Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic break and are ready for another very busy term. Our calendar is filling up fast with events such as B&C School Sports Carnival, playgroup and our school fete already locked in. We also have a packed learning calendar this term, with students looking at historical letters and comparing fiction and non-fiction texts in English, exploring probability and statistics in Mathematics and investigating physics in Science among many other things. We are continuing to focus on improvement in reading and numeracy through reading and maths rotations daily and we will also be introducing a new spelling program called ‘Words Their Way’ to assist students in improving their spelling skills. In order to enhance your child’s learning, please ensure that they complete their homework each week and that they read each night – daily reading is linked to great improvements in learning and is also an excellent way to spend quality time with your child. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tracie or myself at school.

New students
This week we welcomed 2 new students to the Osborne family – we would like to extend a warm welcome to Riley and Jahmal! We hope you enjoy being part of the Osborne family.

NAIDOC Celebrations
Our NAIDOC celebrations have been postponed until later this term, dates and times will be advised.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 August 2014 at 5:30pm 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.

Reading Strategy of the Week
This week’s reading strategy is “Stretchy Snake”. Stretchy Snake says – Stretch the words out, say the sound slowly. When children come across an unknown word they can stretch the sounds out, looking for familiar letters and sounds. For example ‘food’ becomes f-o-o-d. Remind them to look for sounds they know and take notice of the initial sound. So when you are stuck ‘stretch out the word like Stretchy Snake.’

Awards
STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Nikita McGrory – Nikita is our student of the week because she has displayed excellent behaviour and dedication to her school work this week. This week, Nikita earned a green card for great lunchtime behaviour and has remained on task and focussed during class activities. Nikita has also shown excellent leadership skills by assisting younger students and volunteering to help around our classroom – congratulations Nikita!

Congratulations also to the following students who have received awards for their great work this fortnight:
Jahmal Hooker  Nikita McGrory  Shaylah Rehbein  Maddie Jacka

School Discipline Audit
On Thursday 31 July, our school will be having its first Discipline Audit. The purpose of the Discipline Audits is to provide quality feedback on how the school is ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and to inform school behaviour management planning processes. Attached is a fact sheet with more information about the process which will take place. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school.
School Fete
As most of you are aware, to help celebrate our centenary year, we will be holding a school fete later this term on Saturday 13 September. Preparations are well under way and it is going to be a great day. We will be holding a number of stalls and events on the day including a bottle stall and mini-cent sale. To help with the bottle stall and cent sale, we are in need of the following items:

- Bottles filled with various items e.g. cotton balls, lollies, hair ties, jam, pasta, pencils (anything really!)
- Non-perishable grocery items e.g. tinned food, packets of pasta, boxed items such as Cup-a-Soup, cleaning products etc
- Donations of prizes

If you know of any local businesses who you think would be willing to donate a prize, please collect a letter from the school which you can give to the business requesting our support. All donations of the above items can be sent to school with your child and will be greatly appreciated.

Ready Reader Afternoon
On Thursday 7 August, we will be holding a Ready Reader information session from 3:20–4:00pm in the school library. This session will give you some handy hints and tips about how to effectively help your child with reading at home. It will also coincide with our first ‘OLA! – Open Library Afternoon’ where you will have the opportunity to browse and borrow from the library. Following this, we will have ‘OLA!’ on the first Thursday of each month. Community members are also welcome at ‘OLA!’ sessions so please spread the word around!

Playgroup
Playgroup will be starting at school next Thursday. Playgroup will run from 9-10:30am on Thursday mornings in the school library and will be hosted by Mrs Belinda McConville and Mrs Leeanne Palmer. Playgroup is free and all families are welcome to attend. Playgroup is a great opportunity for young children to get to know the school environment and to learn social skills such as sharing and cooperation, it is also a great opportunity for parents to network and socialise with other school community members.

Responsible Behaviour at Osborne
During term 3, we will be adding another facet to our positive behaviour program when we begin implementing the ‘You Can Do It’ (YCDI) program. This program focuses on 5 Keys to successful social and emotional development:

1. Confidence
2. Persistence
3. Organization
4. Getting Along
5. Resilience

As part of the implementation of this program, we would like to create a ‘5 Keys’ collage using old keys — if (like me) you have a drawer full of keys which no longer have matching locks, can you please send them to school.

To find out more about the YCDI program you can visit http://www.youcandoiteducation.com.au/AboutYouCanDoIt
This website contains more information about the program and the research papers which support its success. Our staff will be attending professional development to assist us in the successful implementation of the program and we will also be holding a parent workshop so that you can learn more about the program. As the African proverb states ‘It takes a whole village to raise a child’ so would love to see you there.

Yours in Education
Hayley Laidlow
Principal
Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...

**Scinspiration Science Tour**

During the school holidays, Johnny and Tim travelled to Canberra to participate in the Scinspiration Science Tour. While on tour, the boys had the chance to experience the sights and sounds of our National Capital including places such as CSIRO, Questacon, the National War Memorial and Geoscience Australia. They also had the chance to travel to Perisher Valley and experience the snow for the very first time. Both boys represented our school well and had a fabulous time.

**Growing our brood**

This week we added 7 new members to the Osborne family. 3 ducklings and 4 chickens are now in residence at school as part of our English unit. The lower school children will be watching the chickens and ducklings carefully to see how they grow, change and behave. They will then compare this information to the stories we are reading in class to see what is real and what is pretend.