

The Osborne Observer

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Dear parents and carers,

The staff and students have been very busy over the past fortnight. We have had the Combined Small Schools' Athletics Carnival on last Friday, we visited the Burdekin Theatre on Tuesday and we have had 3 students attend the District Athletics Carnival today. All the while, we have continued with some great learning in all subject areas. Please come in and view some of the evidence of this learning on our Learning Walls that are displayed around the classroom.

In English, the grade P-2 students have been interacting with the books "Alberta" and "Stellaluna". They have been describing the characters and their thoughts and feelings. They have been forming questions to find more information about these characters. They have also started to learn about the structure of an information report as they will need to construct one of these based on a character in a book for their assessment task in the coming weeks. Recently, we have changed some of the posters in our classroom and it was pleasing to see the younger students using the Jolly Phonics charts to help them with their spelling – without being asked to do so!

The grade 3 and 4 students have been studying traditional stories. Last week they interacted with "The Tiger, The Rabbit and Chung Ho". They will continue to interact with other traditional stories and examine their features so that they can write their own traditional story with its own moral. It would be great if you could encourage them to read some traditional stories such as "The Boy Who Cried Wolf", "The Hare and The Tortoise" or "Cinderella" so that they can examine how these stories are written and the morals that they have.

The grade 6 students have been learning about letter writing. They will eventually write a letter to the future. Over the past two weeks, these students have been analysing letters to find language features such as past tense, first person writing and descriptive words and clauses. They have also had a chance to write using these features.

In maths, all students have been learning about location and direction. The students in Prep and Grade 1 have been learning to give and respond to directions using words such as left, right, up, down, straight, over, under, and compass directions. They have also been able to describe the location of objects and find objects using words such as near, beside, next to, on top, underneath, behind and in front of.

The grade 2, 3 and 4 students have all been working with maps. They have been creating their own maps, identifying the features of maps and answering questions about the location of various things on maps. They have also learnt about the term "bird's eye view".

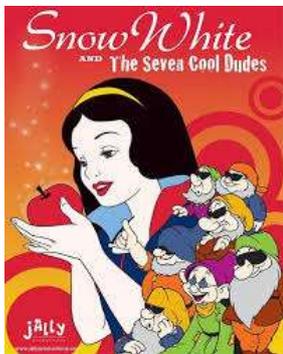
The grade 6 students have been transforming shapes on the Cartesian plane. This was also done by the grade 3 students but the grade 6 boys used all quadrants of the Cartesian plane whereas the grade 3s only operated in the first quadrant. They have learnt terms such as translate (slide), rotate (turn) and reflect (flip) and have been able to move shapes according to these direction words. They have created tessellating (tiling) patterns using various shapes. Over the next 2 weeks, all students will continue to learn about location and direction before moving on to representing and interpreting data.

Behaviour

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of Osborne State School's Behaviour Matrix and Consequences for Inappropriate Behaviour at Osborne State School. Please take the time to view these documents as they come from our Responsible Behaviour Plan which governs how behaviour is dealt with at our school. If you wish to view our Responsible Behaviour Plan in full it can be located on our school website (see the front page of the newsletter). These documents are regularly re-visited with our students and are displayed in several locations around the school for students and staff to view and adhere to. Most recently, these documents were revisited with all teaching staff and students on Monday of this week.

All students are constantly encouraged to report inappropriate behaviour to a staff member immediately. These issues are always dealt as soon as possible – usually the next play break. They are dealt with according to the Responsible Behaviour Plan.

During our current Health Unit, students have learnt about strategies to get along with each other. They have been explicitly taught teamwork skills and have been provided with multiple opportunities to demonstrate and apply these skills. The school has many resources that specifically teach strategies such as resilience, getting along and self-confidence. If you would like to borrow these resources, please contact the school.

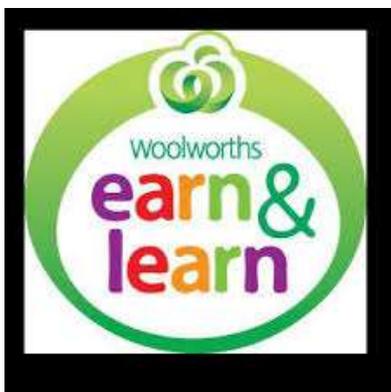


Snow White and the Seven Cool Dudes

On Tuesday 18 August, our school went to the Burdekin Theatre to watch Snow White and the Seven Cool Dudes. Congratulations to Riley Watson who made a dashing Prince Charming as he stood proudly on stage and was married to Snow White!

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 7 September 2015 at 5:30pm** in the staffroom. Please come along and don't forget to join the P&C so that you are covered by our insurance when you help our school at our various school functions. We are very fortunate to have an active P&C as many small schools do not have this luxury.



Earn and Learn

Thank you to those members of our school community who have given generously to our Earn and Learn Programme. These stickers will be redeemed for money which our school can use to purchase educational resources, sports equipment and many other items that are used in school.



Attendance

Well done to all students for maintaining an attendance rate of 92%. Keep up the great work!



Combined Schools' Athletics Carnival

Last Friday, students from Osborne State School travelled to Clare State School to participate in the Combined small Schools' Athletics Carnival. Well done to all of the students who participated and tried their hardest. Special congratulations must go to Austin Jacka, Ryland Palmer and Dixie Gesah who were selected as part of the Small Schools' team to go to Home Hill State School today for the District Athletics Carnival. I hope you all had a great day and performed well.



Water Festival Float and Sausage Sizzle

The Water Festival is on 5 September this year. It will be a big day for Osborne State School with us hosting a sausage sizzle at Woolworths in the morning as well as decorating a float for the main parade in the afternoon. We will need to have all hands on deck to pull this off. A note will be sent out next week to ask for your help with the sausage sizzle and float decoration. Please help us make this a very successful day for our school.



Child injury Prevention Day

On 26 August, our school will be attending the Child Injury Prevention Day hosted by the Burdekin Centre for Rural Health. Please fill in the attached excursion permission form so that your child is able to attend this free event. The day will cover topics such as shed safety, water safety, cane train safety and electrical safety.

Year Six High School Experience Day

On 2 September, the grade 6 students will be going to Home Hill State High School from 9:00 – 11:00 to experience what high school will be like next year. They will experience Science, Maths and Drama on this day. The excursion permission form that covers the Child Injury Prevention Day also covers this excursion as well as any other excursions for the remainder of this year.



Yours in Education

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Principal

Wonderful Work from Osborne this week...

Here are some photos from the Athletics Carnival and some from the science experiments that we did recently.

