Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it certainly has been a very busy start to the year! During the past 2 weeks all of our students have settled in well to our school routine and have all been working hard on our new units of work. The students have been doing some fantastic work in developing their writing skills and have written some excellent six-sentence stories. We have also had a visit from Cricket Queensland for our very first cricket workshop and had a visit from Piggy from the Bendigo Bank.

2017 will be a busy year for our P&C as we work towards raising money for our excursion to the Commonwealth Games in 2018. We have a number of fundraising events organised for the year and we would appreciate your assistance in helping to run them. A list of events and dates is included in this newsletter and the events will also be added to our school calendar on our website. I look forward to seeing a great roll up at our next P&C meeting.

It was fabulous to see so many families attend our very first STEM challenge day this week. Everyone had a fantastic time saving Sam the worm and building bugs with Lego. Our STEM challenge afternoons are a great way for parents to engage with the science and technology curriculum and to learn with your kids. We absolutely love having extended families here at school and we are excited to see these afternoons grow. STEM – are you up to the challenge?

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at school. We look forward to another great year together,

Hayley Laidlow
Principal
Save the Date

15 February – Cricket workshop
22 February – Band 5/6 Cluster meeting – Miss Laidlow away, Mrs Duthie replacing
1-3 March – State Principals’ Conference – Miss Laidlow away, Mrs Duthie replacing
2 March – STEM Challenge afternoon, 3-4pm
7 March – P&C Meeting and AGM
8 March – Paluma Environmental Education Centre Incursion - Arts Workshop
10 March – GO visit
20 March – Reid Thompson ARD visit
23 March – STEM Challenge afternoon (Easter Bonnet design and building)
30 March – Burdekin Small Schools Cluster Day, Airville SS (History)
31 March – Easter Bonnet Parade, Last Day of School

EASTER BREAK
18 April – School returns
18-21 April – Miss Laidlow away, Mrs Duthie replacing
9-11 May - NAPLAN

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 7 March 2017 at 6:30pm in the staffroom. This will be our AGM where a new executive will be elected for 2017, please consider how you may be able to help and come along. The AGM will be followed by a general meeting. 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.

Fundraising Activities for 2017

TERM 1
February 6 – March 10 - Lamington drive (to be confirmed)
February 12 – IGA BBQ – Koia family
February 19 – Working Bee (8:00am)
March 12 – IGA BBQ – Nagle family
March 19 – Lamington making day (to be confirmed)
March 20 – Lamington order delivery day (to be confirmed)

TERM 2
May 14 – IGA BBQ – Palmer family
June 11 – IGA BBQ – Watson family
June 18 – Cent Sale & Boot Sale (to be confirmed)

TERM 3
August 13 – IGA BBQ – Nagle family
August 19 – Trivia Night
September 10 – IGA BBQ – Palmer family

TERM 4
October 9 – Rumball orders
October 15 – IGA BBQ - _________?
October 21-22 – Bunnings BBQs, Fairfield Waters
November 12 – IGA BBQ – Koia family
November 24 – Rumball orders in
November 30 – Swimming Carnival Tuckshop
December 2 – Rumball Working Bee
December 4 – Rumball Orders out
December 10 – IGA BBQ.
**Attendance**

Our current attendance rate for this term is **98.1% (as at 25 January 2017)** – what an awesome start to the year! It has been great to see all of our students at school every day – keep up the great work everyone! In 2017, we will be aiming to keep our whole school attendance above 95% - remember Every Day at School 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.

**Basketball workshops**

Next **Monday 13 February**, we will begin free after school basketball workshops at school. Workshops will run from **3-4pm** on the school basketball court and will be hosted by Sarah Hesp who plays for the Townsville Heat and is a reserve for the Townsville Fire. These workshops are optional and are open to all students. If your child will be staying for the workshops, please include some extra snacks in their lunchbox on Monday.

**IGA BBQ**

This Sunday we will be hosting a **BBQ at IGA in Home Hill** as a fundraiser for the school from **9am-1pm**. The Koia family is kindly hosting this BBQ but we would also ask that any other families who may be able to assist to come along and help out. Any amount of time you can spare would be appreciated. If your children will be attending, please have them wear their black school uniform.

**Making a payment using B Point**

We now have the ability to process payments online. If you would like to make payments online, you will need to use B Point to process these payments. Payments can be made using a VISA or Mastercard and funds are deposited directly into the school account. You can find the B Point biller code and reference number at the bottom of any invoices issued to you by the school. We are also still able to process cash payments through the office on Thursdays and Fridays. B Point payments can be made at [https://www.bpoint.com.au/](https://www.bpoint.com.au/)

**Student Resource Scheme 2017**

During 2017, we will be continuing with the school Resource Scheme. 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 **$85 per child per year**. This levy will cover ALL stationery items for the 2017 school year and one uniform shirt. Items that are not covered under this levy are: school bags, hats, lunch boxes, lunches and school excursions. If you choose not to participate in the Resource Scheme, you will be required to provide all of your child’s stationary and books throughout the school year. If you wish to participate in the Resource Scheme, please return the attached agreement to the school. **Full payment will be required by Week 5, Term 1, 2017**. Attached is a Voluntary Resource Scheme Agreement, if you wish to participate in this scheme and have not notified us yet, please complete, sign and return the form to school as soon as possible.
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 last year, as a school we have decided to take our students on 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 can. Parents are welcome to attend but this will be at your own expense. If you do intend for you child/children to attend this excursion, please return the attached registration form along with a $100 non-refundable deposit to school as soon as possible. In order to help reduce the lump sum payment, you are also welcome to begin making payments to the school towards this excursion. We would suggest $50 per fortnight. If the eventual cost of the trip per child is less then what you have paid to the school, you will be refunded the difference OR these funds can be put towards your own trip (all bookings etc for this excursion will be managed through the school).

Your trash is our treasure!

We are in need of the following items for school: old newspapers, small clean cardboard boxes (e.g. toothpaste boxes), clean bottle caps and any other small items which could be used for construction activities. We would also appreciate old towels as they are great for art clean ups and old shirts which could be used as paint smocks. If you have any of these sorts of materials, please send them to school.

Annual Forms

Attached are our annual excursion permission and private transport forms. These forms negate the need for us to send home a permission form for individual excursions throughout the year. You will be informed of any excursions prior to them occurring either through the school newsletter or a separate note. Overnight excursions will require separate permission and medical forms. If your child is a new enrolment to our school this year you do not need to complete these forms as they were completed with your enrolment pack. Returning students, please complete and return these forms to schools as soon as possible.

Reading Strategy of the Week

Each fortnight, we are going to feature a reading strategy in the newsletter. This week we are featuring ‘Eagle Eye’. The Eagle Eye strategy says – Look at the pictures for clues. When reading picture or short chapter books, there are often great clues for reading in the pictures. When reading with your child, don’t forget to remind them “Use your Eagle Eyes!”

Give Away!

We currently have a teacher’s desk at school which we no longer need. If anyone would like it to use at home, it is located outside the school library and you are welcome to come and collect it 😊

Student Goal Setting

Over the coming week, we will be working together to set learning and personal goals for each of the students. As part of this goal setting process, we would also like parents to set goals with us for their children. We will also be discussing how you can help your child achieve their goals at home. These goals will be reviewed at the end of Term in a parent-teacher conference. If we have not already arranged a time for a chat, we will be in contact early next week.
Green Key – Resilience

At Osborne, we run a well-being program called Program Achieve – You Can Do It! This program is made up of 5 keys to success – Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience. As part of our HPE – Health Unit, we are currently focussing on the Green Key – Resilience. The following are some tips on how you can help your children to be more resilient.

How to raise resilient kids

Next time your child is furrowing their brow and staring off into space, ask them if they're thinking dolphin or shark thoughts. That's the advice from psychologist and resilience specialist Andrew Fuller on helping your child to recognise the positive (dolphin) or negative (shark) approaches they may be taking on life issues. "Dolphin thinking can help you out and shark thinking can eat you up. It doesn't matter how old your kids are, they can still understand it," Andrew says. Dolphin thinking and shark thinking is just one in a series of simple tools you can use to help your child develop good resilience skills. Other tools include playing games and puzzles with your child to develop their problem-solving and concentration skills, teaching your child to read people's emotions to understand objective situations, and helping them to learn how to cheer themselves up after a hard day.

Learning to become successful is one of the most important aspects of building resilience. "The things that are most important are teaching children what a good life is, how to live life well, how to extract pleasure out of things and how to turn things around when they're tough," Andrew says.

Top tips on building resilience

1. Teach your child to experience success by supporting them in something they like doing whether it’s a sporting, academic or artistic endeavour.
2. Help them develop skills to be successful at school such as having a good concentration and memory by playing card games and puzzles.
3. Being able to read people's emotions is powerfully predictive of how well children can get on with people at school. Play games with your child by predicting what sort of day a person walking down the street may have had.
4. Be aware of the ‘yuk and yum’ factor – some things will make your child feel good and other things will make them feel bad. The idea is for them to gather things around them that cheer them up if they've had a bad day.
5. Keep things in perspective – explain to a grumpy child their circumstances are not the worst possible, and that others have been through similar situations. Walk beside them as they handle the situation. This helps them to build hope and the belief they can handle problems when they come up.

Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...

We have had a wonderful 2 weeks as we welcomed Sam from QLD Cricket for our first cricket workshop of the year, had a visit from Piggy, made marshmallow poppers in science and extended our thinking at our STEM challenge afternoon.
Get Microsoft Office 2016 for free, just for being a student here.

Commonwealth Games Excursion Registration Form

- Yes! I would like my child/children to attend the 2018 Commonwealth Games and will be willing to assist with fundraising.
- Yes! I would like to attend this excursion and am willing to cover the cost of my attendance.
- No thanks.

Parent:

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Children attending Osborne in 2018:

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I have included a **deposit of $100 per child** to secure my child’s place for the Commonwealth Games Excursion, 2018.

I understand that **this deposit is non-refundable** should my child not attend this excursion. I also understand that the final cost of this excursion is approximately $1400 per student, this cost is subject to change and may be subsidised by P&C and other funding.

I understand that should I chose to attend this excursion, all costs for my attendance are to be covered personally. Monies raised by the P&C will not be used to subsidise parent/carer attendance on this excursion.

Signed

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Date: ___________________
Osborne State School Excursion Consent 2017

During 2016, our school will be going on a number of excursion including (but not limited to) school swimming, JOKSS Days, NAIDOC Celebrations, theatre visits and reward days. Completion of this consent will give permission for your child to attend any or all of these excursions. You will be notified in writing prior to students going on an excursion and should you NOT wish your child to attend, you will need to send written notification to the school prior to the event. All excursion costs will need to be paid prior to the excursion to ensure your child is able to attend.

Please complete the required information and check all appropriate boxes below to indicate your agreement/consent:

☐ I have read all of the information contained in this form in relation to the activity (including any attached material) and I am aware that the Department of Education, Training and Employment does not have personal accident insurance cover for students.

☐ I give consent for my child, ______________________ (print child’s name) in class ________ (print class details), to participate in the activity detailed above.

☐ I agree to pay to the school the costs detailed above for my child’s participation in the activity.

☐ In the event of an accident or illness, I authorise school staff to obtain or administer any medical assistance or treatment my child may reasonably require, including contacting my child’s doctor.

☐ I have provided the school all relevant details relating to my child’s medical or physical needs on enrolment and where relevant have updated this information.

☐ I accept liability for all costs incurred in obtaining such medical assistance or treatment (including any transportation costs) and undertake to reimburse the State of Queensland (via the Department of Education, Training and Employment) the full amount of any costs incurred on my child’s behalf.

Parent/Carer Name: ____________________________________________________________ (Please Print)

Parent/Carer’s Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __/__/____

Additional medical information

The school collected medical information about your child at enrolment. This information is stored in OneSchool. Please give full details of any new or changing conditions (medical, physical or management) which may affect your child’s full participation in the activity described in the form.

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You may also wish to provide the following information*:

Name of child’s medical practitioner: ______________________________ Telephone No.: __________________

Medicare No.: ____________________________________________________________

Private Health Insurance Company (if provided): __________________ Membership No.: __________________

*If an enrolment form for your child has been completed or updated since October 2012 this information will already be recorded in OneSchool.

☐ I would like this additional information about my child’s medical and physical details to be recorded in OneSchool records.

Privacy Notice

The Department of Education, Training and Employment is collecting the personal information requested in this form in order to:

- obtain lawful consent for your child to participate in the activity;
- help coordinate the activity;
- respond to any injury or medical condition that may arise during, or as a result of the activity; and
- update school records were necessary.

The information will only be accessed by authorised school staff and will be dealt with in accordance with the confidentiality requirements of s.426 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) and the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld).

The information will not be disclosed to any other person or agency unless it is for a purpose stated above, the disclosure is authorised or required by law, or you have given DET permission for the information to be disclosed.

Activity Risks & Insurance

The activity outlined above carries an inherent risk of physical injury occurring. Please note that the Department of Education, Training and Employment does not have personal accident insurance cover for students. If your child is injured as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent/carer. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may be also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents/carers. It is up to all parents/carers to decide what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child. Please take this into consideration in deciding whether or not to allow your child to participate in this activity.
Private Transport Permission Form 2017

I hereby give permission for ________________________________ in to travel by private transport and participate in various activities and excursions throughout 2017.

I understand that in order to provide transport, the driver must be the holder of a current driver's licence and that vehicles must be registered and covered by compulsory Third Party Insurance. If the driver is not a parent or teacher from the school they also require a Blue Card.

Optional: I give permission for my child to travel by transport with Osborne State School only.

I am aware that the Department of Education, Training and Employment does not have Personal Accident Insurance Cover for students.

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Parent name  Parent signature  Date

Privacy Statement

The school is collecting information about you and your child in order to assess the transportation of your child. Your information will only be accessed by school staff. Your information may be given to drivers who will be transporting children with their vehicle. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless we have your consent, or we are required or authorised by law to do so.