

The Osborne Observer

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Dear parents and carers,

Over the past few weeks there have been a few changes that have happened at Osborne State School. Please read through the various sections in our newsletter to find out what is happening at our great, little school.

In maths, the students have all been learning about data representation and interpretation. They have been creating questions to collect data about their fellow classmates and have been displaying this data in a variety of graphs, tables and diagrams. They have been collecting data in a variety of ways, such as surveys, observations and by conducting experiments to test predictions and statements. They have also been interpreting data displays by answering questions about the data they have in them. All students will be continuing to learn about data representation next week before doing some revision towards the end of the term. To help your children understand data representations, show them where graphs and tables are used in real life and describe their uses.

In English, the students in grades P-2 have finished writing their information report on an animal they have read about in a story book. The students in grades 3 and 4 have finished writing a traditional story with a moral. The students in grade 6 have been working hard to write their letter to the future. It has been pleasing to see all students working extremely hard to do their best work on these assessment tasks. I was especially encouraged when I saw the following:

Alex, Zaine, Daniel and Tahliah: Sounding out their words using the Jolly Phonics Chart.

Riley: Comparing his work to the example text on his learning wall.

Blaize: Adding extra information into his sentences.

Kyelah: Adding descriptive words to introduce the characters and setting of her story and checking her work against the criteria sheet.

Ryland: Making sure that he had a plot that was easy to follow.

Lachlan and Austin: Being eager to work on their letter and letting their imagination run wild to think about what the future might be like.

Keep up the great work.

Positive Behaviour

Over the past few weeks, Mr Keith Kiloh (Behaviour Support Teacher), has come out to our school to work with the students on making positive behaviour choices. He has highlighted to the students that need for positive behaviour through a variety of activities. We have since implemented some of his suggestions that fit in with our school's Responsible Behaviour Plan and Kids Matter programme.

This week we started a school-wide positive behaviour programme called Gotchas. In this programme, a little certificate called a 'Gotcha' is given to those students who are caught doing the right thing. They then put their Gotcha in the Gotcha Box and a raffle is drawn out on parade with one lucky student winning a prize. Each student will receive their Gotchas at the end of the week and they will be sent home. We will also record the number of Gotchas our school gets each week on a graph which will be displayed in our classroom.

Another change to our positive behaviour programme are Happygrams. These are strips of coloured paper that staff and students can write compliments on and give them to each other. These are then put into the Happygram Box and distributed to the students that they are intended for. These students then glue them in to the back of their Health Book so that the students can read them when they are feeling unhappy.

We have also put up some posters to remind the students of their positive behaviour choices. These include a Catastrophe Chart, where students can rate something that has happened to them and react appropriately, and some Stop, Think and Do Posters to remind students of the thought processes to make a decision.



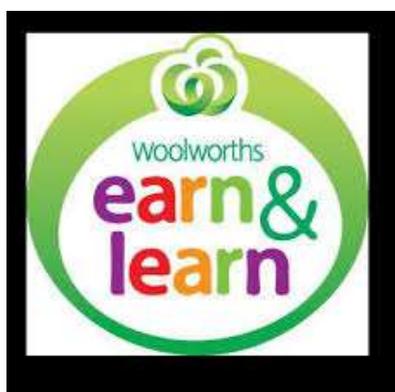
Child Injury Prevention Day

On 26 August, all of the students went to the Burdekin Rural Health Centre to participate in some interactive learning experiences about being safe in rural areas. The students really enjoyed the displays, which included presentations from Ergon Energy, Farm Safe Queensland, Wilmar Sugar, Sunwater, Workplace Health and Safety and Lifesavers, there were plenty of great questions being asked and some shocked faces as some of the dangerous behaviours that the students do, such as

riding oversized four-wheelers, were discussed as to why they are dangerous.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 7 September 2015 at 5:30pm** in the staffroom. There will be plenty to discuss, such as the possibility of having a community noticeboard and some changes to staffing that have been proposed by the State Government for 2017. We are very fortunate to have an active P&C as many small schools do not have this luxury.



Earn and Learn

Thank you to those members of our school community who have given generously to our Earn and Learn Programme. These stickers will be redeemed for money which our school can use to purchase educational resources, sports equipment and many other items that are used in school. I had a look in our box in Woolworths the other day and the number of stickers had obviously grown rapidly.



Attendance

Our current attendance rate for the year is sitting at 92.71%. Keep up the great work so that we can keep our attendance rate above our goal of 92%

District Athletics Carnival

Last Friday, three students from Osborne State School travelled to Home Hill State School to participate in the District Athletics Carnival. Austin Jacka, Ryland Palmer and Dixie Gesah participated well against the other schools and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Well done boys. Congratulations on your fine achievement.



Water Festival Float and Sausage Sizzle

This Saturday will see the main street of Ayr come to life with the Water Festival. Our school will be putting a big day with a sausage sizzle to be held at Woolworths from 8:00am – 1:00pm. If you can help with this sausage sizzle in any way, please see Sandra Nagle. This will be a great fundraiser by the P&C and will provide much needed funds for the students of our school.

We will also be putting in a float in the parade. Thanks to Mr Bob Laidlow for again allowing us to use his truck and to Miss Laidlow for agreeing to drive the truck for us. Mrs Nagle and I have bought heaps of decorations and our new school banners have arrived just in time. We will be decorating the float at Mr and Mrs Laidlow's house at 7 Wickham St Ayr at 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and help us decorate the float. We will then make our way down to ANZAC Park where we will be **marshalling for the main parade between 4:00 and 4:30. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIMES!!!!** All students and members of the P&C are welcome to join our float. Students are to wear their school uniform and it would be appreciated if the adults could wear something orange.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has closed for 2015. Thank you to those students who have handed in their reading record already. In order to get a certificate of completion, students must bring their completed reading record to school by Friday 11 September. The awards for the Premier's Reading Challenge will be given to students on parade on 11 September.

School Play

Students across all grade levels have been working in their technology and drama lessons to build props and learn their lines for the school play which will be held in the Hall on Thursday 17 September. Please come along to see what the students have been learning about throughout this term.

JGOKSS Day

This term JGOKSS Day will be held at Jarvisfield State School. Parents and members of the Osborne State School community are welcome to come along. Please see the attached flyer for more information. All students have been busy writing their narrative for the narrative writing competition. A bus will run from Osborne State School to Jarvisfield State School for the Day.

**Enrol
now for
2016**



Enrolments for 2016

Enrolments for 2016 are now open. Enrolment Packages are now available from the School Office. If you know of any parents who have children that will be starting Prep next year, do not hesitate to tell what a wonderful school Osborne State School is.

Yours in Education

Troy Patti
Principal

Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...

Today, the students in grades P-2 were practising for the school play. They were learning their lines and actions down in the library with the help of Mrs Marchioni. The grade 3-6 students were doing some special craft for Father's Day.

