Welcome Back
Welcome back to Oatlands Primary School for the 2015 school year. I hope that you had the chance to have a restful and enjoyable break over the Christmas and New Year period. Welcome to all of our new students also, those who have started Prep this year and new students from Grades 1 to 6. Our Prep students have had a very good start to their schooling, with students settling into learning straight away.

New and Returning Staff
A very warm welcome also to our eleven new and returning staff: Catherine McBride (Prep CM), Abbey de Jong (1AD), Melissa Osborne (1MO), Jessica Sutherland (1JS), Stasi Moutzouris (3AM), Hannah Roche (3HR), Amanda Biemans (3MB), Tania Nichols (4TN), Domine Paterno (Info Lit), Kara Ellis (PE) and Maree Leathem (ES).

The Start of the School Year
It was great to see how settled our students were on our first day of school, with students focused on learning from the beginning. At Oatlands we receive so many positive comments about the manners, positive behaviour and friendliness of our students, which is a credit to both parents and staff.

Communication Between Home and School
This year will be a very exciting year at Oatlands Primary School. We are continuing to develop our school into the best school that we can be. An important aspect of this is our strong foundation based on two-way communication between home and school. We have a number of organized opportunities where communication takes place (e.g. Parent-Teacher Interviews, Newsletters, Web Site) and we are very keen to hear from you any time.

New Landscaped Area
Our new landscape development is well underway and we expect this to be finished before the start of Term 2. This design will include a themed playground, amphitheater, covered chess tables and other themed play areas. The new playground is for all of our students, our preps will use it during recess and lunch (along with their buddies at times) and classes across our school will use it during other parts of the school day.

2015 School Photos
One of the first whole school events that we have coming up this year is our school photos, which will be on Wednesday 18th February.

Wes Holloway
Principal

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DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

**FEBRUARY**
- Wed. 11th: Oatlands Swimming Trials
  Noble Park Aquatic Centre
  9 Memorial Drive, Noble Park
- Wed. 18th: School Pix Photos
- Mon 23rd: Getting to Know You Interviews
- Tuesday 24th: Getting to Know You Interviews
- Monday 23rd: Edwin Flack District Swimming Trials
  Peninsular Aquatic Recreational Centre
  16 N Cranbourne Rd, Frankston

**MARCH**
- Monday 9th: Labour Day Holiday
- Wed. 11th: Casey North Division Trials
  Noble Park Aquatic Centre
  9 Memorial Drive, Noble Park
- Friday 13th: Curriculum Day: No students at school

**APRIL**
- Sat 18th: 2016 Prep Info Morning
  10.00am

**TERM DATES FOR 2015**
- Term 1 – Thursday 29th Jan. – 27th March
- Term 2 – Monday 13th April - 26th June
- Term 3 – Monday 13th July – 18th September
- Term 4 – Monday 5th Oct. - 18th December

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SPECIAL DRAW

The families who have fully paid their 2015 fees by the last day of Term One 2015 (Friday 27th March) will be eligible for a special draw which will take place at assembly in Week 2 Term 2.

The prize will be the refund in full of your 2015 school fees.

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CURRICULUM DAY 2015

Our school will be conducting a Curriculum Day on Friday 13th March.

On the day no students will be required at school.
School Banking
School Banking resumes next Monday 9th Feb.
Please bring in bank books on Friday ready for Monday processing.

Photographers from School Pix will be at Oatlands on Wednesday 18th Feb. 2015 to take individual, class and family photographs.
School Pix order forms have been sent home to each student.
If you have received the incorrect form please return it to your classroom teacher.
Sibling Portrait order forms are available from the office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION-SCHOOL KIDS BONUS 2015/16
Schoolkids Bonus will be paid to eligible families and students in January 2015. Families and students who receive fortnightly payments from Centrelink will be paid the first payment of the Schoolkids Bonus of $211.00 (primary student) around 3rd - 17th January 2015.
Some families, particularly those starting in their Foundation Year, (Preps), may need to update their children’s education details with Centrelink to ensure they receive a payment. If you need to update your child’s details you can do this by using your Centrelink online account. You will need your Customer Reference Number to do this.
School Kids Bonus is paid directly into families bank accounts to assist with the costs of educating their children. This payment is specifically to be used for student educational expenses, such as: sport, excursions and camps, stationery, uniforms and fees.
EMA - Educational Maintenance Allowance - is not available in 2015

2015 School Fees
Our school fees for next year 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.

PMI MUSIC LESSONS
Please note forms have been sent home for keyboard and guitar lessons. Please return to the office asap. For queries please see Miss Jamieson.

HATS!
As part of our Sun Smart Policy, all students will need to be wearing a hat during recess, lunch and outdoor activities during Term 1. The best type of hat is one which shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck.

Parking
No parents should be entering the staff car park to drop off or collect their children from school.
Also please obey the “No Parking” signs in the streets around the school. We have had a number of complaints from neighbours.

Medications
Please note: A Department of Education form states ‘wherever possible medication should be scheduled outside of school hours eg: medication required 3 times per day is generally not required during a school day: it can be taken before and after school and before bed’. So it is preferred that students do not bring medications to school.

CANTEEN NEWS
OPENING DATE
The first day for Counters Sales and Lunch Orders will be Friday 6th February, 2015

EFTPOS – Minimum of $15.00 for transactions
2015 CANTEEN MENU - THE CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS AND COUNTER SALES

TO ORDER LUNCH: ON A BROWN PAPER BAG OR REUSABLE ORDER BAG
- WRITE NAME & GRADE
- ITEMS ORDERED
- PRICES & AMOUNT ENCLOSED
- PLEASE DO NOT USE STICKY TAPE OR STAPLES

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| SOY SAUCE               | .20C           |
| PAPER BAG               | .10C           |
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5th February, 2015

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Primary Music Institute

Instrumental Music Program At Your School

Primary Music Institute (PMI) provides small group and private instrumental music lessons at your school for **keyboard and guitar (new)**.

**Enrol Now**

To enrol now please visit our website (www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au). If you have a paper enrolment form you can either enrol online or return to the school.

**The PMI Approach**

- Lessons are held on school campus – with exact lesson days and times confirmed on an individual student basis depending on availability and school preferences
- Structured learning objectives and student development plans – provided as part of the PMI Stars program
  - Outlines a student learning plan for all program participants
  - Each level passed by completing activities across theory, aural and sight reading, scales and performance
- Parental engagement and visibility of student progress – including via open lesson days, progress reports (as part of the PMI Stars program), recitals, school performances, etc.
- Unique curriculum – developed with the input of a panel of musical and education experts
- Continual innovation – led by new Program Directors since mid 2013
- Quality teaching – stringent selection criteria, safety certification, ongoing curriculum development and teacher coaching

**Contact Us**

For more information about any of the PMI programs please have a look at our website and to receive any further information please contact our Parent Support Team at admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au or call on 1300 362 824.
‘Skills For Life’

SEVEN PRACTICAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

‘Everyday Finances’
Want to stretch your income further? The tips given in this better money management workshop can help you.
Presented by: Lisa Hansen; Casey North CSS.
Thursday 19th February 2015, 7.30 p.m.

‘The Young & Restless’
Working towards a better relationship with your young person.
Presented by: Kristy Morley Windermere Child And Family Services.
Thursday 19th March 2015, 7.30 p.m.

‘Relationships & Family’
With better ‘communication’ our relationships improve. Let’s ‘keep it together’ by attending this presentation.
Presented by: Noreen O’Brien; Casey North CSS.
Thursday 16th April 2015, 7.30 p.m.

‘When A Child Is Born’
A life changing time in more ways than one.
Presented by: Shirley Floyd. Registered Midwife, and Grief Counselor.
Thursday 7th May 2015, 7.30 p.m.

‘Blkes Talk’
Real Men can do Anything … Can’t They?
Presented by: Rick Wakelin; Better Men Australia.
Thursday 21st May 2015, 7.30 p.m.

‘Life Struggles’
There is hope even when our problems seem to be insurmountable.
Presented by: Shirley Floyd. Registered Midwife, and Grief Counselor.
Thursday 4th June 2015, 7.30 p.m.

‘Understanding Dementia’
Understanding Dementia.
Presented by: Cheryl Lyon; Alzheimer’s Australia Vic.
Thursday 18th June 2015, 7.30 p.m.

Sessions will be held at:
The ‘Community Room’
Narre Warren North Uniting Church
1-13 Main Street,
Narre Warren North.
Contact:
Trevor Ratcliffe (‘Skills For Life’ Coordinator)
0428472030
97005061
Email: narrenorth.uc@gmail.com

Discover solutions to life problems over seven informative sessions.
Presented by the following:
Casey North Community Information & Support Service:
Windermere Child And Family Services
Shirley Floyd. Registered Midwife, and Grief Counselor
Alzheimer’s Australia Vic
Better Men Australia
Narre Warren North Uniting Church