



Principal's Report

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A HUGE thank you to everyone who made our 150th year a great year.

Students, Parents and Staff

To our students, you've grown in leaps and bounds, not just academically, but as individuals demonstrating adaptability, resilience, and teamwork throughout this year.

To our parents, your unwavering support is much appreciated. From volunteering your time to cheering on our students, you're an integral part of the great learning community that exists at Osborne.

I would like to acknowledge the incredible work of all our staff, who always go above and beyond. You are the unsung heroes, the glue that holds our school together.

To our office staff, who keep our school running smoothly, answer our questions with endless patience, and greet parents and teachers with a smile every morning. I couldn't imagine a year without you.

To my offsidiers, Mrs Webb and Mr Cheverton, thank you for your tireless work to make our school a great place to learn (and work).

Our Year 6 Students

I wish all our Year 6 students well in their next steps of education. It can be daunting but exciting at the same time. There are many new friends to be made and new subjects to enjoy. I always look forward to seeing what the OPS alumni are up to in the future. I look forward to spending graduation with this terrific group of students and hope it's a special night for them to reflect on their Osborne journey.

Spotlight Info

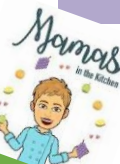
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WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER.
Wear your favourite
**Christmas T-shirt or
free dress!**
Consent & payment via
Compass due 11/12/23.

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.

Canteen News:

The last day of the canteen for 2023 is **FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER.** We will re-open for the new school year on **WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY.**



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

School Captains

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our school captains Jack S and Zoe C and our Vice School Captains Ava T and Liam B. They have really excelled in their roles this year (and throughout their time at Osborne). They have been great role models to the younger students and connected with them in so many ways this year.

Other students who took up leadership roles as House Captains, Environment Leaders, SRC Leaders and Peer Support Leaders, Sport and Performing Arts Leaders, have all done a great job too. Thanks to all of our student leaders for the initiative they have displayed and for being flexible, creative leaders and excellent ambassadors for Osborne.

Thank You to our School Councillors

I would like to personally thank all of our School Councillors for their excellent contribution to the school throughout the year. The Councillors play a very important role in school governance with the best interests of the students and the school at heart. Thank you for your insights and support to the school. I would like to extend a special thank you to our School Council President, Sarah Lawrence, and to our office bearers Cushla Fretwell (Vice President), Ben Wolstencroft (Treasurer) and Louise Barren (Minutes Secretary) for the responsibilities they have diligently fulfilled this year.

FOS (Parent association)

Thanks to our FOS group led by FOS president Tim Brading for organising events and fundraising this year. It looks like we'll raise close to \$22,000 (and still counting) which is an incredible amount. I thank anyone who contributed to the FOS team this year.

Voluntary contributions

Thank you to those parents who have made contributions for 2024 - it is much appreciated! To date we have a contribution rate of 57%. There is still an opportunity for parents to contribute to the 2024 additional learning programs. All money received is used to purchase additional resources and to enhance our wonderful programs in the school which have a direct impact on all children's learning.

Staffing news

As we approach the end of the school year, we are farewelling some staff members, and welcoming others. It is always a sad time to see staff move on, however, we always wish them all the best in their future endeavours and thank them for their contribution to Osborne Primary School.

I'd like to congratulate and say goodbye to the following staff members: Debbie Jenkins (retiring), Kaye Lyddy (retiring), Sheridan Stevens (leaving), Cristy Solis (leaving) and Helen Horscroft (12 months leave). I'd also like to thank Jess Thomas for filling in for Mel Broadbent this year. We'll definitely see Mrs Thomas around Osborne next year. I thank all of these Osborne staff members for their wonderful contributions to our school.

New appointments at Osborne for 2024 are as follows:

- Eliza Tatham
- Kira May (Graduate)
- Maddi Harvey
- Kylie Raymer
- Nathan Parker

I look forward to what they can bring to Osborne PS and look forward to officially welcoming them during our transition days. We are also excited to welcome back Meaghan Woods and Jess Webber to our staff for 2024.

Thanks to a new 12-month Principal class initiative, Mel Webb and I have successfully secured flexible work arrangements for the upcoming year (4 days per week). This shift will allow us to pursue other personal and professional interests. This initiative will also create opportunities for other staff members to step up into leadership roles and gain valuable experience. Congratulations to Bec Haley on her well-deserved appointment as part time acting Assistant Principal. I have no doubt she will excel in this new role. Additionally, our school receives extra funding to support the implementation of this initiative.

Transition Days

We have 2 Transition sessions this year. On Tuesday (12th) we have our first whole school transition session called "Step Up day". During this time, the students will meet with all of the current Year level teachers and rotate through a range of different activities in different classrooms to help them become familiar with their new area and next year's teachers.

On Tuesday 19th December at 9:30am, students will be meeting their 2024 Teacher and their new class members. If families are away on (or leading up to) the day, please email your current teacher on Tuesday afternoon to find out your child's new 2024 teacher. As we are still finalising teacher and student placement, we can't give out this information until after the 'Meet the teacher' session.

We'll email the 2024 teacher list to all parents on Tuesday 19th after students meet their new 2024 teacher.

Class structure for 2024

Next year we will have an expected enrolment of 610 students across the school. In 2024 we will have the following class structure:

- Foundation (five classes)
- Year One (four classes)
- Year Two (four classes)
- Year Three (four classes)
- Year Four (four classes)
- Year Five (three classes)
- Year Six (three classes)

While we will continue with the same specialist classes in 2024 (Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Physical Education, Languages (P-2) and STEM (3-6)). Students in Years 3-6 will also receive additional language lessons throughout the year. Due to the new VGSA, we will be adding an additional specialist class. This specialist class will have an IT and problem-solving theme.

Transition (new class for 2024)

The children will be finding out their teacher and classmates on Tuesday (19th) morning. Class lists for 2024 have been diligently and robustly worked on over the past month with every child looked at and considered. **This is a careful and rigorous process.** Please trust that the staff has spent many hours ensuring we place students in classes after having factored in many, many elements. Things such as gender balance, academic balance, balance in types of learners, friendships etc. are all considered when working on these lists. Your child may not have the teacher you or they had hoped for or all the friends they have been working with this year. However, let me reassure you that all staff at Osborne PS are excellent practitioners who always have the child at the heart of what they do regardless of styles of teaching. This time of year, and through the process of generating classes for the following year, is a great opportunity to have conversations with your children about resilience and accepting things that are beyond their control.

300 Nights of Reading

Congratulations to those students that will join myself and Mrs Cahir for a special chip lunch this week. 300 nights of reading! This is an incredible achievement. Well done to the following students.

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| Foundation | Liam O Lucy D Judd W Aaliyah P Hendrix S Violet S Remy F Hugo B |
| Year 1 | Ned L Finn O Samuel N |
| Year 2 | Oliver S Harper W Heath O Nina B Eloise F George G |
| Year 3 | James W Zephyr P Lucy A Liam B Amelia D Olivia C Hudson M |
| Year 4 | Taj D Nate P Jack W Toby B William G Mitchell S Hudson D Logan G Xavier L Marley R Madeleine D Jonty E Lucy J Noah W Noah O Cooper C Daisy F Jack W |

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| Year 5 | Levi D Ajel F Isla H Alba N Jonathon F Sophie A Linkon M Mikaela W Tyler D |
| Year 6 | Elliot C Zoe C Evelyn B Hannah C Charlotte D Ava T Erica M Samantha H Lily D Evelyn H Ellie J Emily C Oskar M Milly A Grace L Milla M |

End of Year Concert

We are looking forward to the End of Year concert this Thursday (7th). Fingers crossed we have some good weather so it can go ahead. Bring a picnic and enjoy performances from the students, who will be performing to a selection of songs. Below are the details for the event.

- Families to start arriving around 5pm.
- The concert starts at 5:30. It will go for just over an hour.
- Please ensure there is some space between families when sitting on the oval.
- There will be a walkway down the middle of the oval. This is for students to make their way to the stage when called. Please keep this area free.
- Students will stay with their parents until called for their performance.

We'll send out a message early Thursday if our plans have to change. Unfortunately, rain and high winds effect whether we can have the concert on the oval.

Final Assembly dates and details

Due to different end of year events and activities we've had to change some our assembly dates for the final few weeks. Below are the new dates and times plus some information about each assembly.

| Day | Date | Time | Details |
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| Friday | 8 th Dec | 2:30pm | Normal assembly. Normal length. |
| Monday | 11 th Dec | 2pm | EAGLE awards, 2024 leadership and Y6 awards. |
| Monday | 18 th Dec | 2pm | Final. Short assembly. Back up for 11 th Dec assembly. Year 6 students will sing their graduation song at this assembly. |

Year 6 graduation

On Thursday 14th December, we celebrate the 2023 Year 6 students and their primary school journey. Students will arrive around 5:30pm for a 6pm start. We envisage the supper (after the ceremony) will finish around 8pm. Parents are welcome to join the students and staff for supper after the ceremony has concluded.

Professional Practice Day

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 20th Dec (last day of school) teachers will be having a Professional Practice Day. This is the best day for all teachers to be released from their scheduled duties, to minimise the disruption to the school and student learning. This will allow them to plan for a smooth start to 2024. As a result, supervision and an alternate program will be running for all of our students who are at school on this day. Their last day with their 2023 teacher will be Tuesday 19th. Students in attendance on Wednesday will be required to meet at the gym in the morning.

Student Reports

Reports will be available on Compass from Thursday 14th December at 3:30pm. Please take the time to read the report with your child, acknowledging their achievements. If you require assistance accessing your child's report, please contact the office.

Canteen Hours

Last day for canteen orders are Friday 15th December.

Dismissal time on the last day

Wednesday 20th December is our last day for students with a 1.15pm dismissal time. As previously stated, Wednesday will be an alternative program and teacher for students that attend on that day.

First day of 2023

For your diaries – first day of 2024 for Year 1 to Year 6 students is Wednesday, 31st January. All the teachers will be back at school on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January, which are both student free professional development curriculum days.

Foundation students commence on Friday 2nd February.

Final message

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our parents and members of the school community for supporting the students and one another so well throughout this year. I wish you all a relaxing, safe and enjoyable holiday period, and look forward to seeing everyone in 2024.

Kind Regards,



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REAL WORLD MATHS



Millie, 6MB

"World Maths Day was a fun way to learn more about maths in every day life. My favourite activity was based on the television programme, The Block. Our task was to design a bathroom, measure the space, work out the cost of the materials needed and choose a design. It was fantastic!"



Ellie, 6MB

I enjoyed doing an activity which related to the Melbourne Cup, a current event on the calendar. We were learning about measurement and time. We were each timed running 10 metres, which only took each of us a few seconds.

We then had to calculate, based on these results how long it would take us to run 100 metres or even a kilometre. We were estimating, adjusting and calculating, realizing a speed covering 10 metres would not be maintained for a full kilometre.



Y4s- Playing Pass the Squeeze. After predicting, students had a go, then refined their strategies to improve their speed.



SAKG MARKET.....

Well done to the Year 4's for hosting a fabulous SAKG Market! With all their baking, making and planting they raised over \$2500! A huge thank you to the parent volunteers, teachers, SAKG Team and wider school community for supporting this wonderful event.

Additional thanks go to Daniel Exeton and his team at Mornington East Woolworths for their generous donation of food, seeds & potting mix, Michael Russo from the Fresh Herb company for his donation of fresh basil, Torello's Dromana for Fresh produce, Seaside packaging for paper cups & bags and Ailz and Jenny from Bunnings Mornington for running wonderful Christmas craft activities on the day.

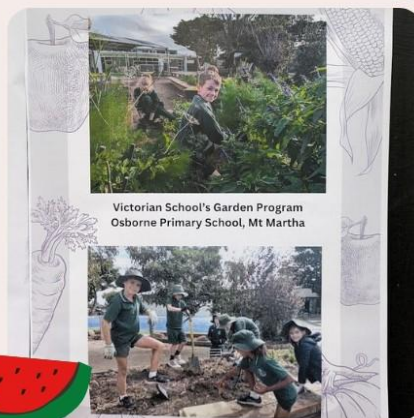


SAKG AWARDS.....

Well done to the Year 3 and 4 students in the Stefanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) program for winning both the Regional Award for South East Victoria and also an RB Landscaping award at the Victorian School Garden Awards.

Over the year, the students have worked really hard designing, planting and looking after the beautiful edible gardens in our school.

A huge thank you to all the students, the SAKG team, teachers and parent volunteers involved!



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