Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 2 certainly has flown! I can hardly believe we have reached the end of Week 9 already. I am proud to announce that I am no longer the Acting Principal at Osborne but have now been permanently appointed to the position of Principal. I look forward to working hard with the school community to continue the great journey we have started.

It has been an very busy term with students completing their NAPLAN testing, investigating plant growth and animal life cycles, reading novels, creating puppet shows, dancing around the world and extending their skills in Maths! All the students have worked very hard and this has shown in their progress and great behaviour this term.

School will finish next Friday 21 June and return on Monday 8th July. Please have a safe and very happy holiday; we look forward to seeing you in Term 3.

**Teaching and Learning Audit**

During Term 3, our school will be having a Teaching and Learning Audit. Our audit will take place on Thursday 18 July (Week 2). The Teaching and Learning Audit process places a strong focus on auditing key curriculum, teaching, learning and assessment practices at our school. Following the audit our school will be provided with a detailed report relating to our progress against system expectations and accountabilities. The report is designed to inform the future developmental needs of our school. On audit day, the auditor will speak with staff, students and a representative from the P&C to get a clear picture of what is happening at our school. Please see the attached information sheet for more details or feel free to contact me at school.

**School Explicit Improvement Agenda**

As most of you will already be aware, as part of our Explicit Improvement Agenda, we are focussing on reading, writing and number facts. Across the group, children have shown improvement in all three areas. This is being achieved through focussed teaching, the implementation of the I Do, We Do, You Do approach to instruction and the use of short term data cycles (in particular around spelling). Most students are showing positive progress in all 3 of these key areas.

**Reporting and Parent – Teacher Interviews**

Report cards will be sent home on Monday. If you wish to discuss your child’s report card, please contact us at the school to arrange an interview time.

**Culminating Afternoon**

Next Friday, we will hold our culminating afternoon at school. Students will be showcasing their video presentations, healthy recipes and other work from this term. The afternoon will commence at 2pm and finish at 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

**NAIDOC Week Celebration Afternoon**

To celebrate NAIDOC Week in our school, we will be holding a celebration afternoon on Saturday 13 July from 1-3pm. The afternoon will include fantastic food, Indigenous music and games for the kids. P&C member, Leeanne Palmer, has graciously volunteered to organise the afternoon. The afternoon is open to all families and friends of the school.

**Junior Secondary Transition Evening**

As a follow up to the recent Junior Secondary Transition Evening held at Home Hill High School, Principal Steve Miskin has offered individual parent meetings for anyone who has concerns or questions about Junior Secondary. If you would like to arrange a time or be added to their mailing list to receive the high school newsletter, please email Steve at the.principal@homehillshs.eq.edu.au

**Library Borrowing Days**

There will be no library borrowing next week as it is last week of school. Please ensure that all library books are returned prior to the holidays

**Money outstanding**

There are a number of families who have not yet fully paid for the swimming taxi or JGOKSS excursion. If you have not completed payment, please do so as soon as possible.

**Website and Facebook Page**

We are currently in the process of updating our school website and have created a Facebook page for our school. Our Facebook page is now up and running – if you are a regular Facebook user, please find our site and ‘like’ us and ‘share’ us with your friends. Our page is
called ‘Osborne State School’. The page will be updated regularly with school news and information. Our new website will be live in late June and will be located at http://osborness.eq.edu.au/

In order to publish images or recordings of the students at the school to either of these sites, we need to obtain parental permission. Please find attached a media consent form which you will need to complete and return to school. Each child will need to have their own form filled out (not one form per family). On the form, you can decide what levels of permission you give in regards to your child. If you have any questions or concerns about this form or either of the sites, please contact me at school. Please return these forms as soon as possible so that we can get our website up and running.

Reading Strategy of the Week
This week’s reading strategy is “Lips the Fish”. Lips the Fish says – Get your lips ready for the first sound. When children come across an unknown word they should ‘get their lips ready’ and sound the initial sound in the word. They can then use the following letters to break down the word. They should also ask themselves “What word starts like this and would make sense here?” When reading with your child, don’t forget to remind them “Get your lips ready to say the first sound!”

Woolworths Earn and Learn
The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion has now finished. Thanks to all those who sent in stickers for the school collection. If you have stickers still lying around at home, please send them into school prior to the holidays.

P&C Meeting Dates
A huge thanks to all those who attended our P&C meeting earlier this week – it is the best roll up we have had all year! It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces at the meeting. Items that were discussed included our recent trivia night, updating the school logo and uniform, the upcoming Teaching and Learning Audit and the NAIDOC Week Celebrations. Our next meeting will be held on Friday 12 July from 1:30 – 3pm in the school library – all are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Grounds person position
We currently have a position vacant at our school for a grounds care person. Duties will include mowing, whipper snipping, watering the grounds, removing weeds and some small maintenance jobs as they become necessary (eg. Garden care). The position is approximately 7 hours per fortnight. If you wish to apply for the position, please drop your resume into the school office or email it to the.principal@osborness.eq.edu.au Applications will close on Friday 12 July. Any enquires, please contact the school on 4782 6254.

Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received awards for their great work this fortnight:

Daly Clay
Lachlan Nagle
Shaylah Rehbein

Keep up the great work everyone!

Packing a Healthy Lunch Box
Preparing the school lunch box is like walking a tightrope. Balancing the nutritional needs of growing children while offering foods they will actually eat can be challenging for even the most organised parents. With a third of a child's total food intake for the day being consumed at school; it is important that the bulk of food included in your child's lunch box provides much needed nutrients, vitamins and minerals for energy and growth.

Whole grains for energy
The first thing that needs to be considered when packing a lunch is a good source of carbohydrate for energy. For most children, this will be a sandwich but may also be a wrap made from flatbread such as Lavish or Lebanese bread, or from cracker biscuits or rice and corn cakes.

Protein and veggies
Aim for your child's sandwich to contain a good source of lean protein such as 97 per cent fat-free turkey, chicken or ham, tinned tuna or salmon or low-fat cheese. The protein portion will keep your child full and help to maintain concentration levels through the afternoon lessons.

Fruit for fibre
Always add one piece of fresh or dried fruit to your child's lunch box. Children will eat fruit if they are hungry and there are no other more appealing "junk type" options available. Different fruit options include small tins of fruit in natural juice or small packets of sultanas.

Water to drink
Water should be the drink of choice. Fruit juices, cordials, flavoured waters and full strength soft drinks are very high in sugar and should not be consumed on a daily basis. Freeze water bottles the night before for hot summer days.

Small snack
Failing to include a snack in your child's lunch box runs the risk of them swapping their fruit for more appealing packaged options. A more realistic approach is to include one, small nutritious snack. Aim for one small snack food in your child's lunch box each day. Other nutritious snack choices include cheese sticks, yoghurt, mini-muffins and low-fat cookies.

For more information and some great ideas for healthy lunch options visit: http://www.taste.com.au/news+features/articles/1156/how+to+pack+a+healthy+kids+lunch+box

Yours in Education

Hayley Laidlow
Principal
Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...

Fire Brigade Visit
This week, we had a visit from the Fire Brigade. They taught us about fire safety and what to do in a fire emergency. They also showed us the special equipment that fire fighters use to keep themselves safe when fighting a fire.

Reading for Information
Grevilleas have been reading for information during reading rotations this week. The group has been reading about animals that live in the desert and are now using that information to create a collage showing desert animals in their natural environment.

Happy Birthday Kimba!
On Thursday, it was Kimba’s 12th birthday. To celebrate she brought along a lovely cake to share with the school. Everyone enjoyed the tasty treat – thanks Kimba, we hope you had a great day!

Students practising “Stop, Drop and Roll”

Dylan and Jahlique creating their collages

Kimba cutting her birthday cake.