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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Boosting self-confidence when children really Struggle

The hardest aspect of parenting is watching your children struggle, whether they are dealing with personal, friendship or learning problems. Our natural reaction is to protect children or fix things when they have difficulty. Sometimes no matter what we say, or do, our children experience crises of confidence.

Disappointments and difficulties are part of life and children grow stronger when they overcome their difficulties. The challenge for parents is to build and maintain children's confidence enough to help them get through the rough times.

It helps to talk through a problem or incident recognising and accepting their feelings. Talk about various scenarios around the problem at hand, discussing the possible outcomes. The age of the child will determine the amount of detail you will be able to go into. Avoid burdening a younger child with concepts he or she is too young to understand. Keep things simple.

Build a sense of responsibility by giving your child some important jobs or treating him as if he is more capable than you think. Sometimes we give responsibility to the child who already is responsible rather than the child who needs his or her confidence boosted.

Encourage your child rather than criticise. Each child has different talents and abilities so it is pointless comparing him or her to others. Let your child know that if they do the best they can, that is all that matters. Play down any deficiencies and emphasise the good things about each child. It is much easier to remember negative things than positive ones, and if children repeatedly hear that they are inadequate, they will come to believe it.

Most importantly, tell your kids you love them every day. Children must feel that they are loveable if they are to feel worthwhile.

Boosting self-confidence is not a one act play. It is a continuous process where the results may take years to show. But hang in there because your child is worth it.

Commonwealth Bank visit

The Commonwealth Bank recently visited Ormeau State School with two surprises, a new student named Prue and a cheque for \$361.59 being commission from students who undertake school banking. Prue was such a happy person and has been placed in a special curriculum class.



*Kind regards,
Heather Andrew*

FROM THE DEPUTIES' DESK

Deputy News

Reports are coming! They will be released at the end of Week 9 (19th June, 2015). Your child will bring them home to you printed on blue paper. If there are any queries about report card marks or comments, please contact your child's teacher for clarification. Remember, communication is the key.

Enrolment Day for 2016

We are having an enrolment day for not only Prep but for all students who wish to start at Ormeau State School in 2016. The date for this event is 22nd July, 2015. Come along and learn about our school, meet our staff, view facilities, have your questions answered and enrol. Eligible Prep students for 2016 are those **children born between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.**

Lost Property

Our lost property box is still overflowing! The lost property box can be located at the front of the office. Please check for your child's property in this area. Putting names on items, especially hats and jumpers, assists with the return of clothes to students.

Please check the labels on your child's jackets as we have had some mix ups during the term.

Parental behaviour in and around the school

Just reminder that all members of school communities are to abide by *"The Code of School Behaviour"*

Parents are expected to:

- conduct themselves in a lawful, ethical, safe and responsible manner that recognises and respects the rights of others.
- show an active interest in their child's schooling and progress
- cooperate with the school to achieve the best outcomes for their child
- support school staff in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students
- initiate and maintain constructive communication and relationships with school staff regarding their child's learning, wellbeing and behaviour
- contribute positively to behaviour support plans that concern their child.

Bullying

We often get claims of bullying at the school, which quite often turn out to be false. A lot of the confusion comes from the major emphasis that everyone puts on bullying these days. Below is a definition of bullying as identified by Education Queensland:

Bullying is **repeated** verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons.

Behaviours that **do not** constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

Looking forward to the rest of Term 2

**Your Deputies,
Brendan Creighton & Jane Tuckett**

1C, 1FM, 1G AND 1P

What a busy term this has been. In English, Year 1 students have been developing their understanding of characters in stories and have been writing character descriptions. In our next unit we will be exploring poetry. In Maths, over the remainder of the term, students will investigate shapes, develop their use of addition and subtraction strategies and explore the features of Australian coins.

In Health, students have continued learning about healthy habits and have been working on selecting items they would include in a healthy lunchbox. Please have your child share with you the items they would include in their healthy lunchbox design and why.

As we are now in winter and the mornings are chilly, please ensure your child is warm and wearing their Ormeau State School Jumper (clearly labelled) as part of our school's winter uniform. Also those coughs, colds and runny noses are on the increase. Tissues are needed by your children to use in our classrooms. If your child was unable to supply a box of tissues at the start of the year or if you would like to generously donate a box or two, your donations would be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, our school day goes more smoothly if your child has the necessary supplies to be able to complete their work. This is the time when pencils, coloured pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, scissors or glue sticks may be needed as they are becoming used, lost or damaged. Please check with your child to see if they are in need of any replacement supplies and we request that you send these in to your child's teacher, clearly labelled.

Our school's Under the Sea themed disco is Friday 19th June. Hoping to see many of you there!

We thank you for your ongoing support.

**Year 1 teachers,
Casey Cameron, Olivia Furner, Fiona Galletly, Erin Mallouk and Michele Pikunic**

3J, 3LM, 3M, 3MS AND 3W

Wow, the year has really gone fast as we are almost at the half way mark already!

As we are drawing to the end of the term, Year 3 has been busy finishing their assessment pieces, and all students must be congratulated on their efforts during this time. Their report cards will be sent home at the end of week 9. Our focus for Literacy for the rest of the term is Procedure. The students have been looking at recipes and will be writing their own procedure for looking after a pet.

Just a reminder that there are still a few important dates for this term:

- School Disco is Friday 19th June 5:30-7:00pm
- (Pre-pay tickets \$6 and treasure bags \$4 available from Monday 15th June to Thursday 18th June outside Tuckerbox)
- Athletics carnival on Tuesday 23rd June (remember to wear you house T-shirt)
- Free dress day Friday 26th June (don't forget to bring a gold coin donation)

As the weather is getting cooler and children will be wearing their school jumpers, please make sure their names are clearly labelled. Some students are running low on stationary supplies, so please check your child has: Ruler, eraser, year 3 A4 lined books, pencil sharpener, pencils, coloured pencils, textas, glue stick and scissors for their desk.

Congratulations to Glenn Nelson from 3LM who competed in the NSW State Championships for Junior Dirt Bike on the long weekend. Glenn won 1st place for the 50cc Auto division. Well done Glenn.



We hope you all have a fun and safe break over the June July holidays. See you back in Term 3.

Kind regards your Year 3 teachers,

Rebecca Johnston, Andrea Lephed, Louise McMillan, Natasha Mudri, Kristy Simmonds and Edward Williams

5B, 5F, 5H AND 5T

Heading into the end of Term Two and Year 5 is showing great progress throughout their curriculum lessons. To finish the term our focus in Mathematics has now shifted to geometric reasoning, covering topics including 3D shape properties, symmetry and angles. Students will learn extended multiplication and division strategies, and look at patterns and algebra including decimals and percentages. In Literacy we are now focusing on types of animation and looking forward to seeing Year 5s creativity showcased in their own animated project towards the end of term. A special congratulations, goes out to Abbey, Wayen, Natahlia, Nicola, Brodie and Eve of 5B, who have had their entries in the 'Write 4 Fun' competition selected to be published in 'The Write Track' book.

Students have been busy completing their zoo enclosure projects for Design and Technology, developing critical thinking and planning skills, whilst enjoying hands on construction to produce some stunning results. Year 5 teachers have eagerly followed the progress of students through the theatre sports unit. Students experimented with characterisation, movement and spatial relationships before courageously letting their inner drama queens shine in impromptu and planned performances. Reports for Semester 1 are currently being finalised and will be sent home with students in week 9. Athletics Carnival Day will be held in week 10 on the 22nd of June, with house practices on the 12th and 19th of June.

We are looking forward to our two exciting upcoming excursions for this term –one in conjunction with our next history unit on the Gold Rush on the 16th of June and one to Ipswich Art Gallery on the 24th of June. Please make sure notes and payment for these excursions are being brought in ASAP, as the due dates for these (9th of June and 22nd of June respectively) are fast approaching!

Notes for camp in week 4 of next term will be out soon. Those who want to start paying off camp by instalments are welcome to talk to our fabulous office staff. Camp is a fantastic experience and costs for camp have been calculated on the basis that all students will be attending. The cost may have to go up if we do not get enough numbers.

Regards,

Suzzi Bray, Deanna Forrester, Alex Griffani and Michael Howlett

GERMAN NEWS

The excitement of participating in the Language Perfect Online World Language Competition built over 2 weeks. There were daily updates on scores and Award tallies ... there were class competitions ... there were individual student grudge challenges to see who would finish on top! All students were competing together to represent Ormeau State School on the world, national and state stage.

The students finished with the highest tally of the competition yet – 53 certificates of achievement!

There were 4 Gold Certificates, 6 Silver Certificates, 18 Bronze Certificates and 25 Credit Certificates. All classes from Years 5 and 6 were represented in these achievements.

The top student overall for Ormeau State School was BRADY BURCHILL in 6C!!

Ormeau State School placed 4th overall in Queensland, competing against 112 primary and high schools also teaching German. Our best placing yet also!

This investment of learning for all students has had a positive influence on their assessment results for many of them, allowing them to individually upskill their knowledge of the German language.

A huge congratulations to the students listed below on their achievements ... and well done to all students who participated in the competition.

Gold Certificate – 3000 pts	Silver Certificate – 2000 pts	Bronze Certificate – 1000 pts	Credit Certificate – 500 pts
		6B Natasha W	6B Heath R
		Maiella D	Jared N-P
		Kadee A	Parys P
		Hollie B	Addison C
		Lauren H	
6C Brady B		6C Alyssa B	6C Ryan H
Alexandra W			Daena L
Sarah Richards			Jorja Y
			Chloe W
	6Q Hayley W	6Q Jessica K	6Q Jenaya N-T
		Carl M	Hayley F
		Ellie M	Tiarna D
		Asha B	
		Paris C	
	6T Catherine B	6T Kaydin R	6T Jack G

Gold Certificate – 3000 pts	Silver Certificate – 2000 pts	Bronze Certificate – 1000 pts	Credit Certificate – 500 pts
		Lachlan S	Kairah R
			Justise B
6W Teghan A		6W Ashton H	6W Marco M
		5B Brodie D	5B Zachary S
			Toni G
			Kenyan A
	5F Michaya W		5F Jaryd J
	Campbell D		Tyler O
			Ryan W
		5H Lana P	5H Rory W
	5T Blake T	5T Anahera W	5T Byron B
	Domyunik W	Chloe D	Deklan W
			Trae Mc

Our final project for the term is to write to our partner school penpals in Berlin and send our letters before they break for their summer holidays in July!!

**Alles Gute
Frau Hay**

HEAD OF CURRICULUM NEWS

REMINDER

University Of NSW Assessment – Spelling

For students in Years 3 to 6 who entered this event, please remember it will take place in the iCentre AFTER school on Tuesday 16 June from 3:15 pm. Students will be finished by 4:00 pm.

Students will need to bring:

- 2 sharp pencils
- An eraser

For safety reasons, students need to be collected from the iCentre.

Results for the Science Assessment should be available early next term.

“The Big Six” - Vocabulary

Reading growth depends heavily on word knowledge. Developing a wide vocabulary, both oral and print, is vital to improving reading.

Being able to read or speak a word does not necessarily equate to understanding the word. Children and adults need to discuss words frequently to develop understanding.

While teachers embed vocabulary study in their lessons, it is reading mileage (reading lots and lots) and conversations, which build most word meaning.

You may have heard your child speak of Tier 1, 2 or 3 words. All three tiers are vital to comprehension and vocabulary development, but Tier 2 and Tier 3 words typically require more deliberate learning than Tier 1 words.

- Tier 1 words: These are words of conversational speech. They have basic meaning, are high frequency and can be used in multiple contexts. Eg: baby, happy, mum, house
- Tier 2 words: These words have more sophisticated and specific meaning. They may still be high frequency words but may require explicit teaching. Eg: estimate, entrance, predict
- Tier 3 words: These are subject specific, low frequency words used in minimal contexts. Eg: hieroglyphic, carcinogens, tectonic plates

Vocabulary encountered can be fall into four categories:

- Never heard it before
- Heard it, but don't know what it means
- In a context, I know it has something to do with...
- Know it and use it

Teachers employ a range of strategies to build vocabulary knowledge including:

- Giving clear description or explanation of the new word.
- Using the word into multiple contexts or sentences.
- Making connection with children's lives
- Linking word with other known words
- Acting the word out
- Using word walls
- Word building activities
- Games

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

**Kind regards
Julie McCombe**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Athletics Carnivals

Our inter house athletics carnival days will be held in Week 10: Years 4-6 on Monday 22 June, Years 2-3 on Tuesday 23 June and Years P-1 on Thursday 25 June. Students should wear a shirt in house colour, suitable footwear, a hat and sunscreen and bring a water bottle. Parents are invited to come along and support the students.

Monday 22 June Year 4-6						
Age Group	Rotation 1 9.10 - 9.50am	Rotation 2 9.50 - 10.30am	Rotation 3 11.00 - 11.45am	Rotation 4 11.45 - 12.30am	Rotation 5 1.10 - 1.55pm	Rotation 6 1.55 - 2.35pm
9/10 Years Girls	200m Ball Games	High Jump	100m\ Relays	Long Jump	Shot Put	800m\ Tug-a-war
9/10 Years Boys	Long Jump	Shot Put	High Jump	800m\ Tug-a-war	100m\ Relays	200m Ball Games
11 Years Girls	800m\ Tug a War	100m\ Relays	Shot Put	200m Ball Games	High Jump	Long Jump
11 Years Boys	Shot Put	Long Jump	200m Ball Games	100m\ Relays	800m\ Tug-a-war	High Jump
12 Years Boys & Girls	100m\ Relays	800\ Tug-a-war	Long Jump	High Jump	200m Ball Games	Shot Put

Tuckerbox

If you have time through the day or before and after School, pop up to the Tuckerbox and say hi. Your help no matter how long is greatly appreciated.

Our new garden has been planted; all our fresh herbs and vegetables go into our food at the tuckerbox.

Entertainment books still available from Tuckerbox!

We welcome everyone to the Upcoming P&C meeting Monday 15 June 7pm. Come along and see what we do, it's your chance to have a say on what events etc you would like to see. Or just have a cuppa and snacks.

Like our page on Facebook for regular updates on events and news from the P&C. "Ormeau State School P&C"

**Kind regards,
Ormeau State School P and C**

ADMINISTRATION REMINDERS

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,
Ormeau State School Administration Team**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Family Fun Day

**Positives for Paul
Family Fun Day**

Raising money for Paul Downham who has been diagnosed with a brain tumour

Saturday 27 June
11.30am - 3.00pm

Location - Coomera State School Oval, Dreamworld Parkway, Coomera

Sausage sizzle and drinks, muffins, slices, etc available
Coffee van on site
Cent Auction for donated prizes from sponsors

RSVP 12 June - for catering purposes
adrienne.english@dete.qld.gov.au
BYO chairs and rugs



**Kind regards,
Peter Tyne**

P AND C NEWS

Coming up Friday 19 June is our School disco, theme **Under the Sea**.

Junior school: Prep – Year 3 **Time:** 5.30 - 7pm

Senior school: Year 4 – 6 **Time:** 7.30 - 9pm

Uniform shop changes as of TERM 3

Monday 8am -10am

Wednesday 2pm - 3pm

Athletics Carnival

Uniform shop will be open on the morning of each athletics day if you need your house sport shirt.

Animal Welfare League

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School Holiday Activities Program

BOOK NOW

9th July 9:30am - 2:30pm

PLACES STRICTLY LIMITED!!

TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT 07 5509 9034
or email education@awlqld.com.au
For more info go to our website awlqld.com.au



Fun, educational activities for ages 6 -10 years...

- ✿ Learn all about our shelter animals!
- ✿ Guided, behind-the-scenes tour of our Rehoming Centre!
- ✿ Animal-themed arts and craft!
- ✿ Learn about dog training and responsible animal care!
- ✿ Cuddle with our 'pocket-pets', cats and kittens and heaps more...

