Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a fantastic fortnight, we have certainly been busy here at school. I would like to personally thank all of those parents and volunteers who helped out at our Trivia Night on the weekend. Despite some issues with lighting and power everyone who attended had a great time. I’m sure that 2017 will be even bigger and better than this year.

The children have been very industrious over the past fortnight, working hard in all their subject areas. Over the next 2 weeks, we will be conducting a number of assessments so it is vitally important that your children be at school during this period. Our Prep-2s will be writing information reports and the 3-6s will be writing traditional stories in English. They will also be completing assessments in a number of other subject areas.

Earlier this week, we had a visit from QLD Cricket who ran 2 workshops with the children to develop their skills in cricket. It was great to see them having fun and learning about this fantastic sport. If they interested in playing further, signups for the 2016-17 season will be on at the Home Hill Cricket Club on Saturday 13 August.

Have a fantastic fortnight everyone,

Hayley Laidlow
Principal
**Save the Date**

4 August – ‘Grease the Musical’, Burdekin Theatre
5 August – Small School Athletics Carnival – Clare SS
9 August – DG’s Data Roadshow – Hayley away, Micheal Beale replacing
11 August – Burdekin Band 5/6 PLC – Hayley away
24-26 August – QASSP State Conference – Hayley away, Tracie in charge
2 September – Spirit of ANZAC presentation, Townsville Civic Theatre
3 September – Water Festival
12-16 September – Hayley LSL, Tracie replacing
15 September – Burdekin Cluster Day ‘The Arts’ – Clare State School
16 September – Last day of school

**P&C News**

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. Our **next meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 30 August at 6:30pm** in the staffroom.

![Attendance Rate](chart.png)

**Attendance**

Our current attendance rate for Term 3 (as at 15 July) is 87.1% - unfortunately a number of our students have been ill over the past fortnight. We hope that everyone is feeling better soon and our attendance will increase over the coming weeks.

**School Opinion Survey**

Thank you to everyone for returning your Opinion Surveys promptly, this data will help us to shape the direction of our school for the coming year.

**Playgroup**

Due to Sports Carnival, playgroup has been cancelled this week but will be on again in Week 5. It is great to see our playgroup growing and we look forward to seeing you all again next week. **Playgroup runs each Friday from 8:30am – 10:00am during school term.**

![Playgroup](logo.png)

**Trivia Night**

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out both in organising and running our Trivia Night on the weekend. It was a fantastic night and it was wonderful to see over 50 people turn up and play along. We look forward to making the evening even bigger and better in 2017!

**Woolies’ Ad**

Don’t forget to keep an eye out during the Olympics opening ceremony for our kids in the Woolworths commercial – we can’t wait to see our little superstars in action. Thanks again to Woolworths for their very generous donation of $5000 in MTA vouchers, these have been used to purchase new resources for our kids.

**Athletics Carnival**

As you are all aware, on Friday we will be travelling to Clare State School for our annual small schools athletics carnival. Students will need to be at **Clare State School by 9am on Friday**. The carnival will finish at 2:30pm. **Please note, we will be taking a bus to Clare State School – there will be no charge however we will be leaving school promptly at 8:10am.** Children will need to wear their best school uniform, a full brimmed hat and closed shoes on the day. The will also need to bring a water bottle, snacks and their lunch (if they did not order tuckshop). If you are unsure how to get to Clare State School, we can travel together from school.
Leaders Leading Leaders Program
Miss Laidlow has been selected as part of the Leaders Leading Leaders Program for 2016. This means that she will be mentoring Miss Megan Arcidiacono, an aspiring small school principal, over a 6 month period. As part of this program, Miss Arcidiacono will be visiting our school from Thursday 4 August – Wednesday 10 August. We would like to welcome Miss Arcidiacono into our community for this time.

NAPLAN Results
Congratulations to both our students who sat NAPLAN this year, their individual student reports will be sent home with this newsletter. They worked hard in preparing for the tests and this has been reflected in their great results. Well done boys!

Student Banking
Don’t forget, Student Banking day is Wednesday. Student Banking is a great way to teach kids about how to save money and it also benefits our school as we receive financial benefits for each student who has an account which is registered with our school banking account. If your child does not have a student account and you would like to open one, please let us know and we will give you a copy of the required forms.

Eggs
Our chickens are very happy and are laying well. We are currently getting approximately 3 eggs per day. If you would like a dozen eggs, please let Miss Laidlow know. All we ask is that you make a small donation to our ‘feed fund’ and return your egg carton to school.
Wonderful Work from Osborne this week…

It has been an incredibly busy period over the last 3 weeks – we have visited the Burdekin Theatre for the ‘Ignite Your Mind’ Writers’ Festival, Miss Laidlow and Mrs Duthie attended a fantastic Numeracy Professional Development Workshop in Townsville, we have made new discoveries in science and maths and have learned new cricket skills – phew!
Does Your Child Have a Chance of Being Successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but......

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**Osborne State School**

For all students to have opportunities to obtain a quality education and develop life-long learning skills

**Quality Behaviour .....**
**Quality Teaching & learning.....**
**Quality Relationships.....**
**Quality Outcomes**

At Osborne State School

Every Child Matters, Everyday

Ask us about help with getting your children to school everyday!!!