Memorial

Following on from last week’s Newsletter, plans are now well underway for the school memorial service for Caoimhe (Erin) O’Connor-Buckley. The family have suggested the lovely new cubby house be named ‘Caoimhe House’ in her honour. The cubby with an appropriate sign, together with our friendship wall, will be officially opened with the O’Connor-Buckley family also in attendance on Monday, 14th December at 3.00pm (please note change of date). Year 1 students and their families, together with other community members who wish to attend, are invited to the opening in the amphitheatre. The Year 1 students will sit with their classes whilst parents from other classes who wish to attend with their children may excuse them from their classrooms.

Backyard Project

The long awaited ‘Backyard’ is having the final touches applied in readiness for the official opening. With thanks to our Year 6 students, teachers and parents this outside developmental play area which is a legacy project for this year’s grade 6 group will be officially opened at our assembly on Monday, 7th December.

Up Day Program

As a transition experience for the students in Years Prep to 5, our students will participate in two sessions over the next fortnight where they will have an opportunity to focus on preparing them for moving up to a new grade level in 2016. Activities involve expectations of the new level, getting to know students from other classes in the same level, and answering questions to reassure students who may have concerns. They will also meet their new teacher in the last week of term.

Students Not Returning in 2016

As previously advised, could parents of students not returning in 2016 please communicate this to me in writing (preferably by email) as soon as possible as class lists will soon be developed.

Jack Fisher
Principal
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Oakleigh Shorts continued.....

**OSHC Program for the week ahead**

- **Monday:** Xmas Decorations
- **Tuesday:** Juggle Balls
- **Wednesday:** Cooking
- **Thursday:** Xmas Decorations
- **Friday:** Sport/Movie

Thankyou
Liz Crowe, Coordinator

**All outstanding accounts need to be paid before the end of Term. Thank you**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop will be closed from the 14th December until the 19th/20th January, 2016 unless by appointment.

**Students Not Returning to Oakleigh PS in 2016**

All families who know they will not be returning to the School in 2016, are asked to advise Jack directly at

fisher.jack.jr@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you

**NO PARKING—LOGIE STREET STUDENT DROP OFF ZONE**

This area is strictly reserved for parents to drop students off and to move on. You cannot park and leave your car in this area whilst you take your child/ren into school. This can be very frustrating for other parents wanting to use the area.

**OVERDUE SCHOOL FEES**

Prompt payment must be made.
Thank you.

**Term Dates 2016**

- **Term 1:** 28th January—24th March
- **Term 2:** 11th April—24th June
- **Term 3:** 11th July—16th September
- **Term 4:** 3rd October—20th December

**School Clothing**

At this time of year due to the changeable weather we collect a large number of windcheaters and jackets that are removed during lunch time and recess and forgotten. Some of these are not named. To ensure that you are not regularly replacing lost clothing, please make sure that all clothing is labelled clearly with indelible pen. Make sure that you also check that your child has brought home the right clothing. Occasionally students pick up the wrong jacket, creating a problem for the family of the correct owner of the item.

**OAKLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL CAROLS NIGHT**

Tuesday, 8th December under the OPS Shelter

From 6.15pm: BYO picnic dinner
7pm: Carols Begin

**Colouring In Competition Winner is:**

Caitlin

**2016 Enrolment forms are now available at the office or OSHC. Please return ASAP.**
But I didn’t do it

If you see online bullying, it is important to tell someone who can take action.

What’s the issue?

Sometimes it is tempting to think that if you are not the person doing something wrong, it does not matter if you ignore it. After all, it is not your fault you know about it, is it? If you know someone is lying, causing problems or getting other people into trouble you should do what you can to stop it - sometimes just a small action can prevent things getting worse.

Why does it matter?

Bullies can get away with it because of other people’s silence. According to research by the Edith Cowan University (2009), frequent school bullying is highest among Year 5 (32%) and Year 8 (29%) students. The same research found that peers are present as onlookers in 87% of bullying incidents. By knowing about it and not saying anything you are allowing it to happen.

You would want someone else to speak up for you if you were bullied.

Most people who bully online also bully offline: what might seem harmless (‘it’s just a text!’) can have a negative impact on people’s emotional and physical wellbeing, friendships and other relationships.

When more people take positive action it creates a culture where bullying (online or offline) is not acceptable and encourages people to look for attention in more positive ways.

Advice

Be an Active Bystander

If you know someone is causing problems, tell them why they should stop. If you do not feel safe to say something yourself, tell someone who can take action.

Even if the person being treated badly is not your friend they don’t deserve to be the victim of lies and pranks.

Create the sort of place you want to be in—online and offline

It is great to have friends and to look forward to talking with them at school or online - keep it fun by respecting yourself and others.

Protect your private information. Do not use passwords that are obvious (eg your favourite singer’s name) or tell even your trusted friends - some things should not be shared.

Ongoing teasing and spreading rumours are not ‘jokes’

Some people are mean to get a laugh from other people or to try to make themselves feel more interesting or important. They try to get your support by saying that they did not intend to hurt anyone’s feelings. Being a real friend is having the confidence to say when you think something they are doing is not ok, and accepting it when someone tells you that your behaviour is not ok.