Dear Parents and Carers,

I has been a busy few weeks since our last newsletter and our school fete is now fast approaching. Over the coming week, we will be doing our final preparations for what should be a great day for our community. Please continue to promote this event to your family and friends as we would love to see a huge crowd here on the day.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9 September 2014 at 5:30pm** in the staff room. Active P&C membership is vitally important to the success of our school so I would encourage you all to come along to our meetings and see how you can help. All parents, carers and friends of the school are welcome to attend. This will be a final meeting before the school fete so we would appreciate having as many people as possible there.

Awards

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK (Week 6)** — Dylan Matthews — Dylan was our student of the week because he displayed excellent behaviour throughout the week; worked very hard in class; remained on task and focused during lessons; worked hard at improving his handwriting, was friendly and kind to other students and showed good cooperation skills in the playground. Congratulations Dylan — keep up the great work!

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK (Week 8)** — Maddie Jacka — Maddie is our student of the week because she displayed excellent behaviour throughout the week; worked very hard during handwriting; remained on task and focused during lessons; was friendly and kind to other students; was helpful to staff and put in a great effort in journal writing. Congratulations Maddie — keep up the great work!

School Fete

As most of you are aware, to help celebrate our centenary year, we will be holding a school fete later this term on Saturday 13 September. Preparations are well under way and it is going to be a great day. We will be holding a number of stalls and events on the day including a bottle stall and mini-cent sale. To help with the bottle stall and cent sale, we are in need of the following items:

- **Second hand items for the second hand stall** — anything that is in good working condition would be great.
- **Bottles filled with various items** e.g. cotton balls, lollies, hair ties, jam, pasta, pencils (anything really!)

If you know of any local businesses who you think would be willing to donate a prize, please collect a letter from the school which you can give to the business requesting our support. All donations of the above items can be sent to school with your child and will be greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to those families who have made donations already — our pile of prizes is looking fabulous!

We will also need helpers on the day to set up the marquee and other stalls etc around the school, please be at school from 9am onwards to help out. We will also need people to man some stalls and help with various tasks throughout the day — we will need all hands on deck to make the day a success — please be here if you can.
Playgroup
Playgroup has started and is growing quickly, it is wonderful to have some brand new families joining us. Playgroup will run each Thursday. Playgroup will run from 9-10:30am on Thursday mornings in the school library and is hosted by Mrs Belinda McConville and Mr Leeanne Palmer. Playgroup is free and all families are welcome to attend. Playgroup is a great opportunity for young children to get to know the school environment and to learn social skills such as sharing and cooperation, it is also a great opportunity for parents to network and socialise with other school community members.

Water Festival
This Saturday is the Burdekin Water Festival, our school will be entering a float in the parade and all our students are welcome to sit on the float. They will need to bring wear their school uniform and can bring wrapped lollies to throw if they would like. Please meet at ANZAC park at 4:30pm, the parade starts at 5pm. Students will need to be collected from ANZAC park following the parade.

Spirit Rising
Next Thursday, our Prep-2 students will be travelling to Millaroo State School to watch the Indigenous Education show ‘Spirit Rising’, transport will be provided by Miss Laidlow and Mrs Palmer. Students will need to bring their hat and lunch and ensure they are wearing their school uniforms. Thanks to those parents who have returned their permission forms already.

Yours in Education
Hayley Laidlow
Principal
Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...

**Caring for animals**

Last week we had a visit from the RSPCA Van, we learnt about how to care for animals and wildlife. We also learnt about what vets do and how they can help animals.

**Super Scientists**

We have been testing our knowledge of physics this week, designing and building balloon powered cars, and these will lead into designing and building our own moving toys next week.

**Fantastic Fractions**

We have been learning lots about fractions this past week, particularly how to break down big numbers into groups.