

Olinda Primary School Newsletter

Calendar Continuum

April 27	May 3	May 14	May 19	May 24
Final four days of the swimming program.	Chestnut festival! Please add your name to the roster.	School Council Meeting	Open Night 5pm to 8pm	Bunnings BBQ Fundraising event! Please add your name to the roster.

Welcome Back

Welcome to Victoria Julian, our newly appointed Junior Teacher. She has settled in well and the children are very focused on their learning tasks. Victoria has identified the needs of the classroom and is reviewing and extending the classroom expectations and routines. I am looking forward to working with this enthusiastic and cheerful teacher. Already I can see the difference that has been made with how well she has transitioned the class and they are settling to task quickly. Victoria's strong dance background and experience will be incorporated into our program later in the year.

Play is the way focus

The beginning of term two has seen a whole school focus on 'good work' habits such as completing set tasks to a high standard and within the allocated time. The children are focusing on the green rule, which is to 'stepping bravely into the unknown. The unknown is often uncomfortable. The braver you are the more you will learn'. This is so true.

Student goal setting and parent teacher meetings

Student goals for this term will be set next week with the children one on one. They will be sent home by Monday the following week. The children will be tracking their goals throughout the weeks and reflecting on them. When the child has achieved the goal they will set a new goal for the term.

If you would like to have a parent teacher interview/meeting this term please contact your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time.

PSG meetings for children receiving PSD funding will be organised for week four. You will be contacted early next week to arrange a suitable time.

The official opening of the Anzac Amphitheatre

The amphitheatre is finished. I would like to thank all of those that have been involved in this process. It looks amazing and is very safe. On Friday May 1st we are having the official opening of the amphitheatre at 1:30pm followed by an afternoon tea. We would love all families to come along to this very special space in our school.



Personal Development

Play is the Way

This month our school wide Play Is The Way key concept is Red Rule.



Olinda Primary Schools Core Values

- Respect
- Curiosity
- Responsibility
- Persistence
- Resilience



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Procedures for communication

Teaching staff are on duty from 3:30 to 3:45, where we will mix and mingle and have a chat. This is a valuable time to share the day. As a staff, we all enjoy these informal chats.

Remember, if you have any concerns about your child the first point of call is directed to the classroom teacher. Please check if it is a convenient time for the teacher or please make an appointment. If it is longer than quick information sharing please organise an appointment as teaching staff have a range of responsibilities and appointments after school hours.

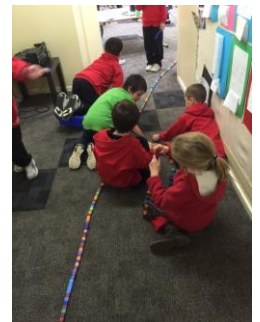
Swimming

Last week, we started our successful swimming program. There are small class sizes which means greater one on one attention. During this time we have seen children develop in confidence as well as skill. It has been the smoothest and fastest year with the children getting changed and prepared for their lessons as well. Well done to the boys who have been first every day last week to get changed.

Maths



Over the last two weeks we have focused on place value, including rounding decimals in the senior class. Friday last week we started a measurement unit. The Preps, Year 1 and 2 children discovered that it took 1781 unifix blocks from the back of the classroom to the end of the hallway using unifix blocks. There was a lot of conversation around what is the most accurate way to measure; such as they had initially laid a crooked line. They discovered when they straighten the blocks they were able to measure a longer distance.



From garden to pot to jar!



We have harvested our vegetables and have successfully made green tomato chutney, which the children will be bringing home soon.



As you can see we have loads of green tomatoes to bottle. If you have spare jars or spare time please see Cornelia.



The children also made Anzac biscuits on Friday.

Beans, silver beet, rhubarb and potatoes!



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School uniform

Please make sure that you are coming to school in full uniform. Black pants, red top and red jacket are the important elements of our uniform for girls and boys.

The girls' school dresses are to be worn with school colours under the winter dress.

Attendance

It not great to be late to school, as it interrupts not only your child's learning but others' learning. If you have a medical appointment then that is absolutely understandable. Please make every moment count for your child's education.