not acceptable as school uniform:

- tops with hoods, brand names, prints or designs
- navy shorts or tracksuit pants
- jeans
- netball skirts and basketball shorts.

The following are determined to be inappropriate dress for Oatlands Primary School students:

- thongs
- nail polish, make up
- coloured zinc cream
- open toed, open heeled sandals
- excessive jewellery.

Dyed hair other than natural colours is not permitted.

Failure to comply with this policy will incur disciplinary action.
SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following students who represented Oatlands in the Southern Metropolitan Cross Country Competition held on Monday the 15th of June at Ballam Park:

Koby DeSantis
Ebony Code
J’Lee Code
Harvey Anderson
Delaney Brown
Panchali Liyanage

All of our students did an amazing job competing against such talented cross country runners from around our region and we are very proud of their efforts and also of the manner in which that they represented our school. Great job guys!!

A special congratulations to J’Lee Code who finished 4th and who has now been selected to compete at the State Cross Country Championships on July 16th at Bundoora. Good luck J’Lee, we look forward to your future achievements later this term.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE OATLANDS COMMUNITY FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH OUR OATATHON. WE WILL HAVE A FINAL TALLY AND ANNOUNCE THE WINNING GRADE AND INDIVIDUALS ON MONDAY 13th of July.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3.

Wednesday 22nd July. Oatlands Cross Country Trials at Casey Fields.

Tuesday 18th August. Edwin Flack District Athletics at Casey Fields.

Tuesday 15th September. Casey North Athletics at Casey Fields.
CSEF Application Form

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname
First name
Address
Town/suburb State Postcode
Contact number

Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card OR Health Care Card number (CRN)

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner

* Foster Parents must provide a letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or the Community Service Organisation supervising the placement confirming the care arrangement.

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, relate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• the department will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
• this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.
• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
• if I withdraw my consent or do not provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
• some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant __________________________ Date __ / __ / __
Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.

We're bringing the exciting news that an intergalactic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes.

- 75 x iPad mini 16GB
- 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solos
- 200 x $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

Help the Dollarmites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win

To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning a prize. (Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning).

Win books for your school library

We're also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 sets of children's books for their school library, valued at $200.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/prizeportal
PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE
Instrumental Music Lessons – Small Group And Private Lessons

Keyboard And Guitar Lessons At Your School

- Enrol TODAY – via PMI’s website OR enrolment forms available from the school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only $13.50 per child per small group lesson (typically 3-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available ($32.50 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via “PMI Stars” program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child’s school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available for next term so please enrol ASAP (timetables are prepared during the holidays)

Online Ordering is Here!

Our school has now introduced a great new online ordering system for Canteen called FlexiSchools. This system allows parents, students and staff to place orders from home, work or school at any time. The payment is also done online, so less paper bags, cash, cheques, and envelopes are sent via your student to school. As well as being convenient for parents, the online orders are much faster and easier for the school coordinator to process - so it makes everyone’s life a little easier. FlexiSchools is well established and tested, operating in hundreds of schools across Australia.

Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click “Register Now”. You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, FlexiSchools provide a great help desk on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website.

There are a variety of payment options supported, including Visa, Mastercard (credit and debit) and Bank Transfer. The system operates via a pre-paid account, so you no longer have to worry about the manual process of sending payments into school, and you can easily budget your students spending and expenses throughout the year.

The system is now available, so we look forward to seeing your next order online!

If you have any questions about the online services we are introducing, please contact me for more information.

Parent help in the canteen will still be required with this system and is much appreciated for those that can donate their time.

Looking forward to a much more efficient service Oatlands Primary School can offer families.

Regards

Rosemary McClintock
Canteen Manager
SAVE TIME, ORDER ONLINE!

We now have a great new online system to make the ordering of lunches easier and more convenient.

- Order at a time convenient to you
  - in the morning, night before, or weeks in advance!
- No searching for cash required
  - It’s already paid online!
- Teach students healthy eating in a fun way
- Order from home or work

It’s so easy!

2) Click “Register Now” to create account
3) Top-up your balance
4) Start ordering immediately

To view a demonstration
Go to the [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) website and in the “Find Your School” box, enter a few letters from our school name and click the name when it appears below.

What Does it Cost?
The online menu is the same price as the usual menu. However, there is a small fee for the online orders to help pay for the labels and the website system. So why not order your next lunch online!

What payment methods can I use?
FlexiSchools accepts payment via Visa, Mastercard, and Bank Transfer. To perform a bank transfer to your FlexiSchools account, click ‘Topup Account’ when logged into the FlexiSchools website and select ‘Bank Transfer’; you will be given your unique EFT code. You can then make a transfer via your bank’s internet facility or at your branch.