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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

This year has been a very successful year for us all here at Orbost Primary School. Lots of great learning has occurred, both in and out of the classroom.

At the start of term 4 this year, Marlo, Orbost North and Orbost Primary Schools, along with Orbost SC, all agreed to work even more closely together than we have previously in the Far East Gippsland Learning Alliance. This decision was taken for a number of reasons, the most important ones being to improve curriculum provision and learning outcomes for all children in the Orbost area.

Since then, the three primary schools have had a combined professional learning day and some combined staff meetings for planning and discussion. We have been moving slowly, and deliberately so, to ensure we keep people informed and on board.

A number of decisions have been made about how we will work together next year.

Combined staff/professional learning meetings – all staff across the three primary schools will meet together weekly to plan curriculum and build professional knowledge.

Curriculum provision – Marlo staff and students will attend Orbost Primary School each Wednesday to access specialist ICT and Mandarin classes as well as normal curriculum programs. Orbost Primary will provide ICT and PE at Orbost North PS on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. All schools will deliver history as part of the humanities curriculum and will focus on this as an area of development.

Sports – we have agreed to have 4 common houses across the 3 primary schools and run combined swimming, athletics and cross country sports events throughout the year. The names come from forestry blocks in the Orbost area. Students at OPS will remain in their current color house, while students from MPS and ONPS will be allocated equally across the four houses.

Ellery - green
Curlip - red
Yalmy - yellow
Jirrah - blue

Camps – each school currently runs a number of successful camps and we are aiming to build on these by using the skills and knowledge of all staff across the group. Where possible, camps and excursions will be combined and will involve staff and students from each school.

Finally, we have been looking for a name for our alliance since we began and have tried a number of options. The one we have all agreed to use at the moment is the Snowy River Education Community. This captures our geographic proximity and our purpose quite well. We all hope that this alliance brings greater learning and social opportunities to students and staff in the area and look forward to working together in 2017.

Remember that our final assembly is on this Friday in the hall at 1pm and all family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be some stunning dance moves on display so I advise you all to get in early for a good seat.

I hope that all children and families have a safe and happy Christmas and summer holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday February 1st for the start of the school year.

Tony Clark
Principal

Happy
Holidays!

“Preparing students for life long learning”

DECEMBER

16th Parents' Club BBQ lunch for Grade 6 students

Final Assembly 1.00pm

Reports given out at the end of assembly.

Normal dismissal 3.20pm

19th Clean up day. Last day for students. Dismissal at 3.20pm.

2017 JANUARY

23rd Collect Book Pack from Orbost Newsagency

25th School Office Open

FEBRUARY

1st 1st Day of School for students

Bank Day is Tuesday

Out of Hours School Care
Phone: **Kassandra on 0409 953 175**

Email orbostpsoshcc@live.com.au

School Uniform

Phone: Carolyn Vickery
on 0400 012 165
to assist with your needs

School Councillors : 2016

PARENT REPS: Susie Cutlack, David Macalister, Margot Reeve, Kirsty Herbert, Lee-Anne Robinson, Andrew Phillips and Alison Farley

STAFF REPS: Sue Legge, Lorraine Felton and Ross Mackenzie

COMMUNITY MEMBER: Tric Christy

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Tony Clark

For payment by bank direct deposit

NEW Bank details are:
ORBOST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Official Account

BANK AUSTRALIA

BSB 313 140

Account No. 1209 8415

Please list name and reason for



Orbost Christmas Eve festival Saturday 24 December 2016

Games for Primary school Kids

Lots of prizes to be won

Age groups :

Under 8, under 10 and under 12

Prizes in each age group:

First prize - \$30 voucher, Second prize - \$20 voucher, Third prize - \$10 voucher, Special awards - \$5 vouchers

All competitors in these games and the pre schoolers hat competition will also be placed in draw for vouchers to the value of \$100 (must register prior to the events at 6 pm)

Competition commences 6 pm,
Outside Orbost Pharmacy

(No entry fee)

