

# The Osborne Observer

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Dear parents and carers,

We are at the end of week 7 already!!!! Time is flying! Plenty has been happening at school over the past few weeks but we still have a lot of work to do before the end of this term.

I have been speaking to the children recently about maintaining focus during class. It has been noticed that over the past 2 weeks, levels of engagement within our class have been dropping with students becoming distracted either by other students or happenings outside the classroom. Unfortunately this has resulted in students missing information and not producing their best work. Please remind your children of the importance of remaining focused in class to ensure that they (and others around them) get the best education possible. Topics that we have been covering at school include; staying in their seat, stopping to look and listen when instructions and information are being given and using playtime to catch up with their mates rather than class time.

On a more positive note, our students have been very active in community activities recently. Two weeks ago, Jahmal and Austin played rugby league for Ayr State School. Last week Lachlan and Dylan spent the whole week with students from Merinda, Camooweal, Boulia, Dajarra, Milaroo, Kalamia, Jarvisfield and Maidavale State Schools when they went to Magnetic Island for their science camp. The students in P-3 also got to go out into the community for Under 8s Day at home Hill State School. All of these were wonderful opportunities for our students to mix with students from other schools and have a great time learning. They have given more detailed descriptions of these events later on in this newsletter. They have done some wonderful written work.

In maths, students in prep and grade 1 have been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. For their assessment task, they will need to be able to describe the number of corners and sides on a 2D shape and the number of faces and corners on a 3D shape. They will also need to be able to name 2D and 3D shapes. Grades 2 and 3 have been working with money. Grade 3 have been calculating change and working out which note they need to pay for a certain item. Grade 2 have been using coins and notes to make certain values involving dollars and cents. All of these topics will be assessed.

In the upper age groups have also been working towards assessment tasks. The grade 4 and 5 students have been learning to use standard and non-standard units of measurement. For their assessment task they will need to measure capacity, volume, length and mass using standard (cm, L, kg, etc.) and non-standard (hand spans, footsteps, bowling balls, jugs, etc.) to measure objects and record these measurements. The grade 6 students have just finished a unit on percentages which ended in them learning how to express one quantity as a percentage of another. They are now learning how to describe the properties of various 3D shapes. To do this effectively, they will need to know terms such as "vertices", "apex", "faces" and "edges".

In English, assessment tasks for unit 3 are just about to begin. The P-2 students have finished reading a number of stories and have written retells on these stories. For their assessment task, they will need to write and then present a retell of the book "When Henry Caught Imaginitis". They have also been learning to use Microsoft PowerPoint to

make a PowerPoint presentation with pictures of the book to assist in their retell. They will need to retell the story in the correct sequence.

The students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 have nearly completed their unit about the book "Matty Forever". Throughout this unit they have been focussed on the description of characters in the book. For their assessment task, these students will need to write a character description of one of the characters in this book. Students will need to use words to describe the character's thoughts, feelings, behaviour and personality.

In grade 6, the students have been writing comic strips. The boys have done a great job of these so far and will continue to animate their comics in Windows MovieMaker. They will also create another comic strip with a moral dilemma. Both of these tasks will be assessed.

### **Money Owing**

Thank you to all of the families who have paid the money that they owe to the school. There are still some monies that are owed to the school and these will need to be paid promptly. Please pay any outstanding monies to the office.



### **Open Library Afternoon – OLA**

The Open Library Afternoon will again be on next Thursday afternoon. Please come down and enjoy our student books as well as our parent-resource section.



### **P&C Meeting**

Our most recent P&C Meeting was held on Monday 11 May. Thank you to those members who attended this meeting. 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 (even if you can't make it to all of them!!!) and see how you can help. All parents, carers and friends of the school are welcome to attend.



There are many functions and events coming up for the P&C to be involved in. The P&C will run a tuckshop on JOKSS Day and will be conducting a BBQ at the Boutiful Burdekin Farmers' Markets later on this year. We will also be conducting a cake stall and will need help from our entire school community to bake cakes for this cake stall. We will also be selling raffle tickets for the Ayr Rotary Raffle. Dates for these events will be released as they come to hand but it is important to remember that all of the funds raised from these events are kept for the school and therefore benefit your child directly. The P&C pay the insurance to allow children to attend excursions and camps. They also help fund different camps and excursions and purchase educational resources for our students. We will need all of our parents, carers and wider school community to help with these events. Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 8 June 2015 (Queen's Birthday Public Holiday) at 10:00am** in the staffroom.

### **Attendance, Attendance, Attendance**

Our school has a goal of 92% attendance for the year. Currently we are sitting at 87% attendance. A student's attendance rate is directly linked to their academic achievement levels. Although we have not met our yearly goal so far, I am pleased to report that this week's attendance was 98%. Keep up the great attendance so that we can achieve our goal.

### **JOKSS Day**

Jarvisfield, Osborne and Kalamia State Schools will be attending a science and maths day at our school on Thursday 25 June. The day will be a great opportunity for our students to mix with students from other schools and learn about all things science and maths. As previously mentioned, the Osborne State School P&C will be conducting a tuckshop on this day. Please fill out the tuckshop order form and return it to school by 11 June with the correct money for your child's order.



### **Fancy Dress Ball**

The Osborne State School Fancy Dress Ball will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 23 June at 6:00pm. There won't be a theme for the Fancy Dress Ball. Just wear your best fancy dress outfit and your dancing shoes! There will be dances for students only and there will also be dances for parents, carers and other members of the community to join in. The grade P-2 students also have a special dance as do the students in Grades 3-6. The Chicken Dance, Nutbush and Macarena will all be making an appearance so make sure you have your dancing feet all warmed up!

### **Fire Safety Lessons**

Members of the Queensland Fire Service will be coming to our school on 15 and 22 June to teach the students about fire safety. This will be a great learning experience for all and it is free.



### **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Parent-teacher interviews will be held in the classroom on Wednesday 23 May from 3:20pm until 7:00pm. It is important for parents, students and teachers to have clarity around the learning that takes place at our school so that our students can achieve to the best of their ability. Please fill out the attached parent-teacher interview form to book a time to discuss your child's learning.

### **Tennis Courts Re-Surfaced**

The tennis courts have been re-surfaced this week. The students are very keen to use this area again and might even set up a lunchtime tennis competition. Maybe we have the next Roger Federer or Samantha Stosur in our midst!



Yours in Education  
*Troy Patti*  
Principal



# Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...



## S4 Science Camp

Last week Lachlan and Dylan went to Magnetic Island for our science camp. We went to Picnic Bay and Horseshoe Bay. We constructed a scientific drawing of Picnic Bay. We also did some fun activities like swimming, a sand castle competition, night walks and football. We went to the Magnetic Island Museum. It had the old school, statues of bush-stone curlews and the old huts.

By Lachlan and Dylan



## Football

Two weeks ago Jahmal and I played football for the Ayr State School Rugby League Team. We were getting ready for the first game and when it did come we were versing Saint Francis. They beat us by three points but it was worth it because the only one that tackled people was the tallest player on their team.

By the end of the game everybody was worn out. We got a drink and grabbed our stuff and moved to a new field before preparing to verse East Ayr State. Ten minutes later were on the field waiting for the ball. Jahmal got one try and so did Philip (from Ayr State). We beat that team by two tries.

We did not have much of a half time, we just swapped sides and it got so hot one kid had to go to the hospital. We had another two games to finish the day. We won one and lost the other.

After we finished, we walked back to the Home Hill State School Team on the other side of the football field. We got back on the bus and went to Home Hill School. Mr Patti was waiting there when we got off the bus and we got in his car and went back to Osborne. We walked to our parents and then we went home. We were exhausted but had a good day. Hopefully we win again today. Lachlan will be playing as well today.

By Austin and Jahmal



## Under 8s Day

Last week the Palmer, Watson and the Hodgetts families went to Under 8s Day. Under 8s Day was held at Home Hill State School. It was really exciting. We had lots of fun there and there were lots of activities like painting, tattoos, playing tennis, making slime, having your face painted and many more games. There was a police car and a big boat. Lots of people on the boat. The photo here is of the scented paintings that we made. Thanks to Mrs Samwell and the parents who came along for the day and help our school.

By Kyelah Hodgetts and Ryland Palmer.

