Dear Parents and Carers,

End of year is fast approaching and with it, end of year assessments. It is vitally important that children attend school every day during these last weeks as learning continues until the last day – every day of learning at Osborne is precious! I have been very impressed by the excellent attendance of all our students this term, keep up the great work everyone!

Last week, I spent time with each student testing their reading progress and it was great to see all of our students progressing well in their reading. Some of our students have progressed as much as 11 levels this year which is very impressive! Reading is vitally important to all areas of learning and is a lifelong skill for our kids. It is great to see all of our children become proficient readers who are not only becoming highly skilled but also enjoy reading for pleasure. Each week, we encourage the students to borrow from our extensive library which is also open to friends and families of the school. We will continue with Open Library during 2017 and I would encourage you to make use of this fantastic resource.

2017 is going to be an exciting year for us here at Osborne, we have some wonderful units of work planned for the students and will be getting more involved with our local community by visiting the Home for the Aged regularly and getting involved in the Reef Guardians project. We will also be expanding our horizons further into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) by holding regular STEM challenge afternoons for parents and children and continuing our involvement with the S4 – Support Small Schools Science Program. We are also growing as we welcome new students into Prep and other grades across the school. We will also introduce our fabulous new school uniforms and new branding for our front school fence which will help to promote our school to the wider community. We all know how great our school is, let’s get that message out to everyone!

Have a fantastic week everyone,

Hayley Laidlow
Principal
Save the Date
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
2017
17 January – Pupil Free Day (PFD) – staff first aid training, office closed
18 January – PFD – staff mandatory trainings (Airville SS), office closed
19 January – PFD – Teachers and TAs – Sheena Cameron Literacy training (BNE), office open
20 January - PFD – Teachers and TAs – Sheena Cameron Literacy training (BNE), office open
23 January – Classes resume
26 January – Australia Day public holiday

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 29 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
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 Thursday 1 December. Orders will be available for collection in the last week of school. We will also need assistance in making and packing the orders on Saturday 3 December from 9am onwards in the staffroom.

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. Our final Prep Orientation Morning will be held on 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 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.
**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 😊

**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, please complete, sign and return the form to school as soon as possible.

**School Bags**
Next year, we will be selling our own Osborne branded school backpacks. Manufactured by Harlequin, these black ‘Mighty Tuff’ backpacks have the following features:
- Osborne State School colour logo
- Heavy duty zips
- PVC free
- Anatomical Back System™ protects growing spines
- Reflective piping
- Water Repellent Duragarde™ Fabric
- Padded laptop pocket
- Phone/Music pocket plus ear bud hole
- Waist strap
- Umbrella pocket with evaporation hole
- Reinforced "D" Ring
- Mesh water bottle pocket
- Super lightweight

These backpacks come with a 15 year warranty. The backpacks are **$40 each** and come with a bonus black, Osborne branded pencil case and will be available for purchase from the school office in 2017.

**Report Cards**
Report cards will be sent home at the beginning of Week 10. Parent-teacher interviews are available on request. If you would like to book an interview time, please contact the school office.
New School Uniforms
The sample of our new uniform shirt has finally arrived and it looks fantastic!!! We have placed an order with Cueldee for the shirts which should arrive prior to school starting in 2017. Each child currently enrolled at school will receive one school shirt free of charge. One shirt will also be included as part of the Voluntary Resource Scheme. Extra shirts are available for purchase at $36 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.

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.

**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.

There are sport shoes available online as well for kids. We 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.
Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...

During the last 2 weeks, we have been busy working hard in class, we also visited the Queensland Symphony Orchestra in Townsville and welcomed our new Prep and Year 1 students for 2017 – Emylee, Mikaela and Ashly!
Osborne State School
Cnr Kirknie and Osborne Rd
Home Hill Q. 4806
Principal – Hayley Laidlow

Voluntary Student Resource Scheme 2017

Family Name: ........................................

☐ YES, I will participate in the Voluntary Student Resource Scheme

☐ I wish to make full payment at the beginning of 2017 school year. (Please do not pay this year)

☐ Instalments: I wish to make payments over the first term of 2017 and finalise by the end of the first term.

I / We .............................................................. would like to be a part of the Student Resource Scheme that will provide all of my child’s stationery, commercially produced workbooks, pencils, rubbers, etc. needed for learning throughout the year.

I/We .............................................................. do not want to be a part of the Student Resource that will provide all of my child’s stationery, commercially produced workbooks, pencils, rubbers, etc. needed for learning throughout the year. I/We will provide all the listed materials and equipment and ensure that the products are the same as those specified.

Signature: ..................................................  Date: .........................

The levy for 2017 is $85 per 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 less tax and supplies them to the children. All covering and naming of books etc will be taken care of by the school. This levy includes all books and stationery items and one uniform shirt. Once paid, this resource scheme contribution is non-refundable as resources are purchased on a yearly basis.
### Osborne State School Christmas Fundraiser

- **Student:**

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- **Details:**
  - As you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
  - Osborne State School thanks you for your support and wishes.
  - **Deadline:**
    - Orders due at the Office by Friday, 25 November.
    - **Payment:**
      - Cashes and money are due back to Osborne State School.
      - **Failure to pay will result in your order going to the next.**
      - **Orders can be collected from 7 Wednesday, 5 December.**

**Prices:**
- **Sugar Coated Peanuts:** $5.00 each, 150g bag, 250g bag
- **Choc-Mint Balls:** $5.00 each, 150g bag
- **Apricot Balls:** $5.00 each, 250g bag
- **Rum Balls:** $5.00 each, 150g bag

**Contact Number:**
- [Insert Contact Information]

**Name:**
- [Insert Name]

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**Osborne State School Christmas Fundraiser**
Christmas Story Time
Burdekin Library Ayr
Friday 9th December, 10:30am

- Stories
- Christmas Carols
- Christmas Activity
- Face Painting from the North Pole