



# OSBORNE STATE SCHOOL

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## **NEWSLETTER No:5 Week 9**

Friday 14 June

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!



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### **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](mailto: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



# 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.

<<<< Students practising "Stop, Drop and Roll"

## 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.

*Dylan and Jahliqie creating their collages>>>>*



## Happy Birthday Kimba!

On Thursday, it was Kimba's 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

<<<<Kimba cutting her birthday cake.

