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NEWSLETTER No:1 Week 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3, I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break. We have had a great start to the term with all students working hard during Week 1. We have begun our new units of work and the students are looking forward to some exciting events this term including participating in NAIDOC week celebrations, presenting their results from the Agrichar experiment, visiting the theatre and participating in B&C School sports.

Teaching and Learning Audit

Next week, 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.

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. Currently we are implementing the following strategies to assist student learning in these areas:

- Daily spelling groups with focussed spelling activities.
- Daily reading groups including guided reading and comprehension lessons.
- Focussed teaching of grammar and writing strategies in English lessons.
- Warm-ups in Maths.
- Individual, targeted support in Maths in Lower School.
- Daily number facts lessons and revision in Upper School.
- JEMMS and EMMS for Upper School.



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NAIDOC Week Celebration Afternoon

To celebrate NAIDOC Week in our school, we will be holding a celebration afternoon this **Saturday 13 July from 1-3pm**. The afternoon will include fantastic food, Indigenous music and games for the kids. Plates of food will cost \$2 and drinks will be available. P&C member, Leanne Palmer, has graciously volunteered to organise the afternoon. The afternoon is open to all families and friends of the school.

Website and Facebook Page

Our school Facebook page is now up and running – it is great to see many of you ‘liking’ our posts and photographs. If you are a regular Facebook user and have not done so yet, 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 is now live and is located at <http://osborness.eq.edu.au/> and is also updated regularly.



Reading Strategy of the Week

This week’s reading strategy is “Skippy the Frog”. Lips the Fish says – Skip the word, read to end of the sentence. Hop back and re-read. When children come across an unknown word they can skip ahead and read the rest of the sentence, looking for clues to help decode the unknown word. Once they reach the end of the sentence, the ‘hop back’ and re-read, having a go at the unknown word. When reading with your child, don’t forget to remind them “If you don’t know a word, skip it out, then hop back and re-read.”

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thanks to all those who sent in stickers for the school collection. We earned a total of 4140 points for our school! These points will be used to purchase some fantastic new resources for the children to use.



Rotary Community Raffle

Our school is participating in the Rotary Community Raffle. Tickets in the raffle are \$5 each and come in books of 5 (\$25 per book). 100% of the profits from the tickets we sell will go to the school P&C. First prize is **\$10 000!!!** Second prize is \$5000 and third prize is \$2500!!! There are also a number of minor prizes up for grabs, If you would like a chance at these great prizes, come up to the office and get your tickets!

Please note: as this is an ‘art union’ style raffle, all tickets must be accounted for; therefore, any lost tickets will need to be paid for by the person/family who takes them from the school.

Awards

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

Kimba Stott-Matthews Craig Becke Tim Nagle Lachlan Nagle Johnny Rehbein Shaylah Rehbein
Dylan Matthews Ryland Palmer Kasharna Rehbein Blaize Palmer Daly Clay Maddison MacGillivray
Keep up the great work everyone!

Yours in Education

Hayley Laidlow

Principal

Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...



Scinspiration

On the holidays, our 2 Senior students, Craig and Kimba, travelled to Canberra on the Scinspiration tour. The students had a fantastic time, visiting places such as Questacon, Parliament House, the Deep Space Observatory and the National Zoo and Aquarium. They also got to spend a day at Perisher in the snow, learning how to toboggan. According to Craig Scinspiration was “very cool!” – no pun intended!

<<<< *Kimba, Miss L and Craig at Perisher ski fields.*

Show Success

The first Wednesday of the school holidays was Burdekin Show Day. This year, our students all entered a collage into the Arts and Crafts section of the show. They were very successful, with almost half our students receiving awards or prizes. It was great to see our fabulous work on display for the public to view – well done everyone!

Some of our students showing off their winning entries >>>>

