Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope that you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. I would like to extend a huge thank-you to those families who came and helped at our working bees on the holidays. It took slightly longer than first expected but our new chicken run was constructed and we now have some VERY happy chickens! We also had volunteers help with mowing the school grounds, cleaning out storerooms and trimming gardens, needless to say, things are looking great and we very much appreciate all your hard work, materials and time donated to our school.

Yesterday I received our Whole School Review Report and it contains a great deal of very positive feedback about our school’s current position and future direction. This report will be used to inform the development of our Strategic School Plan 2013-2016 which, I’m sure, will see us doing even bigger and better things than we already are. I have a great passion for our little school and it is my aim to see us grow and improve further over the next four years but I cannot achieve this alone. It is only with a great team that great things can be achieved and I think with have an exceptional team here at Osborne State School – I can’t wait to see what the next four years hold for us!

This week, we have begun work on a new suite of units:
- English – P-1 – Multimodal retell, 2-4 – Multimodal character analysis
- Maths – C2C Unit 2 – various topics
- Science – P-2 – Living things (Biology), 3-4 – Earth-Space Science and Biology
- HPE – Dance and Confidence
- Geography – P-2 -Exploring features of places 3-4 - Exploring similarities and differences in environments and places

It is fantastic to see the children working so hard and already making great progress during our first week back!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Michelle Plumb to our staff. Michelle will be joining us for the next 12 months while Mrs Sartori is on maternity leave. I’m sure she will make a great Osbornite and will fit right in here with our Osborne family. Feel free to pop up and say hello on a Monday or Wednesday from 8:45 – 3:00pm.

As you will see, our term calendar is filling up fast and it is going to be a very busy but enjoyable term! Have a great week everyone,

Hayley Laidlow
Principal
**Save the Date**

- 16 April – Tangaroa Blue, Beach Clean-up Day, Alva Beach, 8am
- 25 April – ANZAC Day – march details TBA
- 28 April – Moderation, Ayr SS (Tracie and Hayley attending)
- 28 April – QSR team meeting, 3:15pm
- 2 May – Labour Day Holiday
- 3 May – P&C Meeting, 6:30pm
- 8 May – Mother’s Day
- 10-12 May – NAPLAN
- 12 May – QSR Team Meeting, 3:15pm
- 16-20 May – School Camp, Paluma (Yr 3-6 only), Prep – 2 to attend Maidavale SS for the week
- 2 June – QSR Team Meeting, 3:15pm
- 7 June – P&C Meeting
- 8 June – Alesah Darlison, Author Workshop
- 9 June – Band 5/6 Forum, Hayley away, Tracie in charge
- 10 June – QASSP State Council – Hayley away, Tracie in charge
- 13-14 June – Peer Review training – Hayley away, Tracie in charge
- 16 June – QSR Verification Meeting, 9-11am
- 17 June – Fancy Dress Ball
- 23 June – Combined Small Schools Activity Day (previously JOKSS) – Jarvisfield SS – ‘The Arts’

**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. All parents, carers and friends of the school are welcome to attend. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 May at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

**Student Banking**

Student Banking with Bendigo Bank for 2016 will begin again next week, 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 complete the attached form and return it to Bendigo Bank in Home Hill.

**Tangaroa Blue Alva Beach Clean-up**

This Saturday 16 April, our school will be participating in the Tangaroa Blue Alva Beach Clean-up day. Tangaroa Blue Foundation is a 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. We will meet at the Ayr Lifesaving Club at 8:00am. We will finish at approximately 10am. For more information about Tangaroa Blue visit [http://www.tangaroablue.org/](http://www.tangaroablue.org/).

**Ten Pin Bowling**

Next week we will begin Ten Pin Bowling at Burdekin Bowl on Wednesday afternoons. We will be bowling each Wednesday from Week 2 until Week 7 this term, excluding Wednesday 18 May as this is camp week. We will depart school at 1:15pm and return by 3:00pm each week. **Bowling will cost $2 per child, per week, a total cost of $10 per child.** This money can be paid weekly or as a lump sum to the office. The low cost is thanks to the fact that our Adopt-a-Cop Snr Constable Greg Langford is personally subsidising the cost, along with school funding from our RREAP budget. Parents are welcome to come along and help with supervision if they would like to. Transport will be provided by Miss Laidlow and Mrs Marchioni.
Whole School Review and QSR process
This week, we received our Whole School Review findings, attached is a copy of the Executive Summary and a copy of the full report is available on the school website. The findings from this report will be used to develop our School Strategic Plan 2013-2019.

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 analysing 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’.

Paluma Science Camp
From Monday 16 – Friday 20 May, our Year 3-4 students will be attending camp at the Paluma Environmental Education Centre. This camp is run as part of the S4 – Supporting Small School Science program and will see the children interacting with students from schools as far flung as Camooweel! Please return all camp notes to school as soon as possible. Camp payments must be finalised by Friday 13 May. While the Year 3-4s are on camp, the Prep-2 students will be attending Maidavale State School. Transport will be organised daily and they will be accompanied by a teacher aide to and from the school. There will be no cost for these days. This is a great opportunity for our younger students to meet and interact with students from another small school in the district.

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. If you are having difficulty with payment, please see Mrs Plumb to arrange a payment scheme.

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.
Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...

This week, we had a great time investigating in science – we built anemometers to measure wind speed. Sadly, there wasn’t much wind but we will try them again when there is a breeze! We also watched our chickens settle into their brand new home – they are very happy!
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!!!