

# The Osborne Observer

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It certainly has been a busy start to the year! We have hit the ground running this term and are now fully engaged in learning across all our subject areas. Students and staff have been working hard over the first 3 weeks and we are all enjoying learning lots of new things. Being our centenary year, we have lots of exciting events coming up and will need all hands on deck to help in preparing and running them. Please find attached a term calendar to help you keep up to date with everything that is happening.



## Working Bee

We will be holding a working bee at school on **Saturday 22 February from 8:30-11:30am**. We will be tidying the school gardens and carrying out some maintenance tasks around the school. Following the working bee, the P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle as a thank you for your help. All parents, carers and students are welcome to come along. We look forward to seeing you there!

## P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7pm** in the staff room. At this time we will conduct our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** which will be followed by a general meeting. 2014 will be an extremely busy year for our school and any assistance you can offer us is greatly appreciated. All parents, carers and friends of the school are welcome to attend.



## Centenary Committee Meeting

Our next centenary committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5 March at 3:15pm** in the staffroom. The centenary events are fast approaching and we need all hands on deck to help with preparation. Please come along and see what you can do to help out.



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## JAG – Junior Astronomy Group

The first meeting of JAG will take place on Friday 28 February at 6pm on the school oval. All students in Year 5 and over are welcome to attend.

## Library Borrowing and Show & Tell Days

This year, as we did in 2013, students have been allocated a library borrowing day. If your child wishes to take library books home, they will need to have a library bag to transport their books in to keep them safe. Library borrowing days and Show and Tell days will be the same. Rostered days are:

**Monday:** Dylan, Maddison J, Jahlique

**Tuesday:** Blaize, Ryland, Kasharna, Daniel, Maddison M

**Wednesday:** Johnny, Lachlan, Austin

**Thursday:** Shaylah, Tim, Clinton, Ty, Nikita



## Reading Strategy of the Week

This week's reading strategy is "Stretchy Snake". Stretchy Snake says – Stretch the words out, say the sound slowly. When children come across an unknown word they can stretch the sounds out, looking for familiar letters and sounds. For example 'food' becomes f-oo-d. . Remind them to look for sounds they know and take notice of the initial sound. So when you are stuck 'stretch out the word like Stretchy Snake.'

### **Great Results Guarantee**

Earlier this month, the Minister for Education, Training and Employment announced \$131 million in additional state school funding under the Great Results Guarantee. As part of this scheme, our school will be receiving \$5000.

The funding will be used by schools to develop evidence-based strategies that respond to the needs of students and deliver improved outcomes in reading. Some strategies we will be using will include providing professional development for all staff to improve their skills in the teaching of reading, replacing current reading resources to support the teaching of reading and inviting expert teachers to visit our school to provide coaching and feedback for our staff. We believe that by combining these ideas with the high yield teaching strategies which we already have in place we will further improve our students' performance in reading.

If you have any questions about this funding or the strategies we will be using, please feel free to contact us at school.

### **Student Resource Scheme 2014**



As a school, we have decided to implement a student resource scheme during 2014, rather than sending home individual booklists for each child. 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 **\$55 per child per year**. This levy will cover ALL stationery items for the 2014 school year. Items that are not covered under this levy are: school

bags, hats, lunch boxes, lunches and school excursions. All student resource scheme payments will need to be finalised by Week 10.

Yours in Education

*Hayley Laidlow*

Principal

## **Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...**



## *Wiggly Worms*

This week in science our Prep-2s have been investigating worms! The students spent time looking closely at worms and learnt how to draw a scientific diagram. They also created 'worm viewers' so that they could observe what worms do to help soil health.

<<< *Daniel, Blaize and Maddison M with their worm viewer.*