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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 7 joins high school from 2015

From 2015 Year 7 will become the first year of high school in Queensland.

This change is part of an exciting 10-year journey of reform. It follows the successful introduction of a Prep year in 2007. In 2008 the entry age for Year 1 was raised by six months, bringing Queensland into line with other states.

Moving Year 7 is a significant reform that will benefit students at all Queensland schools. We consulted widely before introducing this change, which is supported by Queensland's state, Catholic and independent school sectors.

Why Year 7 is moving to high school in 2015

By 2015 more than half the children in Year 7 will turn 13

Educators agree that young teenagers are ready for greater independence and the depth of learning that high schools provide, which is why in most other states and territories Year 7 is already the first year of high school.

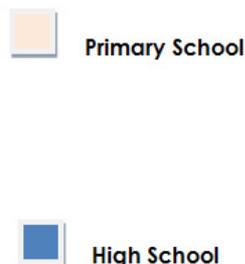
Our children have gained an extra year of schooling

Introducing a Prep year in 2007 greatly benefited our children and they now enjoy an additional year of schooling. By 2015 Queensland Year 7 students will be in their eighth year of school, and this is the right year for high school to begin.

Teenagers are ready for the new challenges of high school

It makes sense that teenagers should be in high school. As 13-year-olds they are becoming more independent. Teenagers are ready for the challenges of high school which provides the best environment for academic, emotional and social development.

The majority of states and territories, including New South Wales and Victoria, have had Year 7 in high school for a long time.



Where my child will be in 2015
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6
Year 7
Year 8
Year 9
Year 10
Year 11

Have a safe holiday

Kind Regards
Heather Andrew

Outstanding Instrumental Music Fee/Prep Resource Fee

Thank you to the families who have paid their 2014 levies. We still have some families who have outstanding Prep Resource fees and Music Levy/Hire fees and it would be appreciated if they could be finalised.

Levies/Hire fees can be paid per term eg: Hire fees \$120.00 annually or \$30.00 per term, music levy/prep \$50.00 annually or \$12.50 per term.

For your convenience our payment options are:

Cash window open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00am – 9:30am payment can be made with cash, credit card or eftpos. Other payment options available please see flyer.

Regards
Administration

FROM THE DEPUTIES' DESK

Enrol Now for Prep in 2015

Did you know that if your child was born between 1 July, 2009 and 30 June, 2010 he/she is able to start Prep in 2015? So if your child is born between these dates please attend our Enrolment Session at Ormeau State School Hall on Wednesday 23 July, 2014 at 9:30am and learn more about

what students will learn in Prep and how you can help them to be ready for school. Early enrolment for 2015 ensures that we can organise to meet your child and assess what they already know before they start school.

If you have friends or family with children who are able to attend Prep 2015 or have children they wish to transfer to Ormeau State School in 2015, please let them know of our Enrolment Session.

School holiday fire safety campaign

These school holidays are a perfect time for parents to teach their children about fire safety. A Queensland Fire and Emergency Services campaign will roll out from 23 June asking families to nominate “junior firefighters” in their home. The Blazers’ Brigade campaign is designed to assist children’s learning about fire safety around the home with fire safety koala, Blazer.

Every day counts – will your children be in school?

It’s almost time for the school holidays to mark the end of Term 2. Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of children attending school every day. For more information visit the Every Day Counts webpage . Letters have been sent home outlining your child/ren’s attendance rate for Semester One. What colour star did they receive?

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

Kind regards and happy reading

Your Deputies Jane Tuckett and Stephen Rowe

PREP NEWS

As Semester One comes to an end, we would like to thank everyone for their help and support in the classrooms and around the school. Your effort is valued and your continued support is very much appreciated.

In Term Three, we ask again that you please label all school jumpers. These items are often misplaced and we can only find the owner if they are labelled. All jumpers that are not labelled are sent to ‘lost property’.

The students will also have an opportunity to go on an excursion and attend a Pirate Show next Term. The Pirate Show is scheduled for Thursday 31st July and details for the excursion will be released to everyone once they are finalised.

Next Term the students will be learning about:

English – Rhymes

Mathematics - Various concepts, with a focus on time and data

History - Telling stories about the past

Science - The effects of weather on everyday life

We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday!

Mitchell Campbell, Jan Laws, Katie Phillips and Jonathan Thorburn
Prep Teachers

2F, 2G, 2I, 2J AND 2LT

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have hit the halfway mark of the year already!! With reports going home this term, all students are to be commended on their efforts during all the assessment tasks. Well done guys!

The year two’s have recently seen the arrival of ten brand new iPads, which means we now have twenty all up. This is almost enough for one per student and the kids love playing the many learning games and activities on offer. The iPads are a great learning tool and it’s pleasing to see the students realise they are not just for entertainment. If you would like to find out about any of the great apps we have, please see your child’s teacher.

With the arrival of the colder weather it’s great to see the students dressed in the winter uniform, however it’s not so great finding countless, un-named jumpers around the playground and classrooms. Please be mindful of naming all of your child’s belongings, as it is very difficult to find a jumper once lost, if it is not named. This will also save you a fortune, not having to buy jumper after jumper this winter.

Our visit to the Beenleigh Historical Village has been re-scheduled! As you all know, the students were very disappointed when we had to cancel the trip earlier this term, due to bad weather. We will now be going on Wednesday 16th July, which is week 1 of Term Three.

That’s all from grade two for this time.

Happy Holidays!!

Jonathon Frazer, Shandell Gammon, Shandy Iurato, Rebecca Johnston, Andrea Lepherd and Cynthia Thorpe

4B, 4K, 4H AND 4T

It’s the half way mark of the school year and end of semester reports have been finalised and handed out. We have had a very eventful term and are all looking forward to the upcoming holidays.

In the second half of the term, for English we have been focusing on Aboriginal Dreaming stories. Students were asked to choose a Dreaming story, retell the story, write what they liked about the story, give examples of the language features used, share the moral or message and compare it to another story. After all this, a multi-modal presentation was created and the students presented these to the rest of the class. In Mathematics we have looked at location and direction concepts involving reading maps and following or giving directions. We also learnt about the different types of angles, solving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems involving larger numbers, as well as money and financial mathematics. Students have also worked hard on their Endangered Australian Animal projects to get them finished by the end of the term.

This final week is our Athletics Carnival week, with the Junior School already having their days, and the Senior School's today. We wish all our Year 4 students in the championship events the best of luck and also acknowledge the great team spirit shown by all children and parents on the different days.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable mid-year break and look forward to seeing everyone back recharged and refreshed for an exciting second semester full of many more wonderful learning experiences.

Regards

Suzzi Bray, Katie Brown, Michael Howlett and Cassandra Tones

6B, 6G, 6N AND 6S

Wow, Term 2 has certainly flown by which means our Year Six seniors are almost half way through the year. It also means many of the assessment tasks are being concluded much to the delight of the kids. Attendance each day is still vital as students are still learning the necessary strategies and skills required for year 7. Absenteeism is an issue at the moment with students having entire days off due to medical and dental appointments. Any missed time from school will place added pressure on students so it is preferred that these appointments try to be made outside school times or in the holiday period. If your child is away can you ensure a note/email/ phone call is done the next day so the school's records are up to date.

There has been a big push in recognising our Ormeau Values this term and Manners from students has come under the spotlight. Students have been reminded that school starts at 8:50am sharp, which means all students should be aiming to be at school prior to this time. Lateness and tardiness are a sign of disrespect in everyday life so reinforcement of this from home is appreciated.

In Term 3 and 4 our students will participate in an investigation into how students solve science problems. What an exciting opportunity they have been given by The University of Queensland and the Queensland Brain Institute. True scientists!!!

A number of students have also displayed their creativeness by representing Ormeau State School in the Glasgow/Gold Coast Commonwealth Games art competition. We wish all contestants the very best!

Students will be in full athletic mode next Thursday 26th June, with our Athletics Carnival. It is very important that all students attend the carnival so maximum points can be earned by houses. Even if you are not the most athletic student, the important point to remember is participation. Being on time for the march past should be a priority for all students.

IMPORTANT:- How's your child's supplies?

Please ask how your child's school supplies are going! At the moment, teachers are providing some students with pencils, rulers, rubbers and books - as some students are running on empty.

Some quick reminders:-

- ensure you are wearing a school hat to school (baseball caps are not school uniform) and collected in the afternoon
- if you are missing school jumpers there are a huge number of lost ones in front of the office
- drink bottles are essential for the classroom especially the winter months
- bracelets, bands, rings and multi-coloured shoelaces are not part of the Ormeau Dress Code
- gear up for the Athletics Carnival on Thursday 26th June
- mobile phones/electronic devices need to be checked into the office in the morning

Have a great end to the term and safe travels for those leaving the Gold Coast region.

From the year 6 Team

Suzanne Bailey, Shane Grubb, Kimberley Strachan and Nikki Swain

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT NEWS

Dear Parents & Carers,

Wow, this term has flown by and I might add it's been an extra busy one! The children have been working hard on a number of social skills focusing on our Ormeau school values. These skills have been learning more about negotiating friendship issues and learning to take responsibility for their contributions and choices within these relationships. Some of the children have been demonstrating these skills through role plays which they have found fun. As we know, relationships take work and time and it's a difficult concept to understand when you are young, as the children often want to see change quickly. It's up to us as adults and role models to support our children in working through these relationships and by supporting them by listening and offering a little problem solving guidance. Ultimately however, we need to encourage our children to take steps and responsibility to work through what is happening in these relationships during the ups and downs so in the longer term, as they become young adolescents they are better versed at problem solving these issues more independently.

Towards the end of this term we have also focused somewhat on healthy eating, as the colder months have made many of us vulnerable to feeling unwell. The children are very excited about learning more about healthy foods so we are looking forward to continuing this topic throughout Term 3. We are offering a number of healthy lunch box idea workshops throughout Terms 3 and 4 so keep an eye out for them. Speaking about illness we have been fortunate enough to offer some support to the 'Give me 5 for kids' Charity brought to us by Gold FM. It's a wonderful charity for Ormeau to support as it raises money to care for the children that are in our community hospitals. We decided to support this charity by donating a gold coin each in exchange for having free dress on the last day of school. We were also lucky enough to be the winners in having Gold FM host their morning show on this day.

Well, there is no doubt that the school holidays are upon us, as the children are looking forward to their break, as many of

the staff are too! Keeping kids busy during holiday periods is every parent's goal, yet it can be a little more challenging in the cold. There are some ideas below to discover the best school holiday activities and events in your local area, including art and craft sessions, sport clinics, holiday camps and workshops, and special holiday events for kids and families. I have listed a number of wonderful websites both on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane with heaps of ideas. Have a safe and wonderful break and I look forward to welcoming you all back in Term 3.

Happy holidays

Carol Moores

Holiday information below:

Active & Healthy Holiday Program will be out 28th June and runs until 13th July 2014!

If you are looking for fun and adventure during the school holidays then we have loads of action to get you off the lounge. Feature activities include:

- Bubble soccer
- Slacklining
- Flying yoga
- Random days of fun
- Zuu chimps
- Inflatable fun and much more

<http://www.gcparks.com.au/activities.aspx?page=307>

Brisbane City Council – School Holiday activities for kids and teens.

If you're looking for activities for the kids during the school holidays we offer a range of events, including arts, crafts and fitness activities. Check out what's on at your local library, events in a park near you or other great things happening all over Brisbane.

Find other ideas for school holiday fun in our June 2014 school holidays in Brisbane feature.

You can also sign up for the what's on enews and stay up to date with events in Brisbane.

Bookings

Some events require advance bookings. Please click on the title of the event you are interested in and check if a booking is required.

<http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on/featured/school-holiday-activities-for-kids/index.htm>

Free things to do in Brisbane with kids

Welcome to Brisbane Kids - the Official Guide to Brisbane with Kids. We realise that for most families, going to a Brisbane Zoo everyday or a theme park is not an option and so this page is all about sourcing free activities to do with kids. We are all about helping you to make memories and we want to ensure there are lots of FREE things for you to do in Brisbane on this website so you can begin building memories today. Our website has lots of information about free activities with kids in Brisbane and this is like a guide to show you where and save you time.

<http://www.brisbanekids.com.au/activities/free-activities/>

South Brisbane Playgrounds

The best parks & playgrounds South Brisbane

We have used the river as the divider- South Brisbane also covers Ipswich and North Brisbane goes as far as Bribie Island. We also partner with **BrisParks** who provide a list of all the smaller parks and playgrounds in Brisbane including reviews. If you want to find a Brisbane Park near you then check out our **Maps of Brisbane Playgrounds** AND if you have multiples, special needs or just a Brisbane Kid who likes to run then check out our **Fenced Brisbane Playgrounds** List

<http://www.brisparks.com.au/#All>

The Hub of Southbank

Within Southbank and along that side of the Brisbane River you will find a host of free things to do with families.

<http://www.brisbanekids.com.au/free-things-to-do-in-brisbane-with-kids/>

Free **School Holiday** Guide - Fun Things To Do With Your Kids

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/SchoolHolidayZone/>

GERMAN NEWS

The shadows under Frau Hay's eyes prove how much World Cup Soccer she is watching!!

We know already that Spain, Australia and England are on their way home ... students are anxiously watching to see if their team will progress and whether they will win the tipping competition.

Thank goodness for school holidays during the World Cup!!

Go Germany! Toi, Toi, Toi!!



Kind regards

Frau Hay

MUSIC NEWS

Sadly, last week we farewelled our Strings Teacher, Mrs Ramsay. Mrs Ramsay has been the Strings teacher at Ormeau for 18 months and has developed a very strong Strings program. Mrs Ramsay and her family have taken up a position in Japan. We thank her for her efforts and wish them well in their new adventure.

The students performed a farewell concert with Mrs Ramsay last Wednesday which the junior students and parents enjoyed.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Congratulations to Flynn Wolsey who has been selected in the Queensland Australian Football team and will travel to Sydney next term to compete at the National Championships. Well done Flynn. An outstanding achievement.

Congratulations also to Lauren Avsec who has been selected in the Queensland School Sport Softball team and will travel to Bundaberg in August to compete. An outstanding achievement, well done Lauren.

Regards
Peter Tyne

P AND C NEWS

Exciting term ahead with some events planned and the unveiling of the new Tuckshop name and new menu!

Hope you all enjoyed the athletics carnival this week.

Have a happy holiday all.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

PCYC School Age Care

Before & After School Care Vacation Care

\$13.50 Before School Care per child per day less CCB
\$17.50 After School Care per child per day less CCB
Pay as little as **\$6.45** for BSC and **\$6.92** for ASC based on 104% CCB

Why should I book my children into PCYC?

Affordable care for families

Experienced and qualified staff

Innovative programs which enables every child to participate
Provide nutritious daily food programs and cooking experience

Our activities support the school curriculum, policies and culture

Aims to exceed the National Quality Standards and regulations for an education and care service

*Eftpos or Idebit only *Child/ren must be a member of PCYC for insurance \$20

Ormeau Bulldogs Junior AFL

It's not too late to sign on.

50% off Registration Fee for children born 2003 – 2005

See flyer for more information.

Drama Classes – Goat Track Theatre

FREE school holiday workshop in Ormeau on Friday 11th July 10am-12noon Ormeau Community Centre, 3 Pascoe Drive Ormeau



Thanks Mrs Ramsay



Our concert comperes, music captains



Beginner strings



With a touch of percussion in choir



Beginner saxophones



Senior choir



Senior strings



Yours in music
Miss Kircher

**CONFIDENCE
CREATIVITY
FOCUS
FUN
GROUP SKILLS
FRIENDSHIPS
PERFORMANCE ABILITY**

Goat Track Theatre has a drama education program that will provide all these things and much more. The DRAMA PROGRAM is designed by celebrated teachers and industry experts. This means whether your child wants to build a future in the performing arts or whether they just want to BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE, there is something in the program for them. We offer primary school aged drama classes as well as youth ensemble for young people aged 13 – 18.

Our drama classes are opening in Ormeau as of Term 3. They will run every Wednesday from 3.30-5.45pm during the school term. If you need further information please don't hesitate to contact us on the details below.

Enrol now goattracktheatreco.com