Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I had the privilege of attending the Queensland Association of State School Principals (QASSP) Golden Jubilee Conference in Brisbane. It was an excellent opportunity to meet other principals and find out what is happening in schools across Queensland. It was obvious that our little school is making great progress I was proud to be able to share some of our great news stories with my colleagues. I was particularly proud to be able to share the news of our great improvement in NAPLAN this year. Whilst it is not the only measure of progress in schools, NAPLAN gives a great insight into how our kids are progressing in comparison to others in their Year level across the country. It is great to see that our kids are performing not only at National Minimum Standard but are moving towards the Upper Two Bands of Performance in many areas. This is a tribute, not only to our fantastic teaching staff but to our community as a whole.

We were also reminded of the importance of the Gonski Funding which our school has received in the form of Great Results Guarantee (GRG) and now Investing for Success (I4S) funding. This direct to school funding has provided almost $10 000 in extra funding to our school this year alone. This extra funding has enabled us to purchase extra teacher aide hours, support time from our STLaN (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy) and provide planning release for Mrs Duthie and Miss Laidlow to ensure consistent, high quality planning, teaching and learning for our kids. This funding is vitally important for our continued success of our students.

A quick reminder, as the end of term is approaching we are now completing many of our assessment tasks. Attendance at school every day is integral to children’s success and learning. Please ensure that your child is at school every day to give them the very best chance at success.

Have a fantastic fortnight everyone,

Hayley Laidlow
Principal
Save the Date
12-16 September – Hayley LSL, Tracie replacing
15 September – Burdekin Cluster Day ‘The Arts’ – Clare State School
16 September – Last day of school
3 October – PUPIL FREE DAY
4 October – School begins

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. Unfortunately, due to low attendance, our last meeting had to be cancelled. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 October at 6:30pm in the staffroom. We are looking to improve P&C membership and attendance at our school, can you please complete the attached P&C feedback survey and return it to school ASAP.

Attendance
Our current attendance rate for the year (as at 18 August) is 88.7% - this has remained the same over the last fortnight and we hope to see it improve as we approach the end of Term.

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 give you a copy of the required forms.

Water Festival Parade
It has been decided that we will not be putting a float in the Burdekin Water Festival Parade for 2016. We will, however, be putting a float in the Harvest Festival later this year.

Commonwealth Games 2018
It may seem a long way into the future, but the 2018 Commonwealth Games which will be held on the Gold Coast are fast approaching. Following the students’ great engagement with the Olympic Games this year, we would like to propose the ‘excursion of the lifetime!’ In 2018, we would like to take all of the Osborne students to the Commonwealth Games! The approximate cost for this excursion would be $1400 per student – this cost would include flights to and from Brisbane, transport to, from and around the Gold Coast area, food, 7 nights’ accommodation, entry to the Commonwealth Games events, entry to Dreamworld and Wet ‘n’ Wild.

This excursion would be open to ALL students from Prep to Year 6. Although this cost does sound high, we would work hard to raise funds to bring the cost per child as close to $0 per student as we could. If you would be interested in sending your child on this excursion and will be willing to assist with our fundraising efforts, please return the attached expression of interest form to school as soon as possible.
New School Uniforms
As part of our School Strategic Plan for the next 4 years, one of our aims is to market our school effectively to the broader community. Part of this marketing process is the rebranding of our school through the development of a new school logo and uniform. This is the design which has been chosen for our new school uniform, it has been approved by the P&C executive committee and by the staff and students. (Please note that the football logo will be removed and our new school logo inserted on the left breast pocket area.)

The school will be purchasing each student 1 new uniform shirt, these should arrive early in Term 4. 2016-2017 will be a transition years for uniforms and students will be welcome to wear either their older full orange design or the new black and orange polos throughout the year. In 2018, we will retire the old orange uniforms and move fully to the new design. New shirts will be available for purchase from the school for $36 each.

Reading Strategy of the Week
Read every day, read together, make reading fun!
Reading with your child is incredibly important for their success both at school and in later life. The benefits of developing great reading habits when young include better communication skills, greater mastery of language, enhanced concentration and discipline among many others. Here are some great tips for helping your child develop a love of reading:

Prep – 3s
- Cuddle up and read. Quiet times together are opportunities to bond and read. Put some excitement into your voice. Encourage your child to read every other page. As you go, explain any new words or ideas.
- Be a reading role model. When your kids see you reading, they will want to imitate you. It won’t be long until they learn that reading is fun, interesting, and a “grown up” thing to do.
- Public libraries today are worlds to explore. Your library has great resources and terrific in-house programs such as reading circles for little ones and homework clubs for older children.
- Games can be great learning tools. Board games or card games like word bingo or memory and rhyming cards can be a fun way to learn about words, letter sounds and reading.

Year 4-6s
- Keep reading with your child. Kids are never too old to be read to – or let your kids read to you. Read a variety of material – magazines, newspapers, books, poems and comic books.
- Tap into interests and hobbies. Kids are more likely to read topics they find really interesting, like sports or crafts. Don’t worry if it’s a comic book, magazine or an illustrated novel. All reading is good, and tastes will change as they get older.
- Read some of the same books as your child. Ask your librarian or child’s teacher for suggestions. You can have great conversations about the characters, stories or topics.
- Ask your kids to talk to you about what they’re reading. Ask what it’s about and what is most enjoyable about the book. Ask your kids to describe it to you.
P&C Feedback Survey

What meeting day and time would suit you best?
_____________________________________________

What events/fundraisers would you suggest for our P&C to run in the future?
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How do you think you could assist the P&C in the future?
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Commonwealth Games 2018
Expression of Interest

- Yes! I would like my child/children to attend the 2018 Commonwealth Games and will be willing to assist with fundraising.
- No thanks.

Parent: ___________________________________________

Children attending Osborne in 2018:
_______________________________________________________

Signed: _________________________________

Date: _____/_____/2016
Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...
We had an awesome time at our Class Reward Day this week!
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!!!
SIGN ON DAY

SUNDAY 11th September 2016
FROM 3 pm
At Home Hill Cricket Association
First Street
HOME HILL

Enquiries Phone
Steve Sunderland 0418198287
Steven.sunderland@landmark.com.au

All Junior Boys & Girls aged between 7 & 15 of all standards Welcome
Brandon State School
Garage Sale

Saturday
3rd September

Time: 7am-12noon

Desks, Chairs, Cupboards, Tables, Book Shelves, Filing Cabinets, Metal cages and much much more...

Come along, grab a bargain and support our small school!

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Phone: 47825227