

The Osborne Observer

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of the school year approaches, we can take some time to reflect upon the journey of 2013. For the staff and I, it has been a fast-paced journey full of action and excitement as we watched the students learn and grow through the huge variety of activities we have undertaken this year. Sadly, we said goodbye to some families as they moved on, however, we were excited to welcome new families into our community and we have seen our student numbers grow to 16, the largest since I have been here as principal. We have also travelled far and wide, visiting places like the Paluma Environmental Education Centre, Lake Tinaroo and the Tyto Wetland Centre in Ingham just to name a few. We got to know students from other schools through our JOKSS Day activities and participating in events like the B&C Schools Sports Carnival. We also had plenty of visitors here at school to keep us entertained. All in all, 2013 has been a fantastic year, with our students showing great academic progress and also in the social and emotional development.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those fabulous volunteers who have helped out at our many events this year. Without the generous donation of your time, our school could not be the great place it is – we truly appreciate your help and look forward to working with you again in 2014. I would also like to thank all of the staff at our school; we are privileged to have such an amazing, dedicated group who are committed to making our school an even better place. Please have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you after the break.

Graduation and End of Year Celebrations

This year we will be holding our graduation and end of year celebration evening on Friday 6 December in the school library. The evening will include a graduation ceremony for our year 7s, presentation of this year's play and other entertainment. This year we will be holding a 'pot-luck' dinner so please bring a dish to share with the other families. BYO drinks for the evening. Proceedings will begin at 6:30pm, we look forward to seeing you all there.



Auction Sausage Sizzle

Thanks to all those who came along and helped, we made over \$200 for our school!



JAG Meeting

The final JAG meeting for 2013 will be held at 2pm on Sunday (8 December) here at school. We will be having a BBQ and will possibly be linking up with Stephen Ramsden from Atlanta in the USA for a video chat. All are welcome to attend. BYO drinks.



JOKSS Christmas Fun Day

On Tuesday 10 December, we will be hosting the Term 4 JOKSS Day which will involve the children in various Christmas themed activities. Students from Kalamia State School and Jarvisfield State School will be attending. Our P&C will be providing tuckshop on the day, and money should have been returned to school by Wednesday 4 December.

Secret Santa present swap

As with 2012, this year we will be holding a Christmas present swap between the students during the last week of school. Children will be allocated the name of a fellow classmate to buy a gift for, gifts are to be up to **\$10 in value**. Your child has been allocated the name of a classmate and will need to bring their gift to swap to school next **Thursday 12 December**.



P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 4th February 2014 at 7pm** in the staff room. 2014 will be an extremely busy year for our school and any assistance you can offer us is greatly appreciated. All parents, carers and friends of the school are welcome to attend.



Scinspiration 2014

Scinspiration is a science based, extra curricular excursion to Canberra. Scinspiration is open to all students in Years 5,6 and 7 in the Burdekin, Ingham, Charters Towers and Bowen Districts. This exciting excursion will take place during the first week of the June-July school holidays of 2014 from **Monday 7 July to Saturday 12 July**. **Students who attend Scinspiration have the opportunity to visit numerous attractions, observe working scientists and meet other enthusiastic science students from both districts.** Attractions we will be visiting include: Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, Royal Australian Mint, Questacon Science Centre, CSIRO Discovery Centre, Geoscience Australia, National Zoo and Aquarium and a day investigating the snow at Perisher Valley. Registrations are now open and a deposit will be required to secure your child's place on tour. Bookings are strictly limited to 40 students and will be taken on a first come, first served basis. The total cost of the trip is **\$1250 per student**, this includes flights to and from Townsville, all transport whilst in Canberra, all meals, snow gear hire and a trip T-shirt.

During 2013, the school and P&C offered a **combined subsidy of \$600 per student, reducing the cost of the trip to \$650 per student**. We cannot guarantee that the trip will be subsidised to this extent during 2014, however, we will be offering some subsidy to reduce the cost. If your child is interested in attending, please return the **registration form with a deposit of \$100** to the school as soon as possible.

Student Resource Scheme 2014



As a school, we have decided to implement a student resource scheme during 2014, rather than sending home individual booklists for each child. In this system the family pays a fixed amount which is subsidised by the school and the school purchases all of the materials / equipment required for school less tax and supplies them to the children. All covering and naming of books etc will be taken care of by the school. The current levy is **\$55 per child per year**. This levy will cover ALL stationery items for the 2014 school year. Items that are not covered under this levy are: school bags, hats, lunch boxes, lunches and school excursions.

Please return the attached Resource Scheme agreement to school as soon as possible. Payments can be made this year or in the beginning of 2014.

Yours in Education

Hayley Laidlow

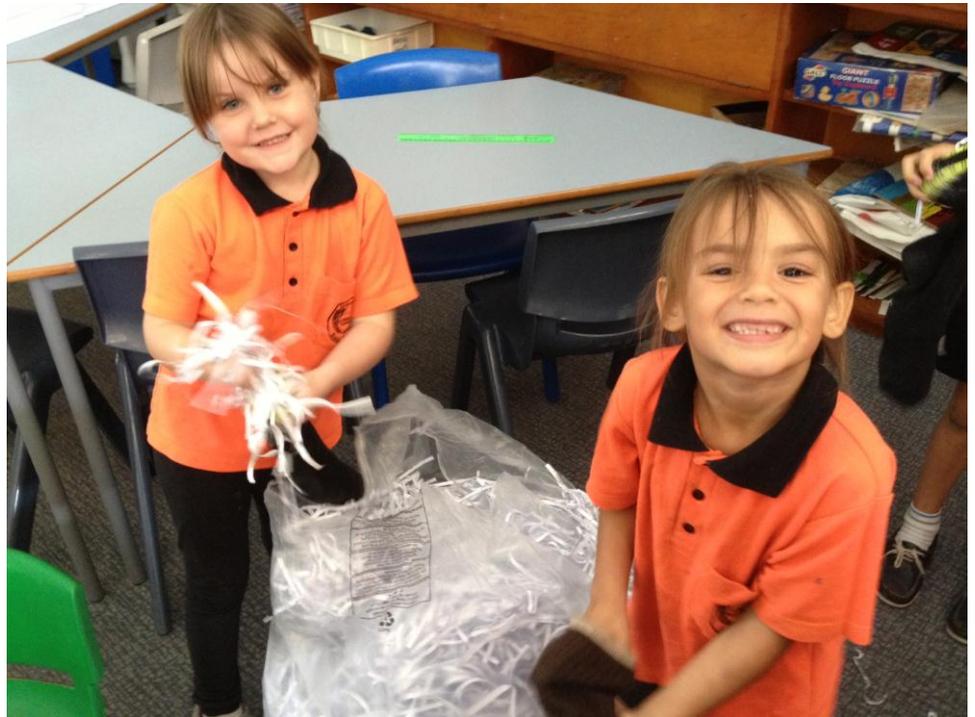
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Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...

Wild, grey and hairy!

This week, our Junior class read the book 'The Terrible Wild Grey Hairy Thing' – the tale of a wayward sausage which turns into a terrifying monsters, only to be foiled by a tiny dog! The children explored the text in depth, investigating adjectives, finding words and phrases in the text and describing the Terrible Wild Grey Hairy Thing. They even made a Wild Grey Hairy Thing themselves.

Maddie M and Kasharna creating their Terrible, Wild Grey Hairy things>>>>>>



Landscape Gardeners



Our senior students have undertaken the task of installing a rock and pot garden in the area in front of the library. They have spent time this week measuring the area, creating scale drawings and researching what species of plants will be best suited to the conditions in the garden. They have also started clearing the areas of weeds in preparation for the rocks and pots.

<<<<<<<Ty and Austin working hard to remove weeds from the garden area.