# Osborne News

*Onward and Upward*

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***OSBORNE Vision Statement***

**OSBORNE Primary School provides a collaborative and vibrant learning community that fosters the development of literacy and numeracy skills and challenges students to become creative thinkers, independent learners and globally responsible citizens.**

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## PRINCIPAL REPORT

**School Review**

This term the quadrennial school review is taking place at Osborne. The first formal review day entitled the "Validation Day' was held last Thursday. Our students were involved in a number of different ways. A group of six of our student leaders delivered a wonderful presentation to the panel at the start of the day. Groups of students from Years four to six formed focus groups to provide feedback to the panel on their learning and experiences at Osborne. The panel members also visited classrooms for observations of teaching and learning sessions. Thank you to the students and teachers for being so accommodating to our visitors and providing valuable feedback for the review process. Review panel members commented on the lovely manners of the students' and the excellent tone in the school.

We have more classroom visits and focus groups to come over the next few weeks of the review. Parents are invited to be involved in a parent focus group meeting with the reviewer on Tuesday 19th March at 9.00am. Ten places are available to parents. Please contact the school office if you are interested in being part of the parent focus group.

Student Leaders who presented to the reviewer

Roy (School Vice Captain), Lucy (Birdrock House Captain), Charli (School Vice Captain), Emily (School Captain), Wes (School Captain), Lincoln (Birdrock House Captain).

## Calendar of Events

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| **District Swimming** | **Wednesday 6th March** |
| **Labour Day Public Holiday** | **Monday 11th March** |
| **Divisional Swimming** | **Wednesday 13th March** |
| **District Tennis** | **Tuesday 19th March** |
| **Years 3-6 Cross Country** | **Friday 22nd March** |
| **Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)** | **Tuesday 2nd April** |

Our Year 6 students looking very smart in their new 2019 bomber jackets.

**All student phones must be handed into the office before school**

**Friends of Osborne (FOS)**

The Annual General Meeting for our Friends of Osborne (FOS) group took place last Wednesday. We were delighted to welcome some new members to FOS this year as well as welcoming back a number of our past members. The election of the office bearers took place and I am pleased to announce the following parents as our office bearers for 2019. The FOS president is Samantha Tepaske, Vice President is Angie Partin, Secretary is Cate Shaw, Treasurer and School Council Representative is Sarah Davies. We wish the FOS group all the best for the year ahead and thank our office bearers for taking on these responsibilities. Parents who were not able to attend the AGM but wish to become a financial member of FOS can do so in the next fortnight. Membership is one dollar payable at the office.

**Well done Foundation Students!**

Our 2019 Foundation students have made a super start to school. This week is a big week for them. It will be their first week of attending five days of school and their first time at assembly.

**Bike Shed Message**

It is great to see so many of our students coming to school by active means. The bike shed is full of scooters and bikes every day! An important message to our students who are riding or scooting to school - please put your bikes in the nearest racks to the bike-shed wall so that other racks are not blocked by your bike. Remember to be respectful of others and show patience and good manners when leaving the bike shed in the afternoon.

**Year 6 Students & their Staff Mentors**

At Osborne, since 2007, we have matched every Year 6 student with a Staff Mentor. This enables the students to have another adult in the school, besides their teacher, with whom they can build a supportive relationship. It has proven to be an important wellbeing initiative for students, especially for some with these additional social and emotional needs.

A couple of weeks ago when they were given the identity of their Mentor, the students wrote a letter to introduce themselves. Monday morning this week, all year 6 students shared a morning tea with their Staff Mentors. The morning tea allowed for some “getting to know you” time between the adults and students. We all enjoyed this time together.

As the year progresses, we have a small group morning tea each term, but depending on the students and their adult, often many small “touch base” catch-ups, lunch with Mentors, visits to classrooms, time helping their Mentor etc. The students tell us getting their Mentor is a special relationship that they look forward to having when they get to Year 6. The staff enjoy this opportunity for meeting and getting to know a couple of the Year 6 students as interesting individual people, not just one of the sixers. We look forward to a great year with some profitable time spent together.

**School Attendance**

Supporting your child in attending school each day is one of the most important things you can do as a parent. Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

# Spotlight Info

## FOS Easter Raffle

Donations are being accepted for our Easter Raffle.

Tickets will be sent home shortly.

Volunteers are needed to assist the FOS team on Tuesday 12th March at 9.15am.

## Curriculum Day

(Student Free Day)

**Tuesday 2nd April**

The Education Department policy on student attendance requires students to attend school during normal school hours every day of each term, unless there is an approved exemption from school attendance.

Parents - it is important to note that if your child is absent you do need to record this on Compass on the day of their absence. If your child is absent for more than three consecutive days please telephone the office. We encourage families to take holiday trips during the school holidays, however if families are taking holiday trips during the school term a form for request for approval needs to be obtained from the office and completed at least a week prior to the absence.

**Pam Anderson, Principal**

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## Curriculum Corner

On the 2nd April we have our third Curriculum day. As part of our 'Communities of Practice' we are lucky to be able to work with other schools in the network on this day. As a network we are fortunate to have secured Dr Misty Adoniou to speak to us (and other network schools) regarding the magic of writing on this day. She is a highly sought after speaker, both nationally and internationally. This is a unique opportunity for teachers, instructional leaders and school executives to reflect on how writing is taught. The day will focus on the building blocks of writing, talk in classrooms to prepare students for writing, creative approaches to writing, and how to apply these skills across the curriculum and across the school. There is a rapture in writing. It is powerful, it transports, it persuades, it tugs hearts and shapes minds. Or at least it should. Misty will question and challenge the writing culture at each school. Is it a wondrous craft for students - a powerful tool? Or something else.

Misty Adoniou was a primary school teacher for 10 years before moving to Greece and teaching and consulting in the area of English Language Teaching for 7 years. She now lectures at the University of Canberra. She has received numerous Teaching Awards including the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence, and was the Lead Writer of the Federal Government's Teachers' Resource for English Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) learners. She sits on a number of national and international advisory boards.

**Brett Miller, Assistant Principal**

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# STUDENT AWARDS

# PLAY IS THE WAY® at Osborne PS

**PLAY IS THE WAY®** is a practical methodology for teaching social and emotional skills using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering language.

The **PLAY IS THE WAY®** Program uses:
a unique program of physically interactive games
key concepts to guide students through life and learning
a specific and empowering language to help attain self-mastery
a philosophy of behaviour education and student self-regulation that fosters independent, self-motivated, empathetic, life-long learners.

The **Play Is The Way** philosophy revolves around the Self-Mastery Checklist and the following **5 key** concepts:
**HAVE REASONS FOR THE THINGS YOU SAY AND DO**
If you don't know why you're doing something then don't do it because it's most likely wrong.
**PURSUE YOUR PERSONAL BEST NO MATTER WHO YOU WORK WITH**
We don't come to school to be better than others. We come to school to better ourselves by being able to work with others.
**IT TAKES GREAT STRENGTH TO BE SENSIBLE**
We do the right thing because it's the best thing to do.
**BE BRAVE – PARTICIPATE TO PROGRESS**
School is about stepping bravely into the unknown. The unknown is often uncomfortable. The braver you are, the more you learn.
**TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO TREAT YOU**
If someone is unlike you, seek to understand them.

**SELF-MASTERY CHECKLIST:**
Am I doing the right thing or the wrong thing?
Am I having a strong moment or a weak moment?
Am I being my own boss or am I inviting my teacher to be my boss?
Am I running away from the problem or am I dealing with it?
Is my teacher trying to help me or hurt me?
Are my feelings in charge of my actions or is my thinking in charge?
BE THE MASTER, NOT THE VICTIM OF YOUR FEELINGS

# FOS

## Easter Fundraiser

Donations are now being taken for our Easter Hampers. Items can be taken to the class or handed into the office by Wednesday 27th March. Easter eggs, toys, colouring books, chocolates are all welcome.

Raffle tickets will be sent home soon with your youngest students.

If you have a few hours to spare next Tuesday 12th March at 9.15am to attend the FOS meeting, the FOS team requires assistance with preparation for the raffle. Thankyou

**The FOS Team**

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26th Feb 2019 Julie Oldenburger and Jess D'Arcy

# FEB VISUAL ARTS NEWS

**ART SMOCKS ARE COMPULSARY FOR ALL OSBORNE STUDENTS.** Please ensure that your child has an art smock at school, ready for their next art session. Smocks can be old shirts, as long as they are waterproof and cover the child's uniform for paint, clay, ink etc.

**CIRCLES NEEDED. We are collecting CDs, cardboard circles of any size for a special, whole school mural project.** Any circle shape that is FLAT as well as ROUND so that it can be painted and glued to a surface.

Collection boxes will be located in the Office and Art room.

Please start collecting so that we can get this project started!