

# The Osborne Observer

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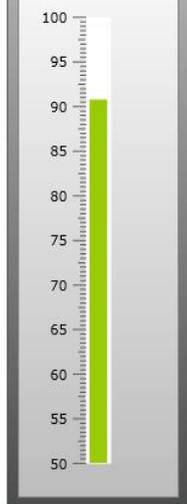


Dear Parents and Carers,

## 2013

### Attendance Rate

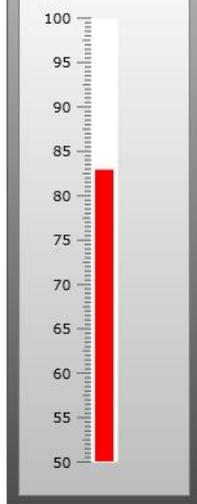
90.8%



## 2014

### Attendance Rate

83.0%



End of term is fast approaching and with it comes end of year assessment, finishing off our units of work and preparing report cards to go home. Students are currently working on assessment pieces in English, History, Science, Maths, HPE and the Arts. It is vitally important that your children be at school, not only during this assessment period, but at all-times throughout the year. We have noticed that during the last term, our school attendance **has fallen from 90.8% in 2013 and is currently at 83% for the year**. For your child to experience success at school, regular attendance is a must. Any absences must be explained by a note or phone call from the parent or carer (not from the child). If you are having difficulties getting your child to school, please contact us for support.

### Christmas Drive

This year, we are running a Christmas drive to help raise funds for our school. We are selling rumballs, apricot balls, choc-mint balls and sugar-coated peanuts. We would appreciate your help in gathering orders. Please find attached an order form and packet for



money. All orders and money must be returned to school by Wednesday 26 November. All orders must be paid for in advance.

### Working Bee



We will be holding a working bee on Saturday 29 November here at school. We will be doing a number of outdoor jobs around the school including cleaning out the play shed and tidying some garden areas. We will also use this time to make the rumballs, apricot balls, choc-mint balls and sugar-coated peanuts for the Christmas drive. It would be great to have all hands on deck for the morning as there is lots of work to be done! If you do come along, would you please bring the

following items to help out if possible:

- Medium-large mixing bowls,
- Spoon and cup measures,
- Mixing spoons,
- Electric frying pans,

We will be having a **free sausage sizzle** after the working bee to feed all of our hungry workers!

### Payments to the school

There are a number of families who currently have outstanding debts with the school. Until these debts are cleared, we will be unable to allow those students to participate in future excursions including the upcoming JOKSS Day. If you are having difficulty paying your debt and would like to arrange a payment plan, please contact the school.

### Science Excursion

Next Tuesday 25 November, the students will be travelling to Home Hill High School as part of our S4 Science project to conduct science experiments in the labs. Mr Ward Nicholas will be joining us as a guest lecturer and we will be exploring chemistry processes during this time. The year 3-7 students will be participating in their regular online lesson during this period, while the Prep-2 students will be conducting their own science experiments. There will be no cost for this excursion, however, you will need to return the attached permission form on Monday. **All students will need to be collected from Home Hill High** NOT Osborne at 3pm on this day.

### JOKSS Day

On Wednesday 3 December, we will be travelling to Kalamia State School to participate in JOKSS Day. The students will be participating in a number of activities such as craft, gardening and cooking. Unless you have ordered tuckshop, your child will need to bring their own lunch. They will also need to bring a hat, wear closed shoes and their school uniform. There is no cost for this excursion, however, you will need to return the attached permission form.

### P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2 December 2014 at 5:30pm** in the staffroom.

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.



### Student Resource Scheme 2014



During 2015, we will be continuing with the school Resource Scheme. . 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 **\$60 per child per year**. This levy will cover ALL stationery items for the 2015 school year. Items that are not covered under this levy are: school bags, hats, lunch boxes, lunches and school excursions. If you choose not to participate in the Resource Scheme, you will be required to provide all of your child's stationary and books throughout the school year. If you wish to participate in the Resource Scheme, please return the attached agreement to the school. **Full payment will be required by Week 5, Term 1, 2015.**

### Playgroup

A reminder that playgroup is on each **Thursday morning from 9-10:30am** in the school library and is hosted by Mrs Belinda McConville and Mrs 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.



### Swimming Lessons



School swimming lessons have begun and will run throughout this term. This year, we will be joining with Maidavale State School for our swimming lessons at the Ayr Pool. The cost will be **\$3.50 per student per week OR \$28 for the term**. This cost covers entry into the pool and the hire of a qualified swim coach to assist with lessons. Transport costs (which total \$1000) will be covered by the school. Thanks to those parents who have volunteered to help with transport and supervision, your assistance is much appreciated.

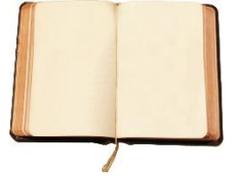


### Awards

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK (Week 7) –Riley Watson** – Riley is our student of the week because he worked hard to improve his behaviour, was kind to others, was helpful to staff, was polite and had excellent manners and stayed on task during class and tried his very best. Congratulations Riley, keep up the great work!

## Open Library Afternoons

Despite a number of attempts during Term 3, we were unable to get our Open Library Afternoons (OLA) started, however, we are determined to get it up and running this term. Our first OLA will be held on **Thursday 4 December from 3:15-4:15pm** in the school library. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to come along to browse and borrow from our resources. This month we will be doing some Christmas activities and having story time.



## JAG – Junior Astronomy Group

Our last JAG meeting for 2014 will be held on Sunday 7 December from 6:30 – 8:30pm on the school oval. All students from Grades 5-7 are welcome to attend.

Yours in Education  
*Hayley Laidlow*  
Principal

# Wonderful Work from Osborne this week... **OSBORNE'S SUPER-AWESOME REWARD DAY!**

We all had a fantastic time at our reward day last Friday. Here we are after our massive day, enjoying an ice-cream at Maccas on our way home. It was a fabulous day and was well deserved by all our students.



*<<<Riley was  
soooooo tired  
after ice  
skating!*

*Blaize really  
enjoyed his  
ice-  
cream>>>*

