Dear Parents and Carers,

World War I was to be ‘the war to end all wars’. The admonition ‘Lest We forget’ was based on the hope that if we could only keep close in our collective memory the experience of horror then we would never go there again. This morning – 'at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month' - many of us will pause for a moment’s quiet contemplation and reflect on the legacy of our forebears who sacrificed their lives in the service of their country and those they loved.

Although the ritual is one of quiet contemplation, part of the legacy is a refusal to remain silent. 'Lest we forget' is not just keeping the memory alive but acting on it to bring about change for a more peaceful world. To be effective, such change has to be at both the personal and public levels. This dual aspect is best expressed in an exhortation of the Dalai Lama:

Be compassionate.
Not just towards your friends but to everyone.
Work for peace,
in your heart
and in the world.
Work for peace.
And I say again -
never give up!
No matter what is happening.
No matter what is going on around you.
Never give up!

Of course, there may be circumstances in the future where the use of military force will be both necessary and legitimate. And where courage and self-sacrifice will again be required. But it should only be for the very best of reasons and as a last resort.

At 11:00am, however, when we reflect in silence, our thoughts will probably be of a more personal nature. For Remembrance Day is always about the loss of loved ones. The grieving for their death. The remembrance of their uniqueness and preciousness. A renewed appreciation of the sacrifices they made on our behalf. An acknowledgement of the incredible impact they had and continue to have on us, the inheritors of their legacy. And, then, a recognition that the personal is universal.

This Remembrance Day, I am grateful that I live in a peaceful country where we are free to express our views without fear retribution or violent backlash. I am grateful that I am able to teach our children about the sacrifices of those who have gone before us and to teach them about appreciation, love, compassion and patience in the hope that they will grow to be productive global citizens. This Remembrance Day, I remember with pride and gratitude the sacrifices of those brave men and women who gave their all that we may live in freedom and peace — Lest We Forget.

Have a fantastic week everyone,

Hayley Laidlow
Principal
Save the Date
14 November – Finance Workshop (Miss Laidlow away, Mrs Duthie in charge)
15 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)
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 15 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

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.

Queensland Symphony Orchestra Excursion
Next Wednesday 16 November, we will be travelling to Townsville to listen to the Queensland Symphony Orchestra at the Townsville Civic Theatre. We will then travel to the Strand for lunch and briefly visit the Perc Tucker Art Gallery. Children will need to wear their full school uniform and bring a water bottle. Lunch will be provided. We will leave school at 8:30am and return by 3:00pm. There is no cost for this excursion.

Kindy Buddy Reading
On Thursday 17 November, our Year 3 and 4 students will be visiting C&K Kindy in Home Hill to read with the kindy children. These students have been working hard to improve their oral reading skills and would benefit from practising reading aloud at home. Only students who have displayed excellent behaviour at school will be eligible to attend this excursion. Transport will be provided by Miss Laidlow.

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. Prep Orientation Mornings will be held on Friday 25 November and Tuesday 29 November from 9-11am.
Attendance
Our current attendance rate for this term is 98.1% (as at 11 November 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 great way to teach kids about how to save money and it our school as we receive financial benefits for each student account which is registered with our school banking 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.

End of Year Celebrations
We will hold our End of Year Celebration evening on Thursday 8 December at 6:30pm. The students will be performing their end of year play and we will present some end of year awards. All friends and families are welcome to attend. Please bring a plate of food to share for our ‘pot luck’ dinner and your own drinks. We look forward to seeing you there 😊

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.

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. We are currently waiting on a sample shirt to arrive from Cueldee in Townsville. New school shirts will cost approximately $35 each.

Our school uniform consists of the school polo shirt, black shorts, white/black/grey or orange socks, a full brimmed hat and closed shoes. All students are required to wear their school uniform to school every day. In 2017, students will be able to wear both the older orange design shirt and the new black print polos.

Benefits of Wearing a School Uniform
Taken from the articles ‘What advocates of school uniforms say’ mamamia.com.au and ‘Why should students wear school uniforms?’ eisau.com.au
- A uniform creates a sense of community and belonging, especially when children are young.
- Wearing a single standard of dress code takes away the pressure of choosing what to wear.
- A uniform is more economical.
- It promotes unity and equality amongst students.
- Is a visual representation of our school to the wider community and is an excellent opportunity to promote small schools to our community.

In preparation for 2017, we have done some research into where you can purchase shorts, socks and shoes which are suitable to wear to school.
The following items are appropriate for school wear and are currently available online from [www.target.com.au](http://www.target.com.au) (Click on ‘Kids’ then ‘School wear’).

The shorts are available in sizes 3 to 16.

Unisex Drill Shorts - Black
$8

Unisex School Microfibre Shorts - Black
$8

Unisex School Cargo Shorts - Black
$10

Bonds 3 Pack Tough School Socks - White
$13

essentials 3 Pack Crew School Socks
$3

Reversible Bucket Hat
$15

There are sport shoes available online as well for kids. I used the term ‘kids runners’ and a wide selection returned ranging in between $20 to $30 dollars.

$82 will buy 3 pairs of shorts, 3 pairs of Bonds socks, a hat and a pair of $30 runners.

NOTE: we are currently investigating school hats and will keep you informed about availability and pricing.
PAYMENT + DELIVERY

FREE Click and Collect for orders over $29*
Ship your order to your most convenient Target store and we’ll contact you via email or SMS within 1-10 business days when your order can be collected. There is no need for printing! You can simply use the email copy on your phone as proof of purchase for collection.

*Excludes large items. Some product exclusions apply. Not available for eBay purchases. Orders under $29 will include a $5 handling fee.

FREE Home Delivery for orders over $59*
Get your order delivered to any street address in mainland Australia for free!

*Orders under $59 will incur a $9 delivery fee. Large items will incur a delivery fee based on the delivery destination and will be calculated once you enter your delivery destination. Delivery fees for a single large item range from $39 and for 3 or more large items range from $78. Delivery Fees for large items are calculated on the delivery destination. Please note that our carrier companies’ Delivery Policies or zone restrictions may apply to selected areas. Where street delivery is not always possible, you will receive notification or a calling card will be left.

Express Delivery - For apparel only orders. $5.95 when you spend over $59*
*Orders under $59 will incur a $12.95 delivery fee. Not available to all locations. Next business day delivery available for orders placed by 12pm AEDT Mon to Fri.
Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...

During the past fortnight we had a visit from the teachers at Paluma Environmental Education Centre who helped us out with our science experiments, we also explored how electrical circuits work. Everyone had a great time at the Harvest Festival Parade – thanks to Mr and Mrs Laidlow for letting us use your truck again this year.
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**Osborne State School Christmas Fundraiser**

- *Student:*

**Forms and Money due back to Osborne State School Office by Friday, 25 November.**

- Failure to pay will result in loss of your order being cancelled.

**Orders can be collected from 7 William St,**

**Osborne State School**

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**Osborne State School thanks you for your support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**
Christmas StoryTime
Burdekin Library Ayr
Friday 9th December, 10:30am

- Stories
- Christmas Carols
- Christmas Activity
- Morning Tea
- Face Painting
- Special Visitor from the North Pole