

# The Osborne Observer

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. It was great to have most of our students back at school this week and hear some great stories about their holiday adventures. Term 2 is looking very busy already, with NAPLAN testing, an astronomy night, leadership camp and fancy dress ball all already on the calendar. A big thanks must go out to those families who came along and helped out at the working bee on the first weekend of the holidays. 3.5 hours of hard work have left our school grounds looking fabulous in the run up to the first of our centenary celebrations this term. Please find attached a term calendar including our important events happening this term.

## P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 12 May 2014 at 6:30pm** in the staff room. 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. All parents, carers and friends of the school are welcome to attend.



## ANZAC Day Parade

We will be participating the Home Hill ANZAC Day march and service again this year. Please meet at the Memorial Hall at 10:45, the march begins at 11:00am. Please wear school uniform, closed shoes and a hat. Following the march, a short service will be held at the cenotaph located behind the Fire Station, please collect your children from here. All parents and carers are welcome to march as well. We would love to have as many students as possible representing our school this year.

## Bunnings BBQ

On Sunday 4 May, we will be hosting a BBQ at Bunnings Fairfield Waters in Townsville. This will be a major fundraiser for our school and we will need as much help as we can get on the day. The BBQ will be operating from 9am – 3pm and we will require workers to help out through out the day. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to come along and help out, please return the form below.



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## JAG – Junior Astronomy Group

Our next JAG meeting will be held on Friday 16 May from 6:30 – 8:30pm on the school oval. All students from Grades 5-7 are welcome to attend.

## Astronomy Night

As part of our Earth-Space Science unit, we will be holding an astronomy night at school on Thursday 8 May from 6:30-8:30pm. All friends and family are welcome to attend. The P&C will be selling sausages and drinks on the night. Please see the attached flier for more information.

## NAPLAN testing

Naplan testing will take place in Week 5 from Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May. All students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be involved. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at school.

## Leadership Camp

Leadership camp will take place from Tuesday 10 – Friday 13 June (Week 8). All students in Years 4-7 are welcome to attend. Further information including costs will be sent home next week.



## Family Games Night

Our Family Games night will be held on Friday 30 May in the school library. All families are welcome to attend. We will be holding a 'pot-luck' dinner so please bring a dish of food to share. BYO drinks.



### Centenary Celebrations

The first of our Centenary Celebrations will take place this term. On Saturday 24 May will be hosting our 'Back to Osborne' day here at the school. Celebrations will kick off at 2:30pm and will include an afternoon tea, games for kids, entertainment from the Home Hill Choral Society and displays of memorabilia. Food and drinks will be on sale. All past and present families and friends of the school are welcome to attend.

### Reading Strategy of the Week

This week's reading strategy is "Flippy Dolphin". Flippy Dolphin says – Try the other vowel sound. When children come across an unknown word they can try the various vowel sounds while decoding the word. For example 'a' can have a short sound as in 'cat' or a long sound as in 'mate'. Remind them to look for sounds they know and take notice of the initial sound. So when you are stuck '*flip the vowel sounds like Flippy Dolphin.*'



### Student Resource Scheme 2014



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. **A number of families have not yet completed payment, please complete payment as soon as possible.**

### Payments to the school

There are a number of families who currently have outstanding debts with the school. Until these debts are cleared, we will be unable to allow those students to participate in future costed excursions. In future, all excursions will need to be paid for up front, unless special arrangements are made with the school. If you are having difficulty paying your debt and would like to arrange a payment plan, please contact the school.



### Classroom Rules

This week we have been focussing on learning our classroom rules and putting them into action. This week's rule focus has been **Be responsible**. It is important for students to understand the need to take responsibility for their possessions and actions. Here are some great tips on how to teach your child to take responsibility for their actions:

**1. ASSIGN some accountability**

Age-appropriate chores are a simple way to teach your child responsibility. Add in a little financial incentive and your child will begin learning how to manage finances, too.

**2. Let them make decisions**

Letting your child make some of her own choices will teach her accountability and help her to gain independence. Younger children should be offered limited options, but give them the chance to choose from them.

**3. Foster independence**

The only way to master any skill is through practice. By letting them tackle age-appropriate tasks, like getting themselves dressed, they will also become more self-reliant.

**4. Set a good example**

Taking your own responsibilities seriously sets a good example for your kid's watchful eyes. "Whether we promote it or not, children always learn by example", says Thomas S. Greenspon, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist. Keeping your promises or being on time are ways you can lead by example.

**5. Pick up a book**

Stories pack a lot of punch, so when it comes to reading time, select books that illustrate responsibility. Interesting characters and situations they can identify with will hold their attention.

**6. Talk them through difficult situations**

Although your first instinct is to direct and protect your child, instead of automatically telling them what they should do, guide them through the process of coming to a conclusion on their own. Ask questions and encourage them to think it through with your support.

**7. Show them the bigger picture**

The ultimate goal is for your child to act responsibly because they want to, not just because they're told to. Explaining to your child how doing their part is helping the family as a whole can sometimes help young children understand how their actions affect others.

Courtesy of <http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/817968/7-tips-for-teaching-your-child-responsibility>

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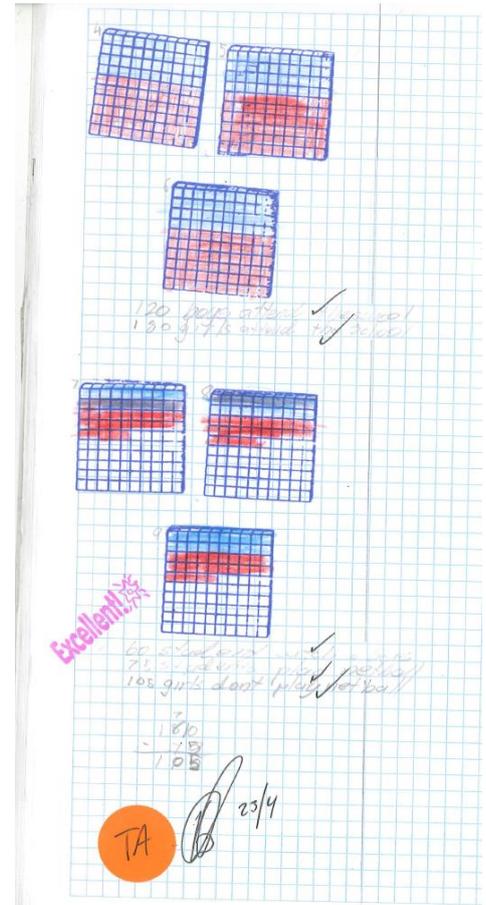
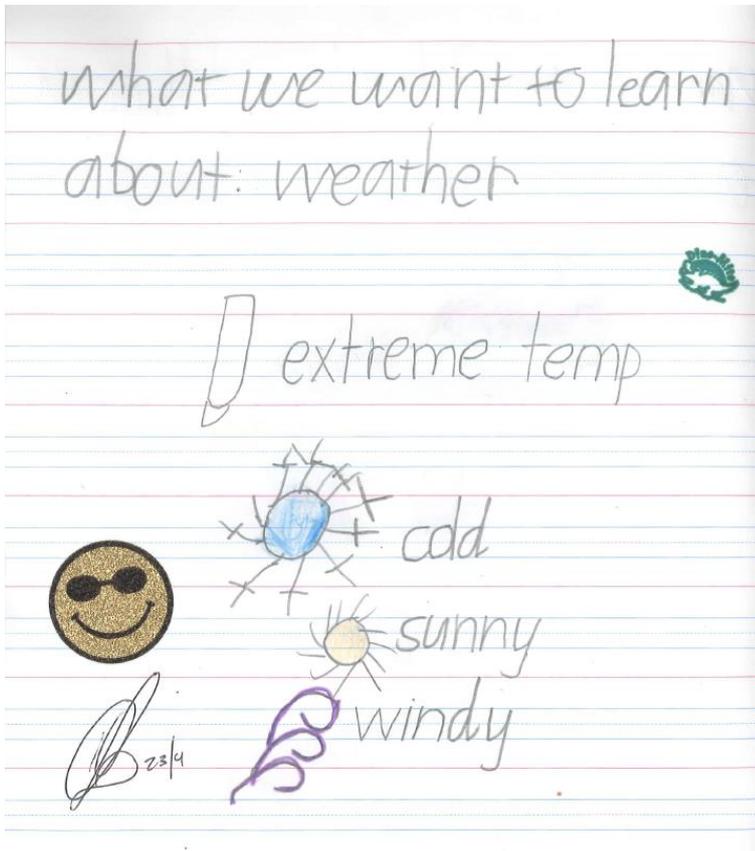
*Hayley Laidlow*

Principal

# Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...

Despite having a very short week this week, all our students have been working hard. They have made a great start to the term and here are some examples of their work to prove it!

Johnny did some fabulous work figuring our percentages. >>>>



<<< Ryland did a great job thinking about weather in science.



<<<< Jahlique worked hard identifying and sorting coins.