Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I trust that you all had a fantastic break and enjoyed some time relaxing. The 2 weeks certainly flew by and we are now back into the full swing of learning here at school. We are currently working on completing our Poetry units in English and the children are coming up with some fantastic poems! We have also begun our new units of work in our other subject areas. This term in Science we will be exploring Physics and as part of the children’s assessment task they will be designing and creating a toy which uses energy. Please encourage your children to observe the toys they use and think about how they might be using energy.

This week I had the opportunity to attend the Band 5/6 Principal’s Forum in Townsville. At this forum, principals from across the North Queensland region come together to discuss Regional priorities and strategic planning for the coming year. As part of this forum, we had the opportunity to listen to Melissa Freestun who is the Mental Health Coach for the North Queensland District. Melissa spoke about a number of issues including emotional intelligence, stress and vulnerability. I was particularly interested in her approach to stress as I believe this is something which affects all of us at one time or another. Melissa shared with us a very interesting TED talk by psychologist Kelly McGonigal who spoke about making stress your friend. She explained that rather than viewing stress as something negative, we need to view stress as a helpful response to situations as our body prepares us for action. McGonigal stated that when you view stress in that way, your body believes you, and your stress response becomes healthier. It is how we think about stress that matters! Her full TED talk is available at: https://www.ted.com/talks/kelly_mcgonigal_how_to_make_stress_your_friend?language=en

Don’t forget that Monday 17 October is a Pupil Free Day, regular classes will resume on Tuesday 18 October. I would also like to invite you to attend our Prep Open Morning on Thursday 20 October from 9-11am. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase how great our school is and encourage other families to enroll their children here. Please feel free to invite families you may know to attend. Have a fantastic fortnight everyone,

Hayley Laidlow
Principal
Save the Date

17 October – Pupil Free Day
19 October – Learning Fair (Miss Laidlow away, Mrs Duthie in charge)
20 October – Prep Open Morning
21 October – Planning Day (Mr Beale taking the class)
25 October – Reid Thompson, ARD visit
26 October – Cake Stall, Community Raffle tickets due back today
27 October – Band 5/6 PLC (Miss Laidlow away in the afternoon)
28 October – Day for Daniel – please wear red to school, bring a coin donation
31 October – Paluma Environmental Education Centre Visit
1 November – Melbourne Cup Day – wear your best/funniest hat to school
3 November – Leaders Leading Leaders (LLL) Meeting, Regional Office (Miss Laidlow away, Mrs Duthie in charge)
5 November – Home Hill Harvest Festival
8 November – P&C Meeting
10 November – Burdekin Principal’s Meeting (Miss Laidlow away, Mrs Duthie in charge)
11 November – LLL Meeting, Regional Office (Miss Laidlow away, Mrs Duthie in charge)
16 November – QLD Symphony Orchestra excursion
18 November – Planning Day (Mr Beale taking the class)
24 November – LLL Meeting, Regional Office (Hayley away)
29 November – P&C Meeting
7 December – Smalls Schools’ Swimming Carnival
9 December – 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. Our next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 8 November at 6:30pm in the staffroom. All parents, carers and friends of the school are welcome to attend.

As a school, we have made the decision to take our students to the Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast in 2018. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our kids to participate in an international event and to visit some of the great tourist attractions the Gold Coast has to offer. In order to reduce the cost of this excursion to families, the P&C are undertaking a number of fundraising activities. Please support these activities.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Cake Stall
P&C will be holding a cake stall on Wednesday 26 October outside the Home Hill News Agency at 9:00am. Any donations of cakes, biscuits, slice etc would be greatly appreciated. All cooking must be labelled with a list of ingredients and wrapped securely. Donations can be delivered to the school prior to 26 October or dropped to the stall on the day.

Rotary Community Raffle
We are currently selling Rotary Community Raffle tickets, 100% of the money raised from the tickets we sell comes directly back to the P&C. Tickets are $5 each and are available in books of 5 tickets. **First prize: $10 000, Second prize: $5000, Third prize: $2500.** Tickets must be returned to the school by Wednesday 26 October. If you need more tickets, please see Miss Laidlow.

IGA BBQ
**Sunday 13 November** we will be holding a BBQ at IGA from 10am – 1pm, please come along and help if you are able.

Christmas Drive
Once again we will be conducting our Christmas Drive. We will be selling rumballs, apricot balls, choc-mint balls and sugar coated peanuts. Attached is an order form. All orders and money will need to be returned to school by **Friday 25 November.** Orders will be available for collection in the last week of school. We will also need assistance in making and packing the orders, please keep an eye out in newletters closer to the date for more details.
**Attendance**

Our current attendance rate for this term is 95.8% (as at 14 October 2016) – this is a fantastic improvement from Term 3, it is great to see all of our students at school almost every day – keep up the great work everyone! Remember – Every Day Counts.

**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.

**Swimming Lessons**

School swimming lessons started today and will continue each Friday until Week 9. The cost per week is $2 per child ($16 per child, per term) which covers entry into the pool. This can be paid in full or weekly. Thank you to those families who have already paid for the term. The cost of the swimming coach and transport will be met by the school. Children will need to bring their swimmers, swimming shirt, towel and sunscreen with them each Friday. Transport will be provided via maxi-taxi. We will leave school at 1:15pm and return at 2:45pm.
Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...
We have been working hard this past fortnight learning new concepts in Maths and improving our reading skills. We have also learnt about forces in Science and had a visit from Dr Miguel Diaz who told us all about Mexico and taught us how to play Pironola.
Osborne State School

Prep Open Morning

Thursday
20 November
9am—11:00am

Come along and experience all we have to offer at Osborne State School. Join us for a school tour, hands on activities for your child and morning tea. Enrolment packages and information available on the day.

We will also be holding 2 Prep Orientation Mornings where your child can come along and experience what Prep will be like for them. These will be held on Friday 25 November and Tuesday 29 November—all children who are eligible to attend Prep in 2017 are welcome to attend.

For more information
Phone: 4782 6254
email principal@osborness.eq.edu.au
Find us on Facebook – search ‘Osborne State School’
**Osborne State School Christmas Fundraiser**

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**Student:**

Osborne State School thanks you for your support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Fundraiser:**

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**Products:**

- **Sugar Coated Peanuts:** 150g bag, $5.00 each
- **Choc-Mint Balls:** 8 per bag, $5.00 each
- **Apricot Balls:** 8 per bag, $5.00 each
- **Rum Balls:** 8 per bag, $5.00 each
Windmill Café & Millaroo State School
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Claredale Pastures
@ Mio College

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON
Tuesday 1st November—10.30am start

Master Class Cooking demonstration
by award winning Butcher Adam & Chef Raelene

Prizes for—Best Dressed—Best Hat
Sweeps—Fashion Display

MENU
Selection of our own Italian Salami’s & Cold Cuts; Carved Triple Smoked Claredale Ham; Crispy Skinned Pork Belly;
Selection of Olives, Sundried Tomatoes & Condiments;
Crumbed Fish & Calamari; Moroccan Chicken Caesar Salad;
King Prawn & Avocado Salad; Potato Salad; Garden Salad;
Buffet selection of Desserts; Tea & Coffee; Licensed Bar