



OLD NOARLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal



This is our final Newsletter for 2019. We are in the last 2 weeks of Term 4 and these are often the busiest weeks of the year for our school but also for families, as a number of activities and programs wind up for the year.

We are finalising staffing and classroom teachers for 2020 and families will be advised of their child's 2020 class placement when student reports come home next Thursday. Teachers have been busy ensuring that all students are placed appropriately within the limited options of a small school.

Classes are putting the finishing touches on their Concert item which will be held on Tuesday, 10th December at 6:30pm. Families are invited to bring along a rug and a picnic to enjoy from 6pm. There will be a

limited supply of drinks – water and fruit boxes available for purchase.

The Year 6/7 Graduation will be held on Thursday, 12th December. Our senior students will enjoy a meal prior to their Graduation ceremony, which will be held in the school hall.

On the last day all students will be involved in **'Inflate The Last Day'** which is a circuit of inflatables we have arranged for them to enjoy. Please ensure that your child has sensible footwear, sunscreen, a hat and a water bottle. The School year will conclude at 2:10pm on Friday, 13th December.

School will resume on Tuesday, 28th January 2020.

This year has certainly been busy and productive and I would like to thank the staff, students, the families and community for making my first

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Everyday counts at school

It was interesting to read student reports over the past few weeks. What is always noticeable is that the students who have excellent attendance at school, perform so much better than those students who don't.

Over this term our percentage rate for our school attendance has gradually been getting lower and lower, in fact down as low as 91%.

There is a definite correlation that the most successful students at our school, who perform the best, also attend the best.

At the end of the year and with reports coming home, I ask that you look at your child's attendance and if it is less than 81 days of attendance in the last 2 terms, then they have not met our Department attendance target.

By keeping them home for minor ailments and sniffles you are doing them a huge disservice and making school much harder for them than it needs to be. Habitual non-attendance only serves to get them further and further behind, so that they can never catch up.

Make it a goal in 2020 to really ensure that you are maximising every opportunity for your child to be the best they can be, by being at school, on time, every day, because "Every day counts at school." For further information please go to:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/principals/participation/everydaycountsprimparent.pdf>

EVERY DAY COUNTS ...
A day here or there doesn't seem like much but ...

When your child misses just	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...	This means the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed ...





School success starts
with attendance

inflate the last day

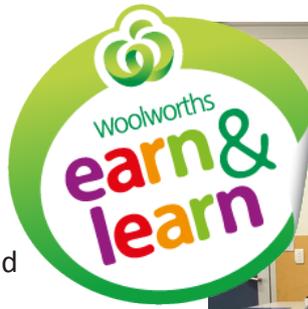
Tiki Obstacle Course
 Gladiator Rock N Roll
 C4 combo Castle
 Plus Games galore
 Iceblocks for sale

Friday 13th December

Remember your hat, sunscreen and water bottle!

Woolworths Earn and Learn

On Friday, Week 7, Chris from Woolworths dropped in to hand us our equipment from the Woolworths Earn and Learn initiative.



The SRC were on hand to get the first look at the new, STEM focused, educational equipment. The teachers look forward to having a look at how these items can be implemented in the class next year.



SRC Project

Part 1 of the SRC Project is now complete with our new and improved retaining wall established. It has been a really enjoyable process for myself and the SRC. The excitement and willingness to help has really been evident and great to see students wanting to get outside and get their hands dirty.

Students have used many of their Lunch and Recess times to clear dirt, dig holes, concrete, level and put the wood in to create our wall. This is something that for years to come students will be able to marvel at their achievements.

I would like to thank all the students involved in the SRC

with a special thanks to Shaylee, Ben, Aleisha and Kane for their extra efforts. We look forward to the next stages of this development this year and beyond!

Joe Cusano



Music

We have had some fantastic learning in the music classroom recently!

Some highlights include:

- Festival Choir offsite rehearsal, theatre rehearsal and performance at Hopgood Theatre.
- Band and Taiko groups practising and perfecting their repertoire, ready for the Music Showcase Performance in week 8.
- Room 3's fantastic progress with their recorder playing and ensemble work.

I'm looking forward to the last few music events for the year, including the end of year concert in week 9, Christmas Choir performance at ONCARA Carols on the Square, and the Music Showcase Performance in week 8.

The Music Showcase Performance provides an opportunity for those involved in the extra-curricular music activities to perform for an audience. Families of students involved in these items have been invited to this special performance on Friday of week 8, from 2:05pm in the hall. Included in the program are performances from the Festival Choir, Band, Junior Taiko Group,

Senior Taiko Group, as well as Graham's lunch and recess time student groups. Graham's groups have been practicing solo's, duo's and small group items on voice, keyboard, violin, guitar and recorder. The students and I are very thankful to Graham for the countless hours he has spent over many years volunteering at our school, providing tuition and instilling a love for music in our students.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the staff, students and families for supporting the performing arts during my time here at ONPS. I'm proud to have witnessed such a wonderful development of confidence and musical ability over these last six years. I have spent the last three years working for DfE Instrumental Music Program alongside my role at ONPS. My instrumental program has grown each year, and unfortunately I am no longer able to manage the demands of these two roles. I am very sad to be moving on from ONPS after this year, but I have confidence in the ability of our young musicians, and nothing but best wishes for their continued success in the performing arts.

Nicole Weepers, Music Teacher



2019 GRADUATES

Congratulations, Graduates!



BE PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE.

HAVE COURAGE TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS.

ALWAYS CHOOSE TO BE KIND.

NEVER LET FEAR OF FAILURE OR MISTAKES PREVENT YOU FROM TRYING.

TENACITY AND DETERMINATION WILL HELP YOU TO SUCCEED.

BE TRUE TO YOURSELF.

HAVE FUN, WORK HARD, WE WILL MISS YOU!

RESPONSIBILITY • RESPECT • SUSTAINABILITY • COURAGE AND TENACITY