Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that first term is already over, it seems like just a week ago that we were coming back from the Christmas break. We have had a very busy term with all the children working very hard in all of their learning areas. It has been wonderful to watch them all make great progress over this very short amount of time and I look forward to seeing them progress even further in Term 2.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of our school families, you are all integral parts of our school community and without your support of your children we could not do the great things we do. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the dedicated members of our P&C, you have some great plans for this year and I look forward to working with you to see these plans come to fruition.

Sadly, today is Mrs Sartori’s last day at our school for a little while as she leaves us to go on maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the very best and can’t wait to meet her twins soon. Mrs Sartori will be replaced temporarily by Mrs Michelle Plumb, at this stage, Mrs Plumb will be working on Mondays and Wednesdays.

As the holidays approach, I have been thinking about the celebration of Easter in Australia. Easter is one of the most important holidays for Christian Catholics and commemorates the Resurrection of God’s Son, Jesus Christ from the dead. Regardless of our religious beliefs, Easter is a time for families to come together and share time over the long weekend. Easter is traditionally a time of renewal and growth, as Spring comes to the Northern Hemisphere – flowers begin to bloom, eggs hatch and life returns after winter. Despite the seasonal reversal here in the South, Easter is still a great time to look for opportunities to learn and grow. Whether it be planting a garden, visiting somewhere new or reading a new book with your children, I would encourage you to take time this Easter to find something positive and new for your family to do together. This Easter I hope you are blessed with love, life and happiness.

Have a safe and happy holiday everyone, see you in Term 2!

Hayley Laidlow
Principal
P&C News
Thanks to everyone who came along to our P&C Meeting this week, it was great to have you all there. This week we held our AGM and I would like to welcome our incoming executive committee:
President – Sandra Nagle
Vice-president – Teresa Watson
Secretary – Leanne Palmer
Treasurer – Andrew Nagle
We have some exciting events planned for 2016, so please add these to your calendar:
Trivia Under the Stars – 30 July
Cent Sale – date TBA
Rumball and Sugar-coated Peanut Drive – Term 4
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. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 April at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

Working Bee
On Tuesday 5 April (second week of the school holidays) at 3:30pm we will be holding a Working Bee here at school. Our main goals at this Working Bee will be to move the chicken run, build a roosting house for the chickens and shift the stones from around the air-conditioner units. If you are able to assist, please wear closed shoes, sun-safe clothing and hat. Please bring any tools or equipment that may help with you. Remember, many hands make light work so if you are able to assist, even for a little while, we would very much appreciate your help. There P&C will be providing a BBQ afterwards for everyone who helps out.

Tangaroa Blue Alva Beach Clean-up
On Saturday 16 April, our school will be participating in the Tangaroa Blue Alva Beach Clean-up day. Tangaroa Blue Foundation is an Australian-wide not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the removal and prevention of marine debris. All friends and family are welcome to attend, you will need to wear a full-brimmed hat, closed shoes, gloves and sun-safe clothing. You will also need to bring sunscreen, insect repellent and a full water bottle. Students are asked to wear their school uniform for this event. A meeting place and time will be sent home in the first week of school. For more information about Tangaroa Blue visit http://www.tangaroablue.org/

Keep an eye on our school
As you drive past on the holidays, please keep an eye on our school. If you see anything suspicious at our school over the holidays, call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. Please don’t attempt to intervene.

Returning to school
School will resume on Monday 11 April, there is no pupil free day. We will start classes bright and early at 8:30am.

Whole School Review
Last week, as part of the Quadrennial School Review process, we had the team from the School Improvement Unit visit our school to conduct our Whole School Review. The results from our review were very positive and we received some great feedback about our progress so far. We also got some great suggestions for our future direction. We will receive a final copy of our review findings after the school holidays and these will be published on our school website, they will also be used to inform our 2016-2019 School Strategic Plan.

To develop this plan, we will undertake our Quadrennial School Review. The review team will meet on Thursday 28 April at 3:15pm in the school library. At this meeting we will be interrogating our school data and analyse our previous strategic plan, we will also begin developing some goals for our new plan. All members of the school community are welcome to come along and help with the development of our School Strategic Plan.
Uniforms
We have a new batch of school uniforms available at the school office. All sizes from 4 – 16 are available. Shirts are $26.40 each. Please endeavour to have the correct change when purchasing shirts, any cheques should be made out to ‘Osborne State School P&C’.

Cricket - T20 Easter Cup Blast
We have been invited to the Easter Cup T20 Blast on offer for students in the Easter holidays. The tournament runs over two days from Wednesday 30th March – Thursday 31st March. The two day event will cost $99 and is for boys and girls aged 7-13. All equipment is provided as are refreshments but the children will need to bring their own lunch.

Teams are welcome to register online (participants will need to register as individuals) at playcricket.com.au or at the direct link - http://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=27930&postcode=qld%20cricket. The tournament will take place at Tony Ireland Stadium and play will begin at 9am both days going through to 3pm in the afternoon. This is great way to keep your kids active over the holidays and grow the game of cricket within North Queensland.

Student Resource Scheme 2016
If you have chosen to participate in the Resource Scheme, full payment was required by Week 5, Term 1, 2016. If you have not completed payment, please contact the school office as soon as possible to make arrangements for payment.

Payments to the Office
During Term 2, our school office will be open on Monday and Wednesday. Mrs Plumb will be able to process payments during these times. There are still some families who have outstanding debts from 2015, can these please be settled as soon as possible.

When making a payment to school, we would appreciate if you could bring the correct change as we do not keep large amounts of change on hand. Thank you 😊

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.

Attendance – Every Day Counts
Congratulations to all our students on their great attendance this term! Our winning Year level this term is our Year 1 students, their average attendance in 94.8% - well done Year 1s! Keep up the great work in Term 2.
Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...

This week we had a fantastic time creating our Easter Bonnets and bags in preparation for our Easter Bonnet parade – thanks to our Mums who came along to help out. We also had a great time completing our art folios and beautiful canvas paintings.
Does Your Child Have a Chance of Being Successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but........

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For all students to have opportunities to obtain a quality education and develop life-long learning skills

Quality Behaviour .......
Quality Teaching & learning.....
Quality Relationships.....
Quality Outcomes

At Osborne State School
Every Child Matters, Everyday

Ask us about help with getting your children to school everyday!!!