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Osborne Primary School Newsletter

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OSBORNE SCHOOL COUNCIL

A Special Message from the School Council President

Since the retirement of Mrs Anderson, School Council have been busy behind the scenes working through the rigorous process of selecting of a new principal. This task has involved following a merit and equity based procedure including determining the needs of the school, forming a selection panel, advertising the role, shortlisting candidates, interviewing and checking references.

On behalf on the School Council and the Principal Selection Panel I am pleased to announce Brett Miller as the successful applicant. Students and staff will be familiar with Mr Miller from his Assistant Principal role at Osborne over the past several years, and more recently his role as Acting Principal.

Mr Miller will commence as the permanent Principal from the start of Term 2.

Congratulations Brett, we look forward to your leadership and further developing Osborne Primary for the best outcomes for our children.

Sarah Lawrence

School Council President

Spotlight Info

FOS Easter

Donations are now being taken for our Easter Hampers

Eggs, toys, colouring books, chocolates are all welcome



Late Student Photo Orders

If you have not ordered your photos prior to last weeks photo day. Leading Image are still accepting orders online this week.

Osborne Primary School would like to acknowledge the Boon Wurrung People, the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are gathered and pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and emerging.

For the safety of all parents and students must use the Craigie Road school crossing

OSBORNE Vision Statement

OSBORNE Primary fosters a caring, inclusive environment that develops values, attitudes, knowledge and skills in our students that will better equip each student to achieve a meaningful and fulfilling life in our complex, changing world.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

This newsletter brings us to the mid-way point of the term. We currently have 3 classrooms affected by multiple positive Covid cases. Our other 25 classes either have a single or zero COVID case which is positive news. Thank you to the families who test regularly (twice a week). This has obviously helped identify cases early so parents can watch for symptoms, test and isolate if necessary. The school will be distributing the next round of Rapid Tests next week via the classroom teachers.

I am very happy to announce that I have been confirmed as the substantive Principal of Osborne Primary School. I am honoured to have the opportunity to lead this amazing school with such fantastic students, an extremely dedicated staff and a supportive school community. I've always felt very fortunate to be part of Osborne and now to be the Principal is a great feeling. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the past few weeks while the process was taking place.

Public Holiday

A reminder that next Monday (14th) is a public holiday. I hope you have a great long weekend. The weather is looking good for some outside activities or those heading away to camp.

Friends of Osborne (FOS)

The Annual General Meeting for our Friends of Osborne (FOS) group took place this week. We are always 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 2022. The FOS president is Sarah Potts, Vice President is Angie Partin, Secretary is Charlene Bivolcheff, Treasurer is Jackie Daniels and School Council Representative is Fiona Bickerdike. Office Bearers are supported by several general FOS members. We wish the FOS group all the best for the year ahead and thank our office bearers for taking on these responsibilities.

Well done Foundation Students!

Our 2022 Foundation students have made a super start to school. Last week was a big week for them. It's was their first week of attending five days of school. Well done on a great start to school!

Swimming Trials

It was great to see our Year 3 -6 students participating in the school swimming carnival a few weeks ago. The focus for all our sporting activities is on students having fun and achieving their personal best. I also congratulate those students that are attending the District swimming today, and thank Mr Pieters, the staff and parents who assisted on the day.

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. Last 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. 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.

Crossing the road

Could parents please speak to their child/ren about crossing the road after school. I've had a few concerned parents contact me that some students are crossing the road near the childcare centre on Craigie road rather than using one of the manned crossing stations. Very recently a child was almost hit by a truck. Unfortunately, I see some parents call out to their children to cross the road as well. I understand we're all busy but a moments mistake could have devastating consequences. I'll speak about this, with our students, at our next assembly.

School Council

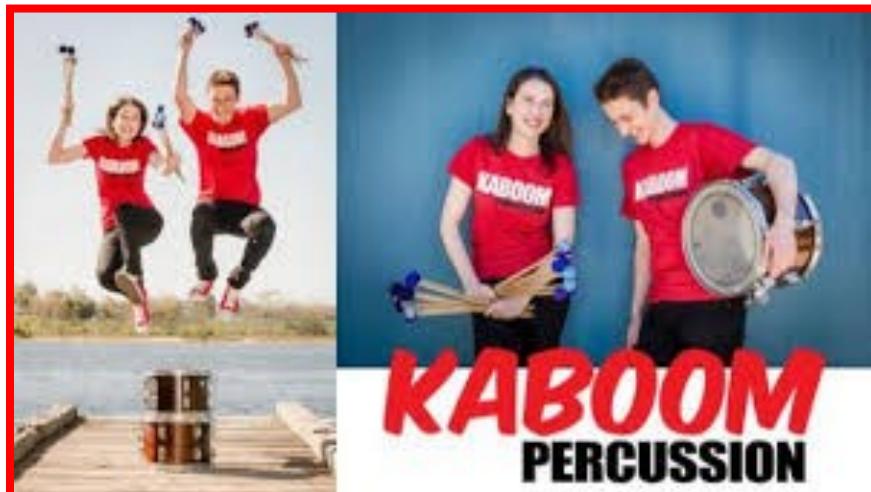
Our new School Council will meet together for the first time on 17th April, following the Annual General Meeting. We welcome new members Charlene Bivolcheff, Rachel Crosbie, Cushla Fretwell.

Our 2022 parent members are Sarah Lawrence, Ben Wolstencroft, Louise Barren, Charlene Bivolcheff, Rachel Crosbie, Cushla Fretwell and Joanna Kaylock. With Fiona Bickerdike stepping into the FOS community position for 2022.

We look forward to a very productive year.

Kind Regards,

Brett Miller, Acting Principal



Kaboom whole school incursion

Coming to Osborne

Thursday 17th March

Consent/Payment on Compass

Closes Wednesday 9th March

Upcoming Events




Dates for the Diary

Event	Date	Compass Closing Date
Year 2 Arthurs Seat	Thursday 10th March	7th March
House Athletics Yrs 4-6	Friday 11th March	9th March
Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday 14th March	NA
Divisional Swimming	Wednesday 16th March	TBA
Kaboom—Whole School	Thursday 17th March	9th March
Foundation Parent Teacher Discussion	Monday 21st—Friday 25th March	TBA
Year 1 Balnarring Beach Excursion	21st March	16th March
NAPLAN online co-ordinated practice test	Thursday 24th March	NA
Ride to School	Friday 25th March	NA
I Sea I Care Boat Trip	Wednesday 30th March (Postponed from 7th March)	NA
House Cross Country	Friday 1st April	TBA
Curriculum Day	Tuesday 26th April	NA

Next Curriculum Day

Term 2 Tuesday 26th April

2022 School Term Dates

Term 1—28th January—8th April

Term 2—26th April—24th June

Term 3—11th July—16th September

World Maths Day!

On Wednesday, March 23rd it is World Maths Day and it always gets me thinking about the importance of Maths in our lives.

Why would we celebrate Maths with a special Day? Is Maths so important to us that we give it such an impressive title?

Imagine if there was no Maths, especially numbers.

We would have no date to celebrate a birthday, or know how old we are.

There would be no dates for Christmas, Easter and other special days of celebration, as there would be no way to read time or tell dates.

We couldn't measure distance, such as how far we travel in a car, how many steps we do on a pedometer or how many million stars there are in the Universe.

There would be no money to use when buying or selling things and no need for piggy banks!

How could we score our goals and points at the footy? Sports such as soccer, basketball, tennis, hockey, netball would also remain scoreless.

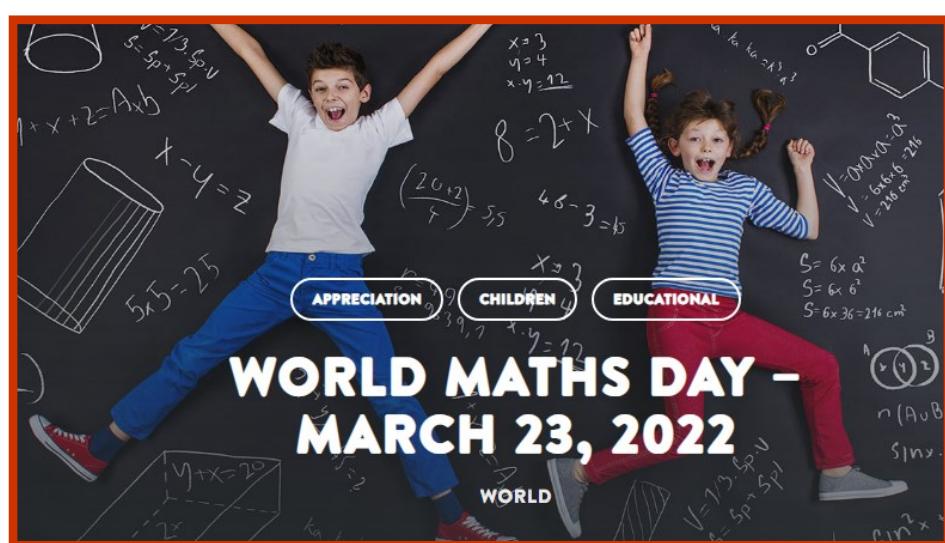
The list is endless: Speed limits, telephone numbers, PIN numbers, etc.

Without Maths we couldn't build bridges or houses or buildings.

Maths is everywhere and Maths can be loads of fun!

This week spend some time as a family trying to discover all the places that we see and use numbers and mathematical concepts.

Play some card and board games, add up shopping lists or read number plates or speed limits when driving in the car.





STUDENT AWARDS



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 6th April. Easter eggs, toys colouring books, chocolates are all welcome.



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

Thankyou

The FOS Team

CANTEEN



This Friday the 11th March Years 4-6 students will be at the Athletics day.

Please remember when the children are out of the school for an event, even for a half day, lunch orders cannot be placed for that day. Lunch orders will run as normal for Years Foundation to Year 3.

Thankyou

Jen Denman, Mamas in the Kitchen

Blue Court Sport lunchtime activity.

Last week our year 3-6 girls had the opportunity to join in our Blue Court Sport lunch time activities. On Tuesday the girls played netball and on Friday they had the chance to play volley ball. It was fantastic to see so many students interested in trying something new and different. Blue court sports gives the students a chance to interact with a variety of different people and work within a team. This week the boys have an opportunity to play netball and volleyball.

Well done to the Year 6 leaders who have organized and run these activities. It is wonderful to see student engagement and leadership shining so early in the year – keep up the great work.



SWIMMING

Well done to our students who attended the swimming trials in February.

A team was selected and will compete in the District Swimming competition today .



Hop, skip and step into Foundation



It was a delight to see the Foundation students celebrate a special milestone last week - their first 10 days of school!

The Foundation students have much to celebrate so far. They are settling into the routines and expectations of school and enjoying the many learning opportunities Osborne has to offer.

They celebrated with 10 pieces of fruit and a picnic with classmates in the Prep playground alongside their teachers and loved ones.



Darcy & Charlie (FSS) making paper plate parrots after learning the sound /p/.



FIA with their nests after learning the /n/ sound.



Jackson, Alexi & Darcy (FKB) with their paper plate possums.

Ayla & Gabriel (FJS) learning about numbers.





BOOK CLUB 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year - a year that we hope will be full of exciting challenges, successful learning, lasting friendships and particularly - lots of rewarding reading! Scholastic Book Clubs offer a convenient way for your child to select and purchase worthwhile and appealing books. The books have been expertly selected to span a wide range of reading levels and interests and are offered at very reasonable prices. The wide range of newly published titles and old favourites represents a thoughtful mix of books from Australia and international publishers.

IMPORTANT

*----- LOOP is now the only way to order -----
You now use a Debit/Credit card to purchase.
No cash can be accepted at school.*

Book Club will operate approximately 4 times this year depending on what is happening each Term. Order forms are sent home through the classroom. Simply select any books your child would like and use the LOOP system to complete your order. Please see "Loop for Parents" instructions overleaf. **You no longer need to send your forms back to school. Once processed, items will be sent out to classrooms. Book Club will usually be given out early in the week and orders must be submitted via LOOP by the following week (7 days to submit all orders).**

Our school receives additional information about books on offer, so if you are unsure about the suitability of a book for your child please ask and we can advise you. Our school receives free points to purchase reading rewards for school library and classrooms.

Please remember, there is no obligation to order, the decision is yours. Scholastic endeavours to encourage a love of reading by giving children the opportunity to choose their own books and build a home library so that family reading becomes a rewarding part of their lives.

Bookclub Issue 2 is coming home this week. Please place your orders on-line by 25th March.

Regards,
(Library)
Book Club Coordinator
Kaye Lyddy

Book Club LOOP

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