



# OSBORNE STATE SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER No:5 Week11

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school holidays are now upon us and another school term is now finished. It certainly has been a busy term and we are all very much looking forward to the school holidays. The past few weeks have been particularly busy with the children finishing off assessment items, visiting Jarvisfield State School for JOKSS Day, participating in the Water Festival, visiting the high school and dancing the night away at Fancy Dress Ball. I would like to say a big thank you to you all for your support and hard work throughout this term – without your help, our school would not be the fabulous place that it is. Have a safe and relaxing break, see you in Term 4.

### School Holidays

School will return on **Tuesday 8 October** due to the Queen's Birthday public holiday. Monday 21 October will be a pupil free day.



### Rotary Community Raffle

If your family has sold their Rotary Community Raffle tickets, please return the books and money to school as soon as possible. All tickets and money must be returned by Monday 14 October. 100% of the proceeds from our ticket sales will be returned to the P&C for our school to use. Remember that all books must be accounted for and lost books must be paid for by the family who has taken them.

### P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 3:15pm** in the staffroom. All parents, carers and friends of the school are welcome to attend.



### School Centenary Meeting

Our next School Centenary Committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 3:00pm** in the school library. All parents, carers and friends of the school are welcome to attend.

### Reading Strategy of the Week



This weeks' strategy is 'Flippy Dolphin'. 'Flippy Dolphin' says – try the other vowel sound. When children are using Stretchy Snake to figure out a word, sometimes they will use the incorrect vowel sound, if this happens, encourage them to 'flip it' and try another sound that those vowels could make. For example, they may try to stretch out the word 'house' but rather than using the 'ou' sound, use the 'o' sound, reading the word as 'hose' – in this case, encourage them to 'flip' the sound. So remember, if the vowel sounds doesn't fit, Flippy Dolphin says – *try the other vowel sound*.

### NAPLAN report highlights positive results

The 2013 NAPLAN summary report is now available from the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority website at <http://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/national-reports.html> Since testing began in 2008, Queensland is the most improved state with significant gains made in 9 out of 20 areas over this time. Our results for 2013 were very pleasing with most of our students showing good levels of growth since their last NAPLAN test. We also have some students achieving in the Top 2 bands for their year level. Over the next few weeks our staff will go through the NAPLAN results in much greater detail to look closely at the areas where we can build on our performance. Although NAPLAN results form a useful piece of information, they are not the be all and end all upon which to judge a school's success. It is important to remember the results represent a point-in-time testing over a few hours each May. The NAPLAN results are important but are just one of the many pieces of information our school uses to improve learning outcomes for our kids.

### Have fun, stay safe and Get Ready during the school holidays

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday everyone. We look forward to seeing you all for the start of Term 4 on Tuesday 8 October. With the summer storm/cyclone and bushfire season on its way Queensland's Get Ready Week on 14–20 October will encourage people to be prepared before extreme weather or a natural disaster strikes. Over the holidays, families can work through a checklist to help them get ready and ensure everyone knows what to do. Information and resources are available from <http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/>

### Awards

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

Craig Becke

Daly Clay

Kasharna Rehbein

Ryland Palmer Tim Nagle

Lachlan Nagle

Johnny Rehbein

Shaylah Rehbein

Keep up the great work everyone!



Yours in Education

*Hayley Laidlow*

Principal

# Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...

## Water Festival Float



On Saturday 7 September we participated in the Burdekin Water Festival Parade. Students, staff and parents all joined in, walking up the street, throwing lollies to the crowd and handing out fliers to advertise our school. Daly brought along 'Starlight' our adopted school mascot and won Best Decorated Horse! We all had a great time, thanks to everyone who helped out 😊



## Fancy Dress Ball



*Everyone had a fantastic time at our Black Friday Fancy Dress Ball. Thanks to everyone who came along and helped make the night such a success – the costumes were fabulous! We look forward to another fun night next year.*



## JOKSS SPORTS DAY



This term we travelled to Jarvisfield State School for our JOKSS Day. We competed in a variety of sporting events including sack races, egg and spoon races, ball games and throwing competitions. The students' behaviour on the day was fabulous, with staff from other schools commenting on how well behaved the students were and how helpful they were. Shaylah and Tim both

won Sportsmanship Awards on the day. We were all very proud of how they performed and look forward to next term's JOKSS Day which will be held right here at Osborne!

