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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Class Placement applications have closed

Class Placement forms have closed and classes are now being formed for the New Year. As usual, classes will be announced at the start of the New Year **Tuesday 27 January 2015**.

Staff Transfers for 2015

OUTWARD

Mrs Laura McGhee to Hilliard State School
Mr Mitchell Campbell to Pimpama State Junior College
Mr Peter Tyne to Ashmore State School
Mrs Suzanne Bailey to Helensvale State High School
Mr Brendan Creighton to Helensvale State High School
Mrs Cassandra Tones to Pimpama State Sec. College
Mr Shane Grubb to Pimpama State Sec. College
Mr Jonathan Thorburn to Benowa State School

INWARD

Mr Grayham Tyler from Moranbah East State School
Mr Edward Williams from Blackwater North S. School
Mrs Nicole Taylor from Ayr East State School
Mr Stephen Newman from Pacific Pines State School

Swimming Carnival – Week 10

Our annual swimming carnival will be held at Woongoolba Pool over two days as follows:

Monday 8 December - Prep, Year 1, Year 4, Year 5
Tuesday 9 December - Year 2, Year 3, Year 6, Year 7

Notices have been sent home already and the cost of \$5.00 will cover pool entry and bus travel. All P-7 students are invited to participate and have some of the fun.

Musical Showcase – Monday 1 December

ORMEAU STATE SCHOOL
is proud to present a
MUSICAL SHOWCASE
Monday 1st December 2014
at
Ormeau State School
Multi-Purpose Hall
Mirambeena Drive
Pimpama
Arrival: 5.30pm
Start: 6.00pm (sharp)
Finish 7.30pm
PERFORMERS
Senior Strings
Junior Strings
Quartet
Junior Concert Band
Senior Concert Band
Senior Choir
Junior Choir
Percussion Ensemble
Zumba
Song and Dance

Kind regards

Heather Andrew

FROM THE DEPUTIES' DESK

Booklists for 2015

The 2015 Booklists will be sent home shortly. Booklists will also be available from our school's website. The Booklist order forms may be returned to Ormeau News via: fax, mail, e-mail or submitted in person. Payment methods include EFTPOS, Credit Card, Cheque or Cash.

Enrol Now for Prep 2015

Thank you to the many families who have already enrolled their child for Prep 2015 and have made time to come for the interview. This has enabled us to be more prepared for 2015 and ensures that your child will have a smoother transition into Prep. There are still spaces available in our Prep classes so if

your child (or somebody that you know) was born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010, please consider enrolling them for Prep now (or encourage their parents to enrol them).

Candy Canes and Chocolates

We are more than happy for students to exchange Christmas cards. However, due to the range of food allergies that we have in this school we request that food items (e.g. candy canes and chocolates) are not included with the card.

Kind regards and happy reading

Your Deputies Jane Tuckett and Brendan Creighton

1B, 1C, 1G AND 1P

Well it is hard to believe, but the end of Term 4 is fast approaching! This term the Year One students have been very busy both in and out of the classroom. The Year One students have enjoyed participating in our swimming program and are to be commended for their impressive behaviour and effort during these lessons.

In English, students have been learning about how to persuade others and have been enjoying the pigeon stories by Mo Willems. In Maths, we continue to revise number and place value concepts and representing data.

Year One students have enjoyed a presentation sponsored by the NRL. The presentation, "Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well", encouraged students to build healthy lifestyles and make positive choices. Students learnt that eating the right foods, exercising every day, working to the best of their abilities at school, and being kind to themselves and others is a recipe for success!

Students have also been encouraged to eat healthy snacks and lunches during the month of November. We have seen an increase in the wonderful range of fruit and vegetable snacks during our daily Mental Munchies break and lots of healthy sandwiches and wraps filling up lunchboxes. A big thank you goes out to the Year One students and their parents for their support of this whole school environmental and nutrition initiative.



Kind regards from the Year 1 Team,

Berni Chisholm, Kristie Cutter, Fiona Galletly and Michele Pikunic

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another instalment from Year 3. It has been a frantic term for all involved. With only three weeks remaining students have been very busy applying their knowledge and understanding from the topics covered this term in order to complete assessment items.

On Wednesday November 26, the Brisbane Fruit Markets will be coming to school to discuss nutrition and the value of having fresh fruit and vegetables to some of the Year 3 students. This incursion will provide an opportunity to link with the messages presented during Nude Food Day and continue to promote the elements required to lead an active and healthy lifestyle. Nude Food Day was a success with the majority of students limiting the amount of packaging in their lunchboxes.

With the end of year approaching books and stationery will be slowly sent home for the end of year clean up. For the end of year celebrations, Year 3 will be having a pizza party during Thursday December 11 (the last week of school).

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. Also with the hot weather now upon us, please ensure that students have water bottles so that they remain hydrated throughout the day.

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

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

It's been a busy time in Year 5 as we complete our final assessments for the year. It has been encouraging to see most students have been making a great effort to produce their best work. Last week the students were lucky enough to enjoy a presentation from the NRL around the topic of "Tackling Bullying". It was enjoyed by all.

Over the coming weeks in English we will be working on producing comic strips and other items found in newspapers and in Maths we will be revising key topics and practising our basic skills. Now is a good chance to encourage all students and families to maintain daily reading at home and practise of maths skills such as times tables, telling the time and dealing with money.

As the hot weather is well and truly upon us a reminder to all students to bring water bottles into the classroom and stay hydrated.

In preparation for their final year of school in 2015 the students have participated in a meeting to discuss senior shirts and leadership camp and are very excited for the year ahead. They have been reminded that they are being observed at all times and that staff are looking to see leadership qualities modelled to their peers and younger students. Please return any camp slips that are yet to come back.

Next week the students get to participate in a visit to Ormeau Woods State High School. It will be an exciting opportunity for the students to see what high school is like. We look forward to reporting on how this day is for the students.

Thank you

Year 5 Teachers

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

7C AND 7W

As our year draws to a close, we have been fondly reflecting on the year that was. Our students have shared their final thoughts as they prepare to move forward on their next journey:

The Grade 7 year, 2014, has been a phenomenal experience with many superb opportunities. This year has included an interesting and varied curriculum and it has been a pleasure to be representing Ormeau as a senior and role model. I must admit, I think we will all surprisingly miss Mr Wright's 'old man jokes', Mrs Coplick's energetic personality and the way we would be taught right from wrong, but it is things like this which constantly brought smiles to everyone's faces and brought my fellow Year 7 Seniors together. It is hard to believe that we are leaving our Ormeau family next year for high school, and it is a truly upsetting thought. Throughout my 8 years of Ormeau State School, my senior year has by far been my favourite and never have I come across a school quite as loving and fun as ours.

Aroha M

I would like to thank all the students and parents of Ormeau State School for supporting me and helping me to attend the National Softball Championships in Toowoomba. On Sports Mania Day we raised just over \$620, which was put towards the fees associated with the carnival. Without that money I would not have been able to compete in the Championships, so I am very grateful. My Queensland team placed 5th overall (1st NSW, 2nd QLD Maroon, 3rd SA, 4th VIC, 5th QLD White (me), and 6th ACT). We did not place where I hoped we would, but it doesn't matter if we came last. It only matters that we had fun and my team and I learnt a lot from the experience.

I would like to thank you all because this money helped my family and I so much. I am very appreciative of your support.

Lauren A

Well, this sees the final Year 7 newsletter...ever! What a wonderful privilege it has been to teach your amazing children. It is with heavy hearts and a tear in our eye that we sign off as the final Year 7 teachers for Ormeau State School. We look forward to celebrating a successful year with everyone at the Graduation Evening - the old Fella asks that on the night you save the last dance for him!

Yours in education,

Rebecca Coplick and the Old Fella

GERMAN NEWS

Sad times are ahead for me as I farewell ALL of the German students at Ormeau State School. The students have demonstrated some outstanding results, participating and achieving in a huge range of competitions.

Frau Kaminski and I enjoyed a visit to the Brisbane German Club to celebrate the start of the Karneval season in November – as Köln is Frau Kaminski's home town, this was a 'must do'!!



We are finishing off our year with some enjoyable Christmas art and craft activities.

In the next few weeks I will be visiting my new upcoming classes (years 4 and 5) and they will be completing a project task which will be delivered to our Partner school in Tauche, near Berlin, called the Ludwig Leichhardt Primary School.

As the year drew to a close, the Education Perfect company, who organise and facilitate the Online Language and Curriculum competitions, held some lucky draw competitions. Two of our students qualified for the Ipad Air 2 draw – Dezi C and Ron L – as they had both earned over 20 000 points for their work during the year. And against a competition of over 8 000 students – Ron was lucky enough to be a winner!! Herzlichen Glückwunsch – Congratulations!! A proud mum joined us for the presentation on parade.



I am looking forward to the upcoming Graduations and the awarding of the German Prizes. We will also be having an Award presentation in the last week at school to acknowledge the other students who came 'o so close'!

Danke vielmals to all the students for their efforts and interest this year!

Frohe Weihnachten – Merry Christmas – und einen guten Rutsch ins neue Jahr – All the best for 'a great slide' into the New Year. (I will be sliding into the New Year in Germany!)

Tschüss!

Frau Hay

HEAD OF CURRICULUM NEWS

Another year comes to a close, a well-deserved break looms near, and everyone has the chance to recharge their batteries.

After a holiday break, teachers often witness a slip in retained knowledge. This is especially so with reading. A break of 6 weeks from any activity leads to a backward step. Imagine stopping a regular gym class or football training for 6 weeks and then coming back...your skills and fitness will have declined. The same happens with reading.

So what can you do to assist your child over the break? Encourage reading for pleasure!

- Visit the local library as a fun outing in air-conditioned comfort
- Borrow some books while you're there
- Sign up for some of the great activities at your local library
- Have a chat to Santa to pop a book or two in the Christmas stocking
- Read to your child
- For Prep – Year 3 students, RAZ-Kids is available over the break
- Use some other online reading resources

Reading over the holidays will ensure your child starts the new school year reading "fit".

Kind regards

Julie McCombe

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@ormeausse.eq.edu.au

Many thanks for your attention to your accounts.

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.

Kind regards

Administration Team

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ormeau Shearers Junior Rugby League

Sign On For 2015

With Ormeau Shearers Junior Rugby League

For registration details:

www.ormeaushearersjrl.com

Email: ormeaujrlfc@hotmail.com

Helensvale Netball Club

2015 Sign on Day

Early Sign on Day Bonus

Saturday 29th November 2014

9am-11pm

Fees \$200 (includes team photos)

Fees to be paid in full for Early Bird

Sign on Day

Saturday 31st January 2015

10am – 2pm

Fees \$220 (includes team photos)

Netball Courts, Viney Park, Yaun St, Coomera

\$100 non-refundable deposit required

Seasons runs from March till September

Training is held on Friday or Wednesday afternoons & commences prior to season start

NOVA Competition for girls turning 6 years up to 10years

Saturday Competition for girls up to 18years

Open Competition for ladies over 16years

NEW MEMBERS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE

**FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT ON
0432 604 277**

Gold Coast Basketball Camp

When: 12, 13, 14 January 2015

Where: Hillcrest Christian College,
Bridgman Drive, Reedy Creek

Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Cost: \$100 for 3 days OR \$50 per day

Family discounts apply

Who: 5-17yrs

For more information see flyer.