



# Osborne News

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Osborne Primary School Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL REPORT

During Term 4 2018 and Term 1 2019 our school will be carrying out the process for our quadrennial school review. A reviewer has been appointed by the Education Department to work with our staff and community over this time. We are currently conducting our self-evaluation. This involves our staff reflecting and analysing our achievements over the past four years using a range of evidence. We also identify areas for improvement for our next Strategic Plan. Our staff meetings this term and our Curriculum Day on Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> are dedicated to the self- evaluation process. I will keep the community updated as the review develops.



### Parent Survey

Thank you to the parents who responded to our parent opinion survey conducted online last term. The survey results provided us with a great deal of positive feedback as well as feedback on some areas for development. The parent survey results showed well over 80% positive responses for seven out of the eight categories of the survey. We will be unpacking the survey results in more depth with school council and staff.

### Walkathon

The Walkathon Prizes raffle prizes were drawn at assembly on Monday. Congratulations to our winners. Once again the Walkathon has been a very successful fund raiser with \$12,200.70 being raised to go towards a new senior playground. Thank you to our school community for their generous support of the Walkathon. Construction of the new playground will commence in January.

## Calendar of Events

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| <b>Brainstorm Theatre –Wellbeing Activity Whole School</b> | <b>Wednesday 31st October</b>                |
| <b>Curriculum Day (Student free day)</b>                   | <b>Monday 5th November</b>                   |
| <b>Melbourne Cup Public Day</b>                            | <b>Tuesday 6th November</b>                  |
| <b>Year 1 Mt Martha Fire Brigade Visit</b>                 | <b>Thursday 8th November</b>                 |
| <b>Year 2 Learn to Swim Program</b>                        | <b>Monday 12th— Friday 16th November</b>     |
| <b>2019 Prep Transition Session 1</b>                      | <b>Tuesday 13th November 11.30am-12.30pm</b> |
| <b>Osborne Election Day BBQ &amp; Cake Stall</b>           | <b>Saturday 24th November</b>                |

## REMINDER TO PARENTS

**If your child brings their mobile phone to school they must hand it into the office before going to class.**

Principal Report Continued:

Year 2 students had lots of fun at Somers Day Camp.



Year 5 Students enjoyed their excursion to the Legoland Discovery Centre in Melbourne.



### Greg Hunt Walk for Autism

Students from Years 3 to 6 visited the gym today as Mr Greg Hunt Federal Member for Flinders visited our school on his annual Walk for Autism. Minister Hunt spoke to the children and showed a video that helped our students understand more about Autism. Our SRC has conducted a “guess the jellybean” competition as well as students donating gold coins at the walk today. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. Proceeds from the walk will go to the Abacus Learning Centre at Hastings.



## Spotlight Info

**Curriculum Day  
(Student Free Day)  
Monday 5th  
November**

**Melbourne Cup  
Public Holiday  
Tuesday 6th  
November**

**2018 Term 4  
Curriculum Day  
Monday 5th November**

**2018 Term 4 School  
Term Dates  
8th October-21 December**

**2019 School Term 1  
Dates**

**Term 1—31st January—5th April**

**Thursday 31st January—Students return to school**

**Monday 4th February— Foundation students begin.**

**Term 2—23rd April—28th June**

**Term 3—15th July-20th September**

**Term 4—7th October—20th December**

**2019  
Curriculum Days**

**Tuesday 29th January— Curriculum Day**

**Wednesday 30th January— Curriculum Day**

**Tuesday 2nd April—Curriculum Day**

## World Outdoor Classroom day

Thursday is worldwide Outdoor Classroom Day! Teachers at Osborne will be making sure some of the lessons are taken outdoors on Thursday (weather permitting). Outdoor Classroom Day promotes the benefits of students experiencing learning outdoors.

## Staffing News

We recently farewelled Mrs Karlie Pellizzer teacher of Prep P. Karlie is expecting a baby in late November. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for the wonderful job she has done teaching our preps. Miss Jessica Thomas has been appointed to Osborne to teach Prep P for the remainder of the year. We extend a warm welcome to Jess who has already settled in extremely well.



Prep P welcomes Miss Jessica Thomas.

Best wishes to Mrs Pellizzer on the upcoming birth of her baby.



We have two weddings coming up in the near future for staff members. We wish Samantha Gentsch every happiness for her marriage to Tom this Sunday. We also give our best wishes to Matthew Baker and his fiancé Beth for their wedding on Saturday 17th November.

## Successful grant Application

We recently received notification of our application for the sensory garden and flexible literacy space through the Inclusive Schools Fund. I am pleased to announce that our grant application was successful and we have received \$193 000 for the project. This is terrific news for Osborne. I would like to extend my thanks to school councillor Jane Ivey for all her efforts in assisting with the grant application. I will shortly be meeting with DET personnel to make arrangements for the project works to commence.

**Pam Anderson**  
**Principal**

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**2019 Booklists**  
**Due Back Thursday 8th**  
**November**



## NAPLAN results

If you are the parent of a student in Years 3 or 5, you will have received an individual report on your child's results for the NAPLAN tests in August. These tests assess key areas of literacy and numeracy and provide parents and educators with a snapshot of how students and school are progressing.

We congratulate all the children on their effort and achievement. I appreciate the support given to the children by our parents and thank our committed teaching teams who work very hard to support students through this process.

At OPS we use the results to celebrate success, inform our planning and address areas requiring improvement across the school.

### **In brief**

Overall the school has again outperformed the state results in most areas. As always, some areas have been higher than others, however we continue to work on the areas we know need improvement.

### **Highlights**

- Most areas scores were the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest ever at OPS since the tests began
- More high growth in writing than low growth in past 3 years
- More high growth in numeracy than low growth in past 3 years
- High number of students in Year 3 and 5 for Reading in Top 2 NAPLAN bands
- High number of students in Year 3 and 5 for Numeracy in Top 2 NAPLAN bands

### **Areas for improvement**

- Low growth in Grammar & Punctuation compared with high growth
- Retention of students in Top 2 NAPLAN bands in writing

Whilst these results reflect strongly on the academic focus at our school, the aim remains for all staff to continually improve student outcomes in Numeracy and Literacy.

If you have any questions, your child's teacher or I should be your first point of contact for any concerns you might have about your child's results.

**Brett Miller**

**Assistant Principal**

## WELL BEING

### **WHOLE SCHOOL WELLBEING PERFORMANCE**

This Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, the Brainstorm Theatre Company are coming to perform for the whole school.

LOS – Year 2s in the morning session, Year 3-4s the middle session and Year 5-6s in the last session of the day.

The wellbeing performance this year is titled "Being Brave" a story of resilience containing references to bullying, family separation and the experience of refugees. Lots of great messages for both students and staff.

The past performances have been enjoyed by all and can't wait to see what this year's will bring.

**Paula Phillip, Welfare Officer**



# STUDENT AWARDS



**Congratulations!**



## Osborne Community School Fundraising Activity Election Day BBQ/Cake Stall



Osborne Primary School is a Polling Place for the upcoming State Election on Saturday 24th November. FOS will be holding an Election Day BBQ and Cake stall on the day. However, volunteers are needed from the whole school community, if you are available to assist on the day please complete the slip below and return to the school office.

In the past substantial funds have been raised from Election BBQs which this year will go towards improving the school playgrounds for your children to enjoy.

Yes, I can assist on the BBQ or Cake stall on Saturday 24th November. Please return this slip to the office by Monday 19th November. Thankyou

| NAME | Contact No. | Childs Name & Grade | Preferred time |
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The Osborne school community celebrated our 145th Anniversary on the 18th October with a wonderful night enjoyed by all who attended.

