13 November 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Request for Class Placement 2015

- This is not a form to request teachers for 2015.
- Every effort will be made to take into consideration your request for class placement.
- Please be aware that when the school organises classes we look at all circumstances and certain facts may not be available to parents when a decision is made.
- Although the school will do its best to meet this request not all requests can be accommodated.
- Children will not be allowed to change classes when they are set on Day 1 next year.
- All requests for class placements in 2015 must be made in writing on this form, to be considered by the panel organising classes.
- The panel will not consider requests for repeating children. If you wish for your child to be considered for repeating, you need to contact your child’s teacher to find out the process that needs to occur for any child to repeat.
- The information you put on this form will be kept on record.
- All requests need to be accompanied by a reason to be considered seriously when allocating classes.
- Requests given to teachers will not be considered when allocating classes.
- Verbal requests to teachers, the principal or deputy principal will not be considered when allocations are arranged.

For all requests you need to fill in the bottom of this form with your child’s name, current class and request for the following year. This needs to be signed by you and returned to the office by Friday 14 November 2014.

This Class Placement form can be downloaded from the newsletter or obtained from the School Office. Forms will not be given to students without a note from parents.

Proud to be an Independent Public School in 2015

We are very pleased to announce our successful application to become an Independent Public School in 2015.

The Independent Public Schools initiative is part of the Government’s commitment to improve outcomes for all Queensland state school students.

The initiative recognises that the best decision-making often happens at the local level. Our innovation will be delivering all year levels with Science programs through specialist Science staff.

By embracing independence, we will have greater autonomy in the decisions to deliver the best possible outcomes for our students and our community.

As one of 130 Independent Public Schools, our school will benefit from:

- enhanced local governance;
- opportunities for innovation; Science in 2015
- a locally tailored workforce;
- increased financial flexibility; and
- less red tape.

Our application was successful because it showed the panel that we are ready to take on the challenge and innovate to lift our school’s performance – and we have the support of the school community to do this. Let me assure you that our school also has the full support of the Department as we plot our path forward.

Congratulations Mr Giles

Congratulations to Mr Peter Giles from the SEP Unit on his milestone – 25 years of service to Education Queensland and to the students at a number of schools.
FROM THE DEPUTIES’ DESK

We have recently been discussing how important it is for each child to have a support network to help them achieve all that they can. At Ormeau State School we believe that each stakeholder in a child’s education has to work together to fulfil that child’s education. If communication breaks down between these stakeholders the whole system can fail. Below is the stakeholder diagram:

We often have parents approaching us and asking for advice. One common question is “Why won’t my child learn what I am teaching them?” Whilst doing some professional reading we stumbled across the following “% of Student Retention” picture and thought we would share it with our parent body.

Five Weeks left and it is an extremely busy time of year! We have our musical showcase, graduations for both Year 6 and Year 7 students, as well as the Wet “n” Wild excursions for both Years 6 and 7 as well! We hope the students enjoy the spoils they have coming. They have earned them over their primary school careers.

Just a general reminder about the rules and policies of the school. Please remind students that even though the school year is winding down, that doesn’t mean our school rules and policies don’t apply. Our teachers will be working right up until the last minute of the year and expect the same from their students.

Kind regards and happy reading,
Brendan Creighton and Jane Tuckett
Deputy Principals
Ormeau State School

PREP NEWS

Hello Parents and Caregivers,

We are almost halfway through Term 4 and the students have been busy doing their final assessment for the year. Semester 2 reports will be sent home at the end of the term and we are sure you will celebrate the achievements your child has made.

The swimming program has been well received and all the students are enjoying the benefits of learning to swim and being water safe. At the first lesson each student was assessed on their swimming ability and groups were made to ensure the students were being taught at a level appropriate to their ability. This was the first year for Preps to do swimming and their behaviour has been excellent.

In the second last week of school the students will be attending a show called “Santa Around the World”. A note will be sent home soon with more information. If you would like to come along and enjoy the show please let your teacher know as the show involves a lot of student participation and costume changing so parent helpers would be greatly appreciated.

It is getting quite hot and some students are forgetting their drink bottles. We do not have bubblers in the Prep area so please ensure your child has a drink bottle every day. Also send a spoon if you give your child yoghurt.

This month is ‘Nude Food November’. So please support the school in sending healthy lunches with no rubbish packaging. The focus day is Thursday 20th November and prizes will be given to students who are the most consistent in their efforts.

Every Friday the students have the opportunity to go to the Tuckerbox and purchase an ice block. This is not only for the students to have a cool treat at the end of the week, but to help them prepare for Year 1 and familiarise themselves with going to the Tuckerbox.

To help your child be prepared for Year 1 we encourage parents to teach their child to be more independent. Doing things like packing and unpacking their school bags, tying shoelaces, making sure they have their library book and homework in their bags on the required day and dressing themselves.

Kind regards from the Prep teachers
Mitch Campbell, Jan Laws, Katie Phillips & Jonathan Thorburn

Kind regards
Heather
FROM Andrew

Kind regards from the Prep teachers
Mitch Campbell, Jan Laws, Katie Phillips & Jonathan Thorburn
2F, 2G, 2I, 2J AND 2LT

Well it is hard to believe we are half way through Term 4 and nearing the end of another busy year!

Throughout this term in Geography, the Year Two students have enjoyed engaging in activities to develop their understanding about how people are connected to local places and places throughout the world. In English, the Year 2 students have had fun reading and viewing texts that portray both stereotypical and non-stereotypical attributes. As part of this unit, students have learned how to write character descriptions. It has been great to see the growth this term and to notice and compare the students’ academic development from the beginning of the year to now. Their recent writing assessments were a great opportunity for students to show off their writing skills gained this year. They produced some well-constructed character descriptions, ensuring the use of a range of descriptive devices.

As the weather continues to get hotter it is important that students practice sun safety. Students must remember to bring a drink bottle and their Ormeau State School hat each day. Some students have misplaced their Ormeau State School hats so it is important that these are clearly labelled with children’s names. As part of the school’s policy, without a hat children are not permitted to play.

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

4B, 4K, 4H AND 4T

The most exciting thing to happen lately would have to be the Year 4 camp to Jacobs Well Environmental Education Centre. Each class went separately for a 2 day, 1 night stay. The camp was packed full of exciting activities which we have no doubt you have heard all about from some very exhausted children!

We must say a big thank you to our Special Ed staff, especially Miss Lopes, Mrs Smith and Mrs Weston who came along to lend their support. Also to our male teachers on staff, Mr Frazer and Mr Long who generously gave up their private time to come along to help supervise the boys at night. We couldn’t have done it without you. I’m sure all the children agree it was a very worthwhile experience.

The rest of the term is going to be busy with assessment and reports going out. Please make sure your child is having a big healthy breakfast every day so they are performing at optimal levels.

Just a reminder that we will be strictly enforcing our behaviour rules so the children maintain their great behaviour right up until the last day of the year.

A note will go home soon regarding end of term celebrations and treat days etc. Once again, any children misbehaving will not be joining in with the fun.

From all of us in year 4 we look forward to enjoying the last half of the term with lots of hard work and positive attitudes as we get ready for year 5!

Mrs Bray, Mrs Brown, Mrs Tones and Mr Howlett

6B, 6G, 6N AND 6S

Wow, Term 4 is certainly flying by which means final assessments and report cards are underway. Many of the assessment tasks are being concluded over the next two weeks, 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. It’s hard to imagine that in 5 weeks time our year 6’s will no longer be in the primary sector. We ask parents to be vigilant in keeping attendance high as every day here reflects greatly on year 6, Ormeau State School and the students themselves.

Students have been working hard on History and Geography assessment tasks and are continuing to learn valuable contributions migrants have given to our country. We are seeing some amazing inquiry skills which will place them in a great position next year in high school. Our Science unit, Pesky Parasites, has focussed on viruses, bacteria and fungi and the diseases that fall under these pathogens. Students have learnt over a variety of mediums such as ipad apps (Plague), an infectious card game, you tube clips, animation, websites, informative texts and a movie to come (Outbreak). The focus on group work and collaborative learning has allowed students to conduct hands on experiments, predictions, observations and scientific drawings. True scientists!!!

Students were in full party mode during the Halloween Disco. Thank you to all staff, parents and organisers that made this such a wonderful event. We have never seen so many wonderful costumes...at least we think they were costumes.

The Oktoberfest excursion was another success, with students diving head first into the German festival. Students experience German music, games, rides and best of all...the food:) Thank you Frau Hay for all your hard work.

Some quick reminders:-

- ensure you are wearing the correct school attire at school
- 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 summer months
Dear Parents and Carers,

Nude Food November is here!!! A big thankyou, to those parents who are already providing their children with healthy lunches in recyclable containers. We are also fortunate this year to have the ‘Tuckerbox’ on board offering support for our Nude Food focus Day Thursday the 20th November by giving students the opportunity to bring along their recyclable containers when ordering from the Tuckerbox. The Tuckerbox uses the finest ingredients, including free range eggs and chicken and did you know that 75% of the food sold to students from the Tuckerbox is home made? Yum!!!

The Tuckerbox will also be offering a ‘Veg Out Day’ where there is a focus on fresh fruit and vegetables for the day. Foods can be purchased at the counter for students bringing along recyclable containers and ordering through ‘flexi school’ will still available via the link below.


Some of the healthy food choices available at the Tuckerbox will include:

MENTAL MUNCHIES
(served for 9am) Choices (select one):
- Apple Slices
- Carrot Stix
- Cherry Tomatoes
- Cucumber Wheels
- Grape Cup

FRUIT and VEG STALL

- Apple slinky
- Seasonal Fruit
- Fruit wedge
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Fresh Fruit Salad with Yoghurt
- Frozen Fruit Pieces
- Veggie Stix with Dip (Hummus/French Onion)
- Snack Slurpee (Large Slurpee cup filled with carrot sticks, cheese cubes, dried apricots, celery, cucumber wheels, rice crackers and hummus dip)
- Free Range Boiled Egg (one of my favourites!!)

Just a reminder that ‘National Nude Food Day’ is a chance for our students to realise what they can do for their health and the health of the planet. An event like this can give all of us at Ormeau State School a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in packing a healthy, wrapper free lunch! Teachers and a secret spy have started to keep an eye out for students during this month of November. They are looking for students that are consistently bringing in healthy lunches with no rubbish packaging, so don’t forget to use recyclable containers! The prizes have arrived and they include Nude Food ‘Smash’ containers, stickers and certificates and will be awarded for students in each year level who are most consistent in their efforts.

You may have missed this in the last newsletter: SOME NUDE FOOD RECIPES TO GET US THINKING

A healthy lunch has four components:

1. A main item, such as a sandwich/wrap/roll, pasta with vegetables, soup, frittata or sushi.
2. A fruit or vegetable snack, such as whole fruit, cup of veggie sticks, fruit or savoury kebab or a small salad.
3. A second snack based on a core food, such as reduced fat yoghurt, grainy crackers with reduced fat cheese, plain popcorn, a slice of raisin bread, a wholemeal fruit muffin, a boiled egg or a can of tuna.
4. And a drink. A bottle of tap water is best, and plain water is also acceptable.

Ref: Nutrition Australia, 2014.

Kind regards

Carol Moores,
Possibly also a secret spy!
Behaviour Support Teacher

GERMAN NEWS

Following the exciting visit of Ludwig Leichhardt, Frau Hay was invited to the naming of the latest Qantas Boeing plane, the ‘Leichhardt’. It was christened with water from the Dawson River, which was discovered and named by the original explorer.

Frau Hay met Professor Dr Herr Lammert, the President of the German Parliament and also sat in the cockpit of the new plane with Herr Leichhardt.
Our students made the headlines in the Albert and Logan News, with a story featuring Herr Leichhardt’s visit published.

Ormeau State School is in the process of formulating a partnership with the Ludwig-Leichhardt-Grundschule in Tauche in Berlin. The Australian Embassy in Berlin is very exciting to assist us and Frau Hay and Ashton will visit the school with gifts and shared schoolwork when they are in Berlin in January.

Congratulations to Ron L in 6S – as a result of his efforts in participating in the Language Perfect online competitions, he was one of thousands of students to be entered into a gold prize draw (as well as Dezi C in 6N) – and Ron has won an Ipad Air 2!

MfG

Frau Hay

i Centre NEWS

During the fabulous and popular Book Fair held recently in the library, we were very fortunate to be visited by author Kate Forsyth. She is the author of many books, but the latest series is entitled ‘The Impossible Quest’. Kate chatted to the students from Years 5 – 7 about her aspirations from an early age to be a writer and encouraged them ‘to never give up on their dreams’. She generously gave up her time to sign her books for the students.

Thank you to the students and parents who visited the Book Fair. Your purchases helped us gain many new resources for the school.

Reading Regards

Linda Langes and Maree Bawden

MUSIC NEWS

I know it’s coming to the end of the year is when I start hearing Christmas Carols filtering through from the Instrumental room next door.

In the Music department, we end the school year with the Ormeau Musical Showcase in Week 9. The date for this night-time event will be Monday 1st December and performances will feature the Ormeau Choirs and our Instrumental students. Notes will be distributed in the coming weeks.

As we say goodbye to our instrumental students in year 6 and 7 in 2014, we welcome new and enthusiastic students into the program for 2015. Over the last fortnight, our existing instrumental students have put on a series of musical performances for year 2-4 to acquaint students with the different instruments available and to familiarise students with our instrumental teachers Mr David Sue Yek and Mr. Glenn Thomas. As a result, I have received an overwhelming amount of notes for both Strings and the Band Program. It is encouraged that students purchase an instrument to begin the program as we have a very limited number of school based instruments available for student hire.
ADMINISTRATION REMINDERS
ALL ACCOUNTS TO BE FINALISED PLEASE

We would appreciate all accounts to be finalised as soon as possible due to Education Qld closing off our accounts mid-November. We appreciate your assistance and please feel free to call the office for any further information.

For your convenience we have internet banking (use your child’s school ID- available at the office), cash window on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8.00am - 9.30am, or you can call the office ladies (55466500) and give the information of your credit card over the phone. You can also email the school on admin@ormeaus.eq.edu.au

Many thanks for your attention to your accounts.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2015 BUS PASSES ARE DUE NOW

All new passengers for 2015

To ensure timely distribution of bus passes in the New Year, please submit your application before the end of November 2014.

Important information for existing bus pass holders

At the end of each school year, please ensure that the current pass is retained to be used in the new school year until the new pass is issued.

Students with an existing bus pass need only re-apply for a 2015 bus pass if your child

• is moving from Primary to Secondary School
• is repeating a grade
• is changing their home address or school

Eligibility and application forms


Please return completed applications to

Surfside Buslines
PO Box 3036
ROBINA
Q 4230

Email schools@tagroup.net.au or Fax 5571 6556

Applications will be processed over the Christmas school holidays. Once applications are approved, bus passes are sent to school for collection. Please allow 10-15 working days from the start of Term One 2015.

Prior to Government approval of bus travel assistance, all students can travel by bus to school using a TransLink gocard.

Reminder

A valid bus pass must be produced TO THE DRIVER or the relevant fare paid via cash or gocard. Information on fares, go cards, zones and bus timetables is available from TransLink http://translink.com.au/ or phone 13 12 30.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Jacob’s Well Police Beat - Blue Light Disco

The Jacob’s Well Police Beat are holding a Blue Light Disco at the Jacob’s Well Community Hall on Saturday 29 November 6pm – 8pm

For more information see flyer

Windaroo State School Twilight Markets

Windaroo state school Twilight Markets is happening on Friday 14 November 5:30pm – 8:30pm.

This year we have expanded to make it bigger and better than ever with over 60 market stalls, Entertainment, Class stalls, Food Zone and a Kidz Zone complete with Rides. The icing on the cake is our Fireworks Extravaganza!!

We want to share the fun with our whole community and extend to you an invitation to come along and enjoy a great family evening out and give you all the opportunity of purchasing ride wristbands at the special discounted price of $20. If anyone is interested in grabbing these please email windaroopca@outlook.com or message us on our Twilight Market page: Windaroo State School Twilight Markets and we will send you an order form to fill in and return. This offer is only available till Thursday 13 November.

Windaroo State School
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I am looking forward to see you all there!

Many Thanks

Windaroo State School P&C