Discipline Audit – Thursday 24 July

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School Opinion Survey

You are invited to participate in this year’s School Opinion Survey and have your say about what your child’s school does well, and how it can improve.

Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information that you provide will be treated confidentially. Your feedback will be provided back to your child’s school in such a way that you cannot be identified.

The online survey will be available until 3 August 2014, and should take less than ten minutes to complete. To access the survey, please type the following web address into your computer’s browser, then select the Parent/Caregiver Survey link and enter the two access codes provided by the school.


More information about the survey is available at:


New Deputy Principal

Our Deputy Principal, Stephen Rowe, has taken a position as Acting Principal at Carole Park State School. This is the position that Mr Rowe has been working towards and he is very proud to try his knowledge and skills. We welcome Mr Brendan Creighton as acting Deputy Principal for Term 3.

Regards,

Heather Andrew
FROM THE DEPUTIES’ DESK

Enrolments Open for Prep 2015

Thank you to the families who attended our Enrolment Session or have already completed a 2015 Prep enrolment application for their child. We are still taking enrolments for our 2015 Prep classes. 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?

By enrolling now ensures that you and your child will be invited to attend an interview at the end of 2014 where we will get to learn more about what your child can do. This allows us to prepare for the individual needs of your child giving them a great start to their first year of school (Prep) in 2015.

School Starts at 8:50am – Please be on time for school

At Ormeau State School our school day starts at 8:50am. Students are expected to be at their classroom and ready to start their school day. If students need to order their lunch or buy breakfast from “The Tuckerbox” they need to do this prior to 8:50am. Being at school on time ensures that your child is ready for the school day, has 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.

We understand that from time to time some students are late to school due to doctor/dentist appointments or due to family circumstances (e.g. car won’t start). Unfortunately we have a number of students who are repeatedly late to school without a valid excuse (e.g. we slept in.) Under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age has the legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attends a state school or a non-state school, on every school day (this means the whole school day) for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse. Although not compulsory, Prep is the first year of schooling in Queensland and it is expected that students who are enrolled in Prep attend full-time (for the whole school day).

Did you know:

• if your child is 10 minutes late to school once a week for the whole year they would have missed almost 1½ days of school in that school year?
• if your child is 10 minutes late to school every day of the week for the whole year they would have missed the equivalence of approximately 6½ days of school in that school year?
• if your child is 15 minutes late to school once a week for the whole year they would have missed just over 2 days of school in that school year?
• if your child is 15 minutes late to school every day of the week for the whole year they would have missed the equivalence of almost 10 days (or 2 weeks) of school in that year.

So let’s work together to give your child a good start to their learning. Please help them to be organised and on time to school. Remember, every day counts and in a school day…every minute counts too.

Kind regards and happy reading

Your Deputies Jane Tuckett and Brendan Creighton

1B, 1C, 1G AND 1P

Hello Parents and Caregivers,

We are at end beginning of another term. It is rewarding to see how much the students have grown academically and socially. We are sure you can see the great gains your child has achieved in such a short period of time. We are very proud of them and we are sure you are too.

By the time you read this newsletter you would have received your child’s semester one report. We are sure you will find them very informative, explaining where your child is developmentally.

Please understand there is one more semester to prepare your child for year two, so there is plenty of learning time left. In the final semester Year one children show great gains in maturity and this is reflected in their learning.

Many year one students are attending the Eisteddfod on 22 July as part of the Junior Choir. It is great to see students at this age trying new experiences and taking the opportunity to be involved in school based extra curricula activities. Congratulations to all of these students for ‘having a go’. And, good luck!


On Wednesday 6 August, the Fire Brigade will be visiting the school and our students have an opportunity to engage with one of our communities essential services. Our health unit this term encompasses aspects of safety at home and in the community so we expect students will gather a broad understanding of these life skills this semester.

Reminders:

• Please put an extra set of clothes in your child’s bag in case they have a mishap.
• The Tuckshop has been re-named to The Tuckerbox
• If your child does not have a library bag we have them for sale for $10.
• Donations of instant hand sanitizer would be appreciated.
• Children are not allowed to play on the play equipment after 3pm or before 8:30am.
**Key date reminders for this term.**

- **Friday 1st August, 2014- 9:00am-10:30am ICentre**
  “What are our children eating?” presentation by Carol Moores regarding healthy food choices.

- **Thursday 4th September- Planetarium and Botanical Gardens excursion.**

Finally, just some housekeeping regarding homework and weekly behaviour cards. Please check that your child is showing their weekly behaviour card to you as this is an indication relating to the behaviour that has been displayed by your child for that particular week. Also please check that your child is completing their homework each night ready to hand in each Friday.

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

Kind Regards,

**Casey Cameron, Olivia Furner, Natasha Mudri, Laura McGhee, Louise McMillan and Jamie Miller**

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

Welcome back all our Year 5 families and we hope you had an enjoyable break. Term 3 is set to be another busy and constructive term with lots of great learning ahead.

We have a number of students representing our school at some upcoming events, including the Beenleigh Eisteddfod and the District Athletics. These students have been working very hard leading up to these events and we wish them the best of luck.

We would like to remind our families that it is important for students to be in the correct uniform each day. We have noticed a number of students come back from the break with coloured shoes. Please remember our uniform policy requires all students to wear black or white shoes only. Also with the colder weather upon us, please ensure your child has the correct Ormeau jumper.

Towards the end of last term, you should have all received a note regarding the Year 5 camp in Term 4. This will be a wonderful camp and the students seem very excited for it. We would encourage all students to attend as there will be a number of valuable learning experiences taking place, so please continue to send in the permission notes.

On one final note, we would like to welcome Erin Mallouk and Kristy Simmonds to the Year 5 team. Erin and Kristy have both returned from maternity leave and are teaching 5L for the remainder of the year.

Kind Regards,

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

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**7C AND 7W**

Welcome to another instalment of the life in Year 7, where we believe in I’m Possible not Impossible.

**Curriculum News**

Term 3 sees the beginning of a new reporting period. Have you discussed with your child what it is that they would like to achieve this semester? It is good to develop goals and for children to have some purpose with regard to their academic and personal development. It might be to try and achieve a higher effort grade on their report card, to be more prepared when tackling homework and assignments, or to develop the confidence to do a presentation in front of their peers. Have your children write down their goals and discuss with them how they are tracking with their progress. Place their goals somewhere they can visualise them and be reminded of what it is that they want to achieve. Encourage them every day to have a purpose and then top it off with just a little bit more than what was originally desired. There’s no better feeling than knowing you have tried your best!

Reading continues to be a major focus as part of our whole school improvement agenda. Both Year 7 classes are conducting group reading rotations 4 days a week. We welcome any additional assistance to our reading programs and highly value those wonderful people who have given us their time over the course of this year. Please let your child’s teacher know if you are interested in helping in the classroom.
In our second major unit for History we are studying the Asian World: ancient China. In this depth study the students will investigate two inquiry questions: Why and where did the earliest societies develop? And what emerged as the defining characteristics of ancient societies?

Our second major unit for Geography focuses on place and liveability, with an emphasis on how people’s reliance on places and environments influence their perception of them. The students will inquire about what effect the uneven distribution of resources and services has on the lives of people and what approaches can be used to improve the availability of resources and access to services.

There is a wonderful element of curiosity in our new Science unit Heavenly bodies. In this unit, students learn about the interrelationships between the sun, Earth and moon system. They explore predictable phenomena such as eclipses, tides, phases of the moon and solar phenomena. Studies in this unit are a precursor to predictable phenomena which will be studied in Unit 6: Sensational seasons.

Senior shirts

If you wish to purchase another senior shirt for your child there are still some available. Sizes as follows:

Year 7 shirt:
- 1 x size 14
- 1 x size 18

Year 6 shirt:
- 3 x size 8
- 3 x size 10
- 3 x size 12
- 2 x size 14

51 things to do before you turn 12

Have you heard of Nature Play Queensland? Recently Nature Play was launched in Queensland with the support of the state government. The ethos behind Nature Play is to increase green time by reducing screen time. It encourages families to foster the physical, emotional and cognitive benefits of unstructured play outdoors and in nature.

Log on to the Nature Play Qld website http://www.natureplayqld.org.au/ (or onto the Facebook page) to discover the 51 things all children should do before they turn 12. How enjoyable is it to slide down a grass hill on cardboard, plant something and watch it grow, or do something that you’re scared of? How many of these wonderful tasks have your children been engaged with? A Mission Passport can be obtained by joining the Passport to an Amazing Childhood Program in which children can document the tasks that they have successfully completed.

Check out the Nature Play Qld Launch Video for an excellent promotional snapshot of their organisation (courtesy of Element Photo and Video Productions) Nature Play Qld Launch 2014 - YouTube

Can the students and I extend a hearty thank-you to Mrs Lucre for filling in for Mr Wright for the past 2 weeks whilst he has been gallivanting around the countryside? Mrs Lucre has been a wonderful addition to the Year 7 team and we have thoroughly enjoyed having her on board.

As always, we have an open door policy in Year 7 and welcome all constructive feedback from parents and students (both positive and negative), but we do ask that if you require a lengthy amount of time that you secure an appointment time so that we are able to give you our full attention.

Yours in education,

Rebecca Coplick and the Old Fella

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a fantastic break with your children and they are well rested for another busy term. It would be great to hear back from any of you (or your children) as to whether you attended any of the holiday activities that were offered by the Brisbane and Gold Coast City Councils that I suggested in the last newsletter. Maybe you found some other wonderful activities I could share with parents for the next holidays?

I am looking forward to another very busy term, continuing with the running of a variety of Social Skills Groups for your children where they can explore and develop skills further in managing friendships and conflict issues. I find that when the children are engaged in fun group activities they are able to relax and show their ‘true’ colours, and as a result, let their guard down a little and be themselves. The multitude of personalities present in any one activity can create an opportunity for ‘issues’ to arise amongst peers. The children then get to experience and practise how to deal with these issues first hand, in ‘real life’ situations whilst having a teacher on side to observe their problem solving process. I often find these strategies even more effective than role-play, as students are often confident in recalling ‘what’ to do and ‘how’ to do it but when put in a real situation, other feelings come in to play and cloud their judgement and behaviour choices. All of the girls were involved in role-play last term and thoroughly enjoyed it. Surprisingly all the girls wanted to participate, many times – interesting to note.

I am also enjoying working with the Gifted and Talented (G & T) Group of students we have here at Ormeau State School. We have been involved in a project called UNIFY. This project is delivered online by Ormeau State School in partnership with Brisbane School of Distance Education’s UNIFY Team. The UNIFY Team offer a range of online extension opportunities and our school has joined with UNIFY to offer various Projects throughout 2014. The UNIFY Projects are Numeracy, Literacy, Design or Science based Blackboard Courses (VCR or Virtual Classroom) and are an interactive, collaborative learning space containing course resources. The Blackboard course offers documents, lessons, blogs, ‘how to’ videos, showcased work, ideas, and video clips (amongst other things). The course has been designed to continually challenge students to aim higher and the students are further motivated by other online students from other schools. All of the students are required to complete small tasks from home each week and by the end of the course, every student has made some contribution to the online learning space.
The G & T students and I attended a UNIFY excursion at the University of Queensland at St Lucia in the last week of Term 2 and a wonderful day was had by all. A big thank you to Mr Stephenson for his transport and parental support on the day. It was a great day travelling in, having a bit of a run around and having lunch together on the campus. When we met up with the many other schools in the big lecture auditorium, we were then led to a classroom where the students were challenged with a problem: They were given a small bag of materials which held a roll of sticky tape, a bunch of paperclips and paddle pop sticks, blue-tac, rubber bands and some paper. The design brief was to build a bridge strong enough to accommodate a matchbox car pushed across it without it breaking. Both teams followed the brief and worked well together to accomplish the task in different ways and were successful with their problem solving process. Below are pictures of the busy students designing, planning and constructing their bridges during this hands-on assignment.

Finally I would just like to remind parents of all Year 3 students that there is a lunch box presentation offered to you during Week 3. I hope to inspire you with ideas and information to assist you in preparing healthy school lunch boxes as I know how difficult this can be. Your Year 3 children would have brought home a flyer with all the details, please RSVP asap for catering purposes. A Triple P parenting program will also be held at Ormeau State School over 5 weeks each Monday night from 5.15pm – 7.15 pm commencing August 18th. If you are interested in attending the Triple P program, could you please email or call me directly, or contact the office and leave your name and number and I will call you back with further information.

Kind regards

Carol Moores
Behaviour Support Teacher
cmcle102@eq.edu.au or 0417792226

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**GERMAN NEWS**

What an exciting and at times unpredictable World Cup event! Frau Hay and family (with about 500 other German supporters and 2 Argentinians) were at the German Club at 4 am on Monday morning to all share the drama of the Finale – which saw Germany win! This is significant for three reasons – firstly, it was Germany’s fourth win, equalled only by Italy and Brazil one ahead; secondly, it is the first time that a European country has won on South American soil; and for the first time Germany has won as a nation – previously World Cups had been won as West Germany.

Ms Andrews thought that Frau Hay’s fan attire was very funny – but it was quite normal on Monday morning at the game!!

The students are now reporting back on their country’s achievements (or lack off!!)

And they have enjoyed finding out who won our class tipping competitions!!

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**HEAD OF CURRICULUM NEWS**

**Celebrating Science Day**

The school will highlight the importance of Science in our Celebrating Science Day on Wednesday 17 September. A number of presenters have been invited to work with different year levels, as well as classes running activities in their classrooms.

A note will be sent home in the next few weeks with costs and timetable.

All parents, caregivers, family and friends are invited to attend.
University of NSW Assessments

We look forward to receiving results shortly for the Science and Spelling assessments that students sat last term. Certificates and test booklets will be returned to students as soon as they arrive in the school.

Mathematics Assessment will be held on Tuesday 12 August from 3:15 pm in the Centre. A reminder note will be sent home next week.

If you have any queries, please contact me at jmcco40@eq.edu.au.

Kind Regards,

Julie McCombe

iCentre News

Term 3 begins with a new selection of books promoted by the Children’s Book Council of Australia. Each week classes in the Junior school are enjoying works of fiction, information texts with a smattering of humour (that this age group understands so well) and picture books with wonderful original art.

The theme this year is CONNECT TO READING. Think of all the numerous instances throughout a day when we draw on our knowledge of words and reading as adults. From our shopping lists to the ‘must-do-list’ for the next day, or the card just written for a close friend – we draw on our understanding of text and “texting” that is so vital for our lifestyle.

Each student has the potential to feel as if they are right there next to one of the vibrant characters described so well by the author. The children can connect with a situation that reminds them of a time when they felt just like the character. Every boy and girl can connect, and enjoy trying to predict the very next part of the plot as it unfolds.

Book Week is the 16th to the 22nd August.

Let’s CONNECT with many more books, plots, settings, illustrations and characters as we keep those borrowed books coming back for our classmates to borrow in the following weeks.

CONNECT with those sneaky books that have slid away to hide under the bed, or at the back of the bookshelf, or in the pile of special magazines, near the toy box, or beside the television. Let’s see them again at the borrowing counter.

Mrs Bawden and I look forward to connecting with you soon.

Regards

Toni Hutton for Linda Langes

SCIENCE NEWS

Hello to everyone from the Science teachers. Mrs Hines-Smith is on leave until Week 3 and we welcome Mrs Thorpe, who will be teaching Year 4, 5, 3M, 3C and 3FM while she is away.

The Year Two classes will be covering a unit called “Good to Grow” during Term 3. In this unit they will be discovering how living things grow, change and have offspring similar to themselves. They will be looking at living things present in our environment, both at school and at home. The children have been asked to bring along a small photo of themselves as babies, to glue into their Science books. This will help them to observe how humans grow and change through identifiable stages. We will also be caring for stick insects and watching the growth of plants in the Science room during this unit.

This term in Year 3, we will be learning about solids and liquids. We will be investigating how liquids and solids respond to changes in temperature, for example water changing to ice, or melting chocolate. We will also be discussing what makes a good observation in Science.

The Year 4 classes will be investigating the different types of forces and how they affect objects. There will be some playing of simple games with household items to help them make predictions about the impact of various forces. They will also be developing their skills when drawing force diagrams and looking for patterns.

This term in Year 5, the students will be building on their knowledge of matter, solids, liquids and gases. They will be investigating how matter structures the world around them through a range of investigations.

Kind Regards,

Janelle Cokley and Cynthia Thorpe

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Sports Days

Congratulations to all students for your efforts on our sports days last term. And thanks to the parents who helped out at the canteen and to those who came along to support the students. Results were as follows:

Age Champions:

9 Years - Wayen P-D and Amelya M
10 Years - Malachi N and Katelyn N
11 Years - JT M and Rylee M
12 Years - Flynn W and Taylah H
13 Years - Eli V and Ellie M
Prep/Year 1 winners – Grevillea
Year 2/3 winners – Banksia
Year 4-7 winners – Banksia
CHAMPION HOUSE – BANKSIA

Regards

Peter Tyne

P AND C NEWS

Hi all

Welcome back to an exciting new term.

Who wants an iPad mini?

Pay your voluntary contribution by the end of term and you are in the draw!! And better yet - if you have paid you are already in the draw!!

We have some fun events on the horizon including our always exciting trivia night.
You may have noticed the Tuckshop has had a spruce up! We have a new name and a new herb garden donated to us from Bunnings. If you haven’t been by come and see “The Tuckerbox”. We also have a new menu up which you can see on the Ormeau State School website or see the attached menu.

The uniform shop will see some new items this term including school socks and tights. The uniform shop is open Monday and Wednesday between 8:00am-10:00am.

Please also remember that volunteering is fun and welcome to help out with any of our events and also in The Tuckerbox or Uniform Shop. So if you have time we’d love to see you!

Kind regards

Ormeau P and C

INTERNET PAYMENT

An internet payment has been received via the Bank of Qld reference no. E00043312 on July 7. At this stage we are unsure who has made this payment. If you believe this payment is yours please contact the school Administration on 55 466 500.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Health Industry Training

Health Industry Training is a dynamic not-for-profit Registered Training Organisation representing the professional interest of General Practice and Primary Health Care in the Brisbane and surrounding regions.

Health Industry Training is offering heavily reduced Certificate III level qualifications for parents who are interested in working within the health industry. At a cost of $320.00 for concession participants and $600.00 for non-concession participants, this will allow you to complete a Nationally recognised full Certificate III qualification in Allied Health Assistance or Health Service Assistance.

We will be holding an information session day on Thursday 24th July 2014 from 10am to 12pm & #8211; venue to be advised

Classes will be held 9am to 2:30pm Tuesday and Thursday commencing August 5th 2014. Numbers are limited. For further information please call Health Industry Training on 1300 381 415

Beenleigh Little Athletics sign on 2014/15 season

Family, Fun, Fitness! For all the Runners, Jumpers and Throwers Aged 6 - 16

Sign on dates: Friday 22nd August and Friday 29th August.

Where: Cec Clark Oval, Oliver Sporting Complex, Logan Street, Eagleby

First night of competition is Friday 5th September.

We run on Friday nights from 5:30pm from September through to March

Visit our website www.beenleighla.org.au or Find us on Facebook “Beenleigh Little Athletics”

Partners in Education Study (PIES)

Parents have your say –Does your relationship with your child’s school benefit their outcomes?

University of Queensland researchers are seeking parents of primary school children to tell us about the partnership with your child’s school. The survey takes around 20 minutes and all responses are anonymous. Participating could win you one of two $50 vouchers. To complete the survey, go to: exp.psy.uq.edu.au/pies

Coomera Comets Touch Football

Junior and Senior Touch Football sign on.

5.30-7pm Friday Night 8th and 15 August 2014

Futsal 5-A-Side Indoor Soccer

Competitions and programs for girls and boys, 4 years and up and social mens and women’s mixed teams.