21 August 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HOW IS YOUR CHILD TRACKING?

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place at the end of Term Three in week 10. This decision has been made to allow parents and teachers to have a review of progress and be able to report on both good and not so good elements of school learning in 2014. It is our aim to report on a range of positives and, if required, some areas of concern or areas for improvement during the remaining part of the year.

You will soon receive a letter of invitation from your child’s teacher detailing available times for interview. Please choose three options and a mutual time will be confirmed to discuss your child’s progress.

Please remember these interviews should be an opportunity to discuss a whole range of positives about learning and not just about the improvement agenda required. So make the time to demonstrate to your child that you are extremely interested in their learning outputs by fostering that three way link between the child, the school and the home for successes to be recognised.

Report cards will, as usual, be available at the end of semester two.

CELEBRATING Science Day Wednesday 17 September

Parade presentation

Thank you to Year 4H for their Values presentation on parade. They explained the Value of Excellence.

New School at Pimpama in 2015

Enrolments are now open for all Year levels (Prep to Year 6) for the New Pimpama Primary school to open in 2015. Please be advised that there is a catchment boundary and Enrolment Management Plan in place. To be guaranteed a place enrolments must come from families who live in the catchment boundary. To determine your eligibility please locate the New School Catchment Map on the Department of Education, Training and Employment Website http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/ Please choose the
kind regards
Heather Andrew

FROM THE DEPUTIES’ DESK

At School – On Time

Congratulations to all of the students who are at school and ready to start school by the first bell. Since last term we have had an improvement in the number of students at school on time. Being at school on time ensures that the student is ready for the school day, hears important information/instructions, is there for the start of the lesson and the explicit teaching of new concepts, and most importantly arrives at school calm, and not worried or “stressed” because he/she is late. A big thanks to our students’ parents and caregivers who ensure that their child/children are ready and at school on time. Every day counts with learning and so does every minute in the school day.

Changes to the School Dental Program

Metro South Oral Health Services are making changes to their school dental program to give all parents the opportunity to be involved in their children’s dental care. Under the changes it is unlikely that the school dental van will be returning to Ormeau State School. Instead our students can continue to receive free dental treatment at any of Metro South Health’s public clinics across the region. A parent or legal guardian must now attend every dental appointment with their child.

To make an appointment simply call their new telephone line – 1300 300 850 – to arrange an appointment. A flyer has been attached to this newsletter which outlines details about the School Dental Program and the locations of the clinics.

See flyer for more information

Reminder – No Playing on Play Ground Equipment after School

There is no supervision of playground equipment by school staff after school, so for the safety of all, no children (school and non-school) should be playing on any school playground equipment. As there are many people in the school grounds and trying to leave at the same time, students should also not be playing games or throwing balls around after school. Could you please remind your children that they should not be playing after school, but rather going directly to where they need to be, and waiting with you, or for you?

Kind regards and happy reading
Your Deputies Jane Tuckett and Brendan Creighton

1B, 1C, 1G AND 1P

We are now well into Term 3 and very busy across all areas of learning. In English we have been exploring how authors develop characters that have human-like qualities. The students have been busy creating their own characters and discussing their choices by recording and asking questions with a peer. In Maths we have focussed on number and place value, investigating wholes and halves, counting sequences, number patterns and being able to compare, measure and record lengths and capacity.

As part of our Health unit for this term, Personal Safety, the students enjoyed a visit from the local fire fighters. They provided lots of information about what to do in case of a fire and keeping safe. We learnt about fire alarms, the protective clothing that fire fighters wear and the importance of having a family plan for a safe place to meet in case of a fire at home. Finally the Year 1’s were able to use a fire hose and explore the fire engine.

This year’s theme for Bock Week is Connect to Reading - Reading to Connect. We look forward to seeing the children dressed as their favourite book character on Friday 22nd August. The students will also be participating in a range of book-based activities. We kindly ask that no super hero costumes be worn.

We appreciate your support as the year progresses and request your ongoing assistance with a few items to help your child be organised and ready for learning:

- being on time to minimise whole class learning disruptions when arriving late to class
- A drink bottle with water each day and either a piece of fresh fruit or cut vegetables to eat and recharge during our ‘Mental Munchies’ break
- ‘No hat, no play’ - wear a clearly labelled Ormeau State School hat each day and
- taking care of and returning our school’s library books

Kind regards from the Year 1 Team,
Bernie Chisholm, Kristie Cutter, Fiona Galletly and Michele Pikunic

3C, 3FM, 3J, 3L AND 3M

Hello Families and Friends

We are now well into Term 3 and are busy with all areas of the curriculum.

In English we are finishing our unit on procedure writing and the children are currently presenting multimodal PowerPoint slideshows about how to care for a pet of their choice. The content has been researched by the students, written into the format of a procedure and then made into a presentation with transitions, pictures and sound effects. The presentations have proven to be very entertaining.
Mathematics has seen the children exploring money, fractions and multiplication. The current Mathematics unit is ending with a fun, hands-on piece of assessment where the children will design a multiplication game which will be showcased at the class ‘Multiplication Fair’. Our children will be working on this assessment this over the following week.

Some important reminders:

• banking each Monday
• homework MUST be returned each Friday (completed). Encourage your child to try the extension activities.
• please read with your child daily and encourage them to use the reading strategies taught in class. Check they understand what they’re reading and praise their efforts. Reading should be fun rather than a chore! See us if you need any ideas.
• library books need to come back each week (days vary depending on which day your child’s class borrows)
• please ensure your child has an Ormeau school hat. These hats are available at the uniform shop.
• school excursion to the Planetarium is fast approaching. Permission slips need to be returned to the class teacher and money paid to the office as soon as possible.
• Show holiday is on Friday 29 August.
• school Lap-a-thon is on the 21 August for the year 3 students. Let’s raise as much as we can for our school!

We appreciate your continued support as the year progresses.

The Year 3 Team
(Laura McGhee, Jamie Miller, Olivia Furner, Natasha Mudri, Louise McMillan, Casey Cameron)

5C, 5F, 5L, 5Q AND 5S

Welcome to another instalment of life in Year 5. We have reached the half way mark of Term 3 and a lot of learning is happening. We are finding out lots of interesting things about the Gold Rush and developing our knowledge of town planning.

Book week occurs from the 16th – 22nd August and we encourage children to make a special effort to read at home. There will be a lot of activities happening throughout the school this week. Reading continues to be a major focus of the whole school and we would love to see it continued through all aspects of your child’s life.

Lap-a-thon will be taking place on the 20th August for Year 5 students between 1:45pm and 2:45pm on the school oval. We encourage all families to support the P&C Association as they are doing great work for our school. Prizes are awarded to students who collect over $20.

Year 5 camp payment is due by the 5th of September and payment plans are available through the office. The children are very excited as camp is only 8 weeks away. Please continue to send in the permission notes.

A reminder that your child should have the correct hat and black or white shoes. Homework is due every Friday. Please encourage your child to complete it by this time.

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Kind Regards
Deanna Forrester, Trent Long, Rhiannon Saunders, Fiona Quinn, Kristy Simmonds and Erin Mallouk

7C AND 7W

I believe in my absence it was reported that I was “gallivanting” around the Outback. Have you seen the Oxford Dictionary definition of “gallivanting”? According to my trusty Oxford I was allegedly roaming around idly with amorous pleasure in my mind!? In actual fact I was acting on my biological instinct to join my whaling family in search of warmer waters to frolic in.

You may well ask what it is like to be back. I suppose a fitting analogy would be the similarity of attempting to mount a treadmill which has already been cracked into action. If hit the stirrups with both feet matching the pace of the electronic beast and your mind clearly on the task to be accomplished, you’re destined to become unstuck. Welcome to my present predicament. I sincerely thank Rebecca Coplick and Helen Lucre for holding the reins and assisting me to get back in the saddle. It’s a shame they had no control of the speed with which I could re-enter reality. Unfortunately Heather has sole access to this control.

Before I get the call to wind up the frivolity and get on with core business from “she who must be obeyed” it is important that I focus on the importance of values. The Ormeau Values which underpin everything we, as a school community’, strive to instil in all of our students are also the same values which place them in commanding positions for their goals they wish to achieve at any phase of their pursuit for excellence, achievement and satisfaction in their lives. Our school values are standards which will hold them in good stead for a lifetime!

I will give you a break now and sign off with a little reminder that talk is already out there about graduation. No doubt High School selections have been made and your mind set is slowly been drawn towards the end of the year. At least the Xmas decorations are not adorning stores yet! You should have received a Graduation letter last week which gave details of the venue, costing and sitting arrangements. If not, please contact us.

Senior Shirts

There are a few extra Year 6 and 7 Senior Shirts still available for purchase at the reduced price of $30. Payment is to be made to the office. Please see the below for sizing:

Year 6

Size 8: x 5
Size 10: x 2
Size 12: x 1
Size 20: x 1
Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a reminder that the Triple P parenting program commenced on Monday the 18th August, here at Ormeau State School. Although you will have missed the first session you are welcome to attend the remaining 4 sessions on Monday nights from 5.15 – 7.15. However, if you are interested you will need to contact me ASAP. Parenting is not always easy, especially when we are faced with a variety of unknown challenges along the way. Below are some guidelines that may assist us in keeping our children cyber safe.

Grown-up’s Guide to the (Cyber) Universe

Any adult with children beyond the nappy stage is undoubtedly concerned about the influence and temptations of the rapidly developing technological world. Once we tried to keep our children safe on the street and in our homes; now they can be reached—silently, secretly—through mobile phone and computer, by text, by email, by a quick encounter in a chat room, a photo on a phone. And not everyone in cyber space is there for friendship’s sake. The headlines are full of stories of young people who followed their natural curiosity and trust too far. In addition, this is a world that belongs to any young person who is savvy about the computer and other devices—usually in a way that an adult would be unaware of—and easily outmanoeuvred.

As with any issue, building the kind of respect and trust between adult and child that leads to good communication begins long before the issues do—but even with this basis, children who reach the age of ten or eleven and beyond are anxious to have their own freedoms, their own worlds, their own secrets even in the best of times. And with the cyber-scene changing with every season, and new adaptations and fads driving it, it takes an effort to stay clued up about cyberspace.

In fact, the extreme incidents are rare; what’s common, and what this mostly-unsupervised space lends itself to very easily, is bullying. Children come to Kidscape who have been driven to suicide attempts by mass attacks delivered round the clock by text and email. Once, home was at least a place safe from peers’ bullying; now there is no protection for cyber-stealth. And making sure your child does not participate with the bullies—too tempting when all is secret, and a push of a button sends hate through the air—is important.

Keep these ideas in mind from the very beginning, when the computer and mobile are delivered. And discussion about use should begin even before that time. Set up computers out in the open. The chance of observation may keep some users on track.

- Work together to set up some guidelines, and talk about dangers. We have included some good-use-guides for different age groups. They can be printed off and kept near the computer. Be sure to keep them current.
- Establish a family email account that all can use for sign-ins; for instance, at gaming websites.
- Consider using a filtering device.
- Emphasize that privacy is vital. Names, addresses, pin numbers, but also photographs and other clues are not for the internet. Discuss the dangers—there are no secrets in cyberspace. Use privacy settings on social networking sites. And remind them that everything is traceable.
- Teach your young people to trust instincts that suggest there is danger. If children want to test a website or chat room visitor, see what happens when they suggest they are discussing thing with their parents.
- Don’t delete search and chat histories, in case there are problems—printing off messages is good evidence.
- Know how to file a complaint with the ISP or a mobile phone company, an IM account or a video-site. If you feel a threat is dangerous—as in bullying messages—and would ordinarily contact the police or the school, follow through. However, young people are traditionally very reluctant to admit to being bullied. This is even more the case when they fear having their access to mobile or internet removed.
- Know the typical behaviours that may signal a child is being bullied. And bullies may also exhibit unusual behaviour.
- Threatening or abusive messages or pictures, sent to a classmate or anyone else, criminal codes, and may incur a fine or even imprisonment. Talk to the police.
- Remind them that they should be respectful in what they send on the internet—words sound different when written, not spoken—or when published for everyone to see. If they are receiving bullying messages, DO NOT RESPOND. Bullies get their enjoyment from seeing a target’s distress. But do talk to an adult!
- Finally, try to stay current! Browse the internet; try some games and chat rooms. Slang, fads, games can all change constantly.

Kind Regards
Rebecca Coplick and The Old Fella

“Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking”
GERMAN NEWS

The certificates and prize packs for our outstanding achievers in the International Language Perfect Competition were awarded on parade recently. Well done!

As well, a number of motivated students competed in the Maths and English competition. The results were:

Maths:
- Silver Awards to Dezi C and Ron L
- Bronze Awards to Jaiden C, Nicolas B and Max W
- Credit Awards to Kirah J-M, Ben N, Quin R, Emma K, Mia-Rose L, Chloe D, Sami O, Ashton H and Holly

English:
- Bronze Award to Dezi C
- Credit Award to Nicolas B

These results add to the German Awards and Social Science Awards.

Social Sciences:
- Bronze Award to Ron L
- Credit Awards to Lilly D, Dezi C, Shaiyenna B and Caeb K.

At the moment the Science Competition is underway. Good luck to Kirah J-M, Mia-Rose L, Dezi and Jaiden C who have all taken up the challenge.

Congratulations to Nicole R and Holly S for representing Ormeau at the MLTAQ inc Gold Coast Speech competition last weekend. They presented a well prepared speech and their pronunciation skills have greatly improved.

The two Tipp Kick table soccer teams have been training and head off to the competition in Brisbane this weekend. Good luck to Luke P, Jai, Gabriel M and Brock S.

Students have performed well in recent assessment items. They have all been presenting oral reports on their World Cup countries as well as creating web-based Voki avatar characters.
Preparations will soon be underway for the Year 6 excursion to the annual Oktoberfest for Teens.

*Frau Hay*

**HEAD OF CURRICULUM NEWS**

Congratulations to the students who participated in the NSW Science Competition. They were presented with their certificates on parade.

![Certificate pictures](image)

**Kind regards**  
*Julie McCombe*

**iCentre News**

**The Reading Hour**

As mentioned in my letter home re Book Week Activities, Tuesday evening August 19, 6pm – 7pm is The Reading Hour. I realise by the time you receive this newsletter that date is long gone but let’s face it, The Reading Hour can be celebrated anytime, and definitely more than once!

“The Reading Hour continues to inspire Australians working toward the shared goal of helping to lift literacy rates and the country becoming a nation of readers. Reading doesn’t have to be a massive undertaking in our busy lives. Sharing a book with your family for just 10 minutes a day - will give children the best chance of becoming good readers, along with all the social and educational benefits literacy brings.”

Here are some great ideas to enjoy reading as a family, from Susan Stephenson, the author of one of my favourite book related blogs The Book Chook…

“Why not use The Reading Hour as a focus to celebrate reading and what it means to you and your family? Throw a Reading Hour slumber party and read by candle or torchlight. Invite friends and friends’ children. Have book-related food (no, not paper sandwiches, food that reminds you of loved books)! Take a moment to give each other book recommendations, or share pre-loved books. Watch a movie later that has a book tie-in.

The Reading Hour makes a fine celebratory start to what can go on to become a daily habit. Kudos to those who share stories with kids every day of the week”!

**Book Week Events**

This week we celebrate Australian Children’s Book Week and we have a gorgeous display of all the shortlisted books set up in the iCentre if you would like to come in and browse the Short-listed titles for this year. There are some wonderful books amongst them and if you’re looking to purchase books for Christmas gifts you’re sure to get a few ideas. My favourites, particularly to give to younger students, would be “I’m a Dirty Dinosaur” by Janeen Brian and “The Swap” by Jan Ormerod.

Author Phil Kettle presented writing workshops to students in Years 2, 3 and 4 to kick off Book Week and the students enjoyed hearing about how Phil became such a prolific writer – he has written more than 130 books. Students also gained ideas for how they can use their imagination and a 6 point plan to become an awesome writer themselves.

On Friday, August 22 we round up Book Week with our Book Character Dress Up and Literature Activity morning for Preps, Year 1 and 2. We look forward to donning our own fun costumes and sharing in a morning of literacy love in the lower school.

*Reading Regards*  
*Linda Langes and Maree Bawden*

**MUSIC NEWS**

Term three just seems to be flying and with so many exciting events for our instrumental and choral students it’s any wonder.

Last weekend, both the Senior and Junior Choirs competed in the Primary school choral competition at the Lion’s Ormeau Fair. It is with a big grin on my face that I can announce that our Senior Choir earned first place in the competition and won the school $1000 in prize money. This money will be spent towards a bass xylophone for the classroom music program at Ormeau. Thank you to all the parents, students, teachers, Mrs Tuckett and Miss Andrew who came down to see our performance on stage and give their encouragement to both groups.

See below for photos taken on Saturday.

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Another event coming up this Term will be a music concert for our instrumental students in Senior and Junior band. The concert will be scheduled for Thursday afternoon (school hours) in week 8 in our school hall. Details in regards to the concert will be sent out to parents in the near future with further details.

*Yours in Music*  
*Naomi Kircher*
PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Trials are currently under way to select teams to represent our school at the upcoming Gala Days. We'll be entering teams in touch, softball, cricket and basketball. The first games will be played on 5 September. And best of luck to Lauren A when she represents South Coast at the state softball championships next week.

A number of our students are achieving well in different fields of sports – selection in teams for softball, cross country and athletics. Well done

Don’t forget also to make sure you’re in the draw for the mini iPad... To be in the draw you need to have paid your voluntary contribution by the 12th September (if you have already paid you are in the draw!). The draw will take place on full parade Tuesday 16th September. Good Luck!

Everyone have a great long weekend and enjoy your show day holiday on the 29th August!!

Regards
Ormeau P&C

ADMINISTRATION REMINDERS

Absent Students

If your child is unable to attend school due to sickness or other family reasons it is not necessary for you to call the school each time. We get many phone calls each morning from parents informing us their child is away for the day. For this reason we ask if you could send in a note with your child on their return to inform the teacher of the reason for the absence. For your convenience you can also email the absence through (admin@ormeauuss.eq.edu ). If your child is to be away more than three days then we do appreciate a phone call to ensure the safety of your child.

Lost Property

Lost Property is located outside of the administration building, could you please remind your child/children to check for any lost items. We have a large number of school jumpers which have not been named. Please ensure all drink bottles, lunch boxes, hats and jumpers are clearly labelled with your child’s name and class.

Centrepay - the easy way to pay your bills

Ormeau State School is now able to accept Centrepay payments directly with your approval.

There is a form you can collect from the administration office that you take to Centrelink nominating an amount to come directly to the school each week/fortnight. You as the parent or caregiver can choose where these payments come from eg: (Family tax benefit, Newstart Allowance, Pension or Parental paid leave). This payment will go as a credit onto your child’s payment screen and can be used for any activities throughout the years of your child whilst attending Ormeau State School. This is a no hassle and convenient way for payments to be received from Centrelink on your behalf.

Parents can also nominate a target amount so that once the target is reached Centrelink will cease payments automatically or you can choose for payments to come consistently to cover all costs throughout the year.

If you need to know anything further please don’t hesitate to contact the administration team.

Family Contributions

Many thanks if you have already paid your 2014 Family Contribution. Your name automatically goes in the draw for the mini iPad. If you have not paid your Family Contribution for 2014 please do so as soon as possible to be eligible for the next draw.

Regards
Peter Tyne

P & C NEWS

Hi All

Term 3 is flying past very fast indeed! We still have some great things on the events calendar scheduled for the remainder of the year so stay tuned...

Thank you to all that participated in the Tuckerbox’s Book Week Specials. The kids really enjoyed their special packs and extra items over the counter.

With Lap-a-thon now run please remind your kids to bring their forms back, and if eligible for a prize to ensure they select on their form. Thank you for taking part.

Father’s Day stall will be held on the Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th September. There will be some great items for sale.
We really appreciate your Family Contribution as this is a much needed part of our funding to allow all students to visit the Life Education Van each year. This contribution is also used to purchase new IT equipment to ensure we are current and up to date within the school environment.

Kind regards
Administration Team

COMMUNITY NEWS

Animal Welfare League Qld

Animal antics school holiday’s activities program. Book early for the next school holidays!