Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again it has been a busy fortnight here at school, the children have completed their poetry unit and are now moving onto their new English tasks. Our Year 1 students will be trying their hand at writing a procedure while the Year 2-3-4 students will be writing and presenting a persuasive speech. We are continuing to work hard in all other subject areas.

Last week, we held our Prep Open Day and it was exciting to have many little people and their parents from the C&K Kindy come to visit our school. It was a great opportunity for us to showcase how great our school is and I would like to commend the staff on preparing a fantastic suite of activities for the morning and our students on their great behavior during the event. All the feedback I received from the visiting parents was very positive and I am hopeful that some of these families may choose to join our school in 2017. I would like to encourage you, as representatives of our school, to promote the benefits of a small school environment to any families you know. We all know how fabulous our school is, let’s share it with the wider community!

Next weekend (5 November) we will again participate in the Home Hill Harvest Festival Parade. This is another great opportunity to promote our school to the wider public. More details about this event will be sent home next week.

Have a fantastic week everyone,

Hayley Laidlow
Principal
Save the Date
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)
25 November – Prep Orientation Morning
29 November – Prep Orientation Morning, P&C Meeting
30 November – STEM PD (Miss Laidlow and Mrs Duthie away, Mr Beale in charge)
7 December – Small 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
Thanks to everyone who baked for our cake stall and to Kate and Sandra for manning the stall on Wednesday, it was a successful morning both in selling cakes and taking orders for our upcoming rumball drive.

Rotary Community Raffle
Thanks to everyone who sold Rotary Community Raffle tickets, 100% of the money raised from the tickets we sold comes directly back to the P&C. Good luck to everyone who bought tickets!

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.

Prep Enrolments 2017
If your child will be enrolling for Prep 2017, can you please return their enrolment forms to school ASAP. If you are aware of any other families who are interested in enrolling their children at our school, please encourage them to come along to our Prep orientation mornings as they will be a great opportunity for them to experience our school and ask any questions they may have.
**Attendance**

Our current attendance rate for this term is 97.6% (as at 27 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 will give you a copy of the required forms.

**New School Uniforms**

We are currently negotiating a supplier for our new school uniforms, once this has been finalised an order form for shirts will be sent home.

**Scinspiration 2017**

Scinspiration is a science based, extracurricular excursion to Canberra. Scinspiration is open to all students in Years 5 and 6 in the North Queensland schools. This exciting excursion will take place during the June-July school holidays of 2017 from **Wednesday 28 June to Tuesday 4 July**. Students who attend Scinspiration have the opportunity to visit numerous attractions, observe working scientists and meet other enthusiastic science students from both districts. Attractions we will be visiting include: Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, Royal Australian Mint, Questacon Science Centre, CSIRO Discovery Centre, Canberra Glassworks National Zoo and Aquarium and a day investigating the snow at Perisher Valley (a draft itinerary is attached). Registrations are now open and a deposit will be required to secure your child’s place on tour. Bookings are strictly limited to 40 students and will be taken on a first come, first served basis. The total cost of the trip is **$1650 per student**, this includes flights to and from Townsville, all transport whilst in Canberra, all meals, snow gear hire and a trip T-shirt.

During 2014, the school and P&C offered a combined subsidy of $600 per student, reducing the cost of the trip to $650 per student. We cannot guarantee that the trip will be subsidised to this extent during 2017, however, we will be offering a significant subsidy to reduce the cost. If your child is interested in attending, please return the registration form with a deposit of **$300** to the school as soon as possible.

**Swimming Lessons**

School swimming lessons are continuing this week. 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...

This fortnight we had fun at our Prep Open Day, worked hard in class to learn new things and had fun learning to swim.
Here are 2 of the fantastic poems written by our students...

**Rileys’ remote race car**

Once a red remote race car,
zoomed past Mum and Dad.
They got a big surprise and
looked for that bad lad.
They looked behind the fruit trees
And saw me laughing there.
Then I got in trouble and
I think it isn’t fair?

And here is a great first attempt at
a persuasive speech by Cameryn...

Havind a little sister is
awesomme, because I get to
teach them to stand and
work. I pick them up
then they hold the
chair, then I let go,
Then they stand. And
it makes me proud of
my self, and I love being
a big sister.
## Osborne State School Christmas Fundraiser

As you enjoy the holidays, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Osborne State School thanks you for your support and wishes...

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*Failure to pay will result in your order being cancelled.*

Osborne State School

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*Orders can be collected from 7.00am on Tuesday 6th December.

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*Form your order and return the form to Osborne State School by Friday 25th November. Forms and money are due back to Osborne State School by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 6th December.*

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*Failing to return your order may result in your order being cancelled.*

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*Thank you for your support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*
Windmill Café & Millaroo State School presents

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