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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Ormeau State School Taking enrolments NOW



Come along and learn about our school, meet some staff, view facilities,
have your questions answered and enrol.

Enrolments will be taken for Prep to Year 6 students new to Ormeau State School in 2016.
Eligible Prep students for 2016 are those children born between **July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011**.

Enrolment packs can be collected from the office.

Completed enrolment forms can be submitted to the Ormeau State School office.
(Birth Certificates and two proofs of residency are required. Originals must be sighted.)

Every school has a story and we want you to be part of ours.

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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 31 July 2015, 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.

<http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey>

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey/faq.html>

Kind regards
Heather Andrew

FROM THE DEPUTIES' DESK

Enrolments for 2016

Enrolments are now being taken for **all students** who wish to start at Ormeau State School in 2016. Come along and learn about our school, meet some 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.

Term 3

We are now on the downhill run for the year. There are few things happening around the school that we are looking forward to. Our **2016 Enrolment** information session has been conducted, but any further enrolments can occur with appointments. On the 24th July we have our Prep – 1 Athletics Carnival, which unfortunately had to be postponed from last term due to rain. In the last week of this term there will be an **Arts Spectacular** open to all parents and caregivers.

Bullying – We have shared this article before, but just to jog your memory, here it is again:

How much bullying is really bullying? (by Sherri Kuhn)

Bullying seems to be the hot topic among parents of school-aged children these days, but what exactly constitutes bullying? Some general goofing off and teasing is just the nature of growing up and being kids.

HAVE WE TAKEN THE BULLY BANDWAGON TOO FAR?

With the cultural bias toward bullying, have we swung too far in the opposite direction and declared too many things as “bullying” behaviours?

When is a bully not a bully? The fine line between playing around and being bullied is getting harder to see. With some parents preferring a zero-tolerance approach while others want to just “let kids be kids” the definition of bullying may be changing.

What constitutes bullying?

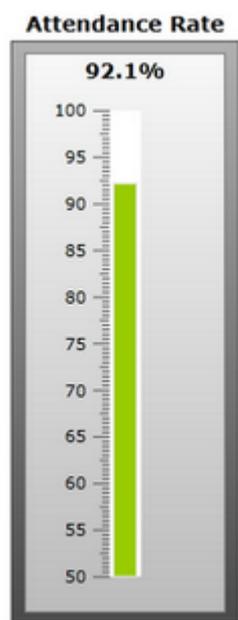
When does good-natured teasing turn the corner and become bullying? In the simplest definition, bullying behaviour consists of an imbalance of power (either physical or social) and happens consistently over a period of time. This is different from a one-time-only type of interaction because the bully continues to inflict the hurtful behaviour time and time again. This is where some people are confused, and wind up calling any unpleasant interaction a bullying situation. Victor Neves has been teaching for over 20 years, and has plenty of experience with these scenarios. “Intent doesn't matter,” he shares. “If a weak person is persistently attacked or even menaced by a stronger person, it's bullying.”

More information can be found here:

<http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/993967/how-much-bullying-is-really-bullying>

Attendance

The attendance of our students here at Ormeau is fairly good in comparison to other State Schools, however; we are still not reaching the regions target of 95% attendance. Below is a Graphic showing our attendance for Semester 1:



Attendance at school is extremely important for your child's development because if they aren't here, we can't teach them.

Your Deputies,

Brendan Creighton & Jane Tuckett

1C, 1FM, 1G AND 1P

It is rewarding to see how much the students have grown academically and socially so far this year. It has been lovely welcoming students back for Term 3 and seeing a vibrant enthusiasm for learning. 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.

On Friday the 24th of July the children will be attending the Athletics carnival. Students are to wear their sports house coloured shirt. If you are not sure of your child's sports house colour please check with your teacher.

The year 1 technology unit this term will involve some amazing design and development ideas using recyclable materials. Please save your clean recyclable items and send them into class by week 4 to support our little engineers.

Reminders:

- Please encourage your child to drink lots of water even though it is cooler weather.
- Ensure warm weather clothing is clearly labelled.
- If your child does not have a library bag we have them for sale for \$10.
- The premiers reading challenge continues until Friday 28 August.

Regards,

Michele Pikunic, Casey Cameron, Fiona Galletly, Olivia Furner, Erin Mallouk

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

Welcome back to Term 3. Hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break. All the students have settled nicely back into routines and are working hard on the new topics.

In English this term, we are studying *The Lorax*. Students will retell the story from another character's perspective. In Mathematics, we are focussing on number, fractions, decimals, money, units of measurement, time, shape, chance and problem solving.

In History, we are looking at our community, including Aboriginal perspectives. Students will be comparing a local feature from the past to the present. In Geography, students will be studying how we can protect places near and far and how places are similar and different.

In Art, students will be working in groups to rehearse and present plays. In Technology, students will be designing a shade for the oval.

Since the holidays, the weather has significantly cooled, so please send your child with a school jumper that is clearly marked with their name. Please check that your child has all their stationary requirements for this term.

Also please pay and return notes for the Dreamworld excursion as soon as possible. If your child has a valid pass to Dreamworld they only need to pay for the bus which is \$10.

Work hard, be happy!

Kind Regards

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

5B, 5F, 5H AND 5T

Welcome back to Term 3, 2015. Hopefully the students are all refreshed and ready for an exciting term.

Students are to show us their amazing **LEADERSHIP** skills and sensible behaviour at all times. We expect all Year 5 students to do their **BEST** in and out of the classroom. They need reminding that even though they may find some things difficult or boring, that's when they need to make that extra effort and show persistence.

Camp is quickly approaching with only 2 weeks left to make sure the children are prepared and ready for the experience of a lifetime. Those who want to pay off camp by instalments are welcome to talk to our fabulous office staff, as there is an option to continue paying during the year. Camp is a fantastic experience and costs for camp have been calculated on the basis that all students will be attending. The students have already taken home their camp equipment list. We suggest you please clearly **label all items** of clothing and bedding.

We continue to have unnamed jumpers left behind at the end of each day which makes it very difficult to return them to their rightful owner.

If you have any questions regarding your child's behaviour and/or school work, please email or phone the teacher and arrange a time for an appointment. It is very challenging and sometimes impossible for the teacher to stop teaching their class to have an on-demand impromptu interview.

At the end of this term and into next term we have Inter-School Gala Day Sports. The sports usually offered are; Mixed CRICKET, Boys and Girls BASKETBALL, Boys TOUCH FOOTBALL and Girls SOFTBALL.

We have many exciting topics we are covering with our students. Poetry, Money, Goldrush, Natural Disasters and many more.

Regards,

**Deanna Forrester, Suzzi Bray, Alex Griffani and
Michael Howlett**

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to work as the Behaviour Support Teacher in place of Carol Moores for the duration of Term 3. Carol has previously developed and run a fantastic social skills program with many of the students and I will be continuing to work with these children through the term. We have already begun our social skills groups and discussed the various things we'd like to achieve this term. The students have all been reminded of our schools behaviour expectations and I'm sure they will try their best to attain their personal goals both in the classroom as well as in the playground.

In our social skills groups, I aim to teach the students how to behave appropriately and make good choices in various situations. We will practise through actively engaging in activities that promote a healthy, balanced lifestyle. These types of activities include outdoor games, cooking healthy foods, as well as being involved in indoor activities, such as sketching and craft. Many of the students are really into their artwork at the moment as we have a display going up in the iCentre at the end of the term.

On the 29th July, we have "The NED Show" coming to perform to us. This is a FREE show and all of the students from Prep-Year 6 will be attending. It is an entertaining show that really focuses on character development and making positive choices. A note is due to come out shortly with further information.

As stated in our last newsletter, Nude Food Day will be held on the 16th October this year. We will be getting an early start on it to promote the idea of 'Nude Food' and its benefits. We strongly encourage you to get involved with your children by asking for their input into their school lunches. Of course, cooking with them and allowing them to have some ownership will only inspire them even more to make healthy food choices while keeping packaging to an absolute minimum. We will be running a competition this term – so stay tuned!

Lastly, below there is a timetable for FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS in Term 3. These are held at the Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre and would be a great resource to use if you are interested. See the flyer for more information for the available sessions.

Have a great term!

Jo Jackson

Behaviour Support Teacher

HEAD OF CURRICULUM NEWS

CHANGE OF TIME - University Of NSW Assessment – Mathematics

Contrary to previous correspondence, this test will be administered **DURING** school time on Tuesday 11 August. This will be in the iCentre and lasts about 1 hour. The students will begin at 1:40 pm.

Please note this change in your diaries.

Results for the Science and Spelling Assessments will be available shortly.

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

Kind regards

Julie McCombe

i Centre NEWS

National Family Reading Month Photo Competition Winners

Thank you to those families who sent in a photo last term for our competition. It was great to see your children captured enjoying their reading time.

Congratulations to our **photo competition winners** – Elizabeth Prep 1; Alex 4N and Heath 6B.



Perform Educational Musicals

In week 7 this term (August 24-27) we celebrate **Book Week**. As part of our school celebrations on Thursday, August 27 we have Perform Educational Musicals performing their Book Week Musicals in our school hall. Plays are age appropriate and will entertain students as they celebrate this year's shortlisted books in the Book of The Year Awards and the theme - Books Light Up Our World. The cost will be \$6/student and permission forms will be sent home prior to the event.

Prep – Year 2 Book Week Book Character Dress Up and Activity Morning

The lower school will enjoy a celebratory morning in **Book Week** on Tuesday August 25, where students are required to come dressed as a favourite Book Character (no Super Heroes please). Following the mornings parade lower school students will then return to their classrooms for Literacy Activities and a lucky draw for students who have dressed up. Three students will be drawn per class and will choose a new book from the iCentre as their prize.

Author Samantha Wheeler Visit

On Tuesday August 18, Author Samantha Wheeler" will be working with year 2, 3 and 4 classes sharing her experiences as an Author and presenting writing workshops to encourage students to be the best authors they can. Another wonderful opportunity for Ormeau students to shine and demonstrate their marvellous writing abilities in front of a "real live author".

Reading Regards

Linda Langes and Maree Bawden

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

State Representative

Well done to Rylee M (Year 6) who was a member of the South Coast netball team that won the state championships last term. Rylee has now been selected in the Queensland team and will travel to Perth next month to compete at the national championships. Congratulations on these outstanding achievements.

Kind regards
Peter Tyne

SCIENCE NEWS

Anywhere from microbes to light shows, cells to energy, students in Science are soaking up ideas, forming predictions and providing evidence to support their thoughts.

Students in Prep and Year Two are ready to start a new unit this term. Each child's Science Journal is filling with the results of Scientific Investigations and discussions. The latest, demonstrates that microbes can spread germs amongst us.

Year One will focus on a unit covering Up Down and All Around - detailing change over time. Each week our little Siamese fighting fish- "Bubbles" is checked as the students arrive. Sometimes it is very sleepy in its warm tank.

"Greenie" the Goliath stick insect is still on its way back from holidays where it has been soaking up the warmth at a cosy house.

Year Three will be starting a Physics topic around Heating Up! This could be handy this Winter!

Year Four are exploring Smooth Moves.

Year Five has welcomed the expertise of Brooke Overduim, a Science teacher from Ormeau Woods State High. She has very kindly come to inspire Ormeau students and prove Science is not a distant subject! Last Wednesday, an activity day included a variety of experiments based around forensic types of questions and problems. Every activity was completely 'hands-on'. This gave all the students a taste of high school Science concepts and our students thought it was fabulous.

Students needed to try and match fingerprints, footprints, bandages, the print on a ransom note, fibres left at the scene and blood spots. Pink coloured milk can look like pale blood! All the children enjoyed tracking down the suspects and matching them to the evidence.

Our thanks goes to Brooke for all her efforts in sharing her skills. Also a big thankyou to Helen Lucre for taking classes in week one.

Year Six will go on to explore Essential Energy. Could there be some new technology discovered for the future? So many innovations start with a single idea.

To finish with an interesting quote: Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote 'Science does not know its debt to imagination.'

Kind regards,
Signing off from Toni Hutton, Mark Hibbins, Leanne Hine-Smith, and Janelle Cokley

P AND C NEWS

Tuckerbox

Term 3 Tuckerbox menu is now available.

Kind regards

Ormeau State School Pand C

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Education Qld has now introduced a new option for paying students invoices/accounts. 'B-point' allows a parent to pay their child's invoices directly from home and receive the receipt immediately. This system is linked to our One School system, which means, once the CRN number and invoice number is entered it automatically links to the school system and marks as paid. This is a highly effective system which allows parents to be receipted immediately and much less processing for our admin staff. To allow parents to access this option easily we will be sending all our invoices via email in the future. Currently some parents already receive invoices via email and use this option for their convenience. The invoices show the CRN number and the invoice number on the bottom left hand side of the document. Please ensure you enter these numbers correctly. Hopefully we introduce a quicker and more efficient system for all concerned. If you have any queries, please contact the school on 07 5466500.

Kind regards

The Administration Team