



Osbornes Flat PS Newsletter

Term 1 2025: Week 4



Principal's Message

Kade Livermore

Dear Families and Friends,

We are rapidly heading towards the middle of Term 1, with 6 weeks to go. Our classrooms have been busy finishing their learning of expectations, routines and structures. This week we began our formal learning instruction and it has been so great to see students heavily engaged in their learning. Students are beginning to undertake their phonics and spelling patterns work and we are eager to share some of this with you in the near future.

School Council Call for Nominations

On Thursday, each family was sent home a document with two nomination forms.

1. Form 3: Self-nomination form for parent member category:
This form is to be used by parents who would like to nominate themselves for a School Council position. This form must be signed by the self-nominating parent.
2. Form 4: nomination form for parent member category:
This form is to be used by parents who wish to nominate another parent on behalf of that parent. This form requires that the nominator, have a conversation about nominating the nominate, as they will need to sign the back of this form. This form is also signed by the self-nominating parent.

We encourage every family to consider a position on school council. More information on the functions and powers of School Councils in Victorian Department of Education Schools can be found at this link: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/school-council-powers-and-functions/policy>



Photography, Acceptable ICT and Medical Permissions

On Compass, we have set up an easy process for our families to consent to photography, the use of ICT and Medical Permissions for cooking. This can be done via the parent payments on Compass under voluntary contributions. These permissions **MUST** be approved by families to ensure that your child can:

- Participate in cooking sessions at school
- Use computers/ipads when undertaking learning and break clubs
- Have their picture taken or be included in video footage to showcase our school, individual work etc

If ALL families could do this by Friday 28th February, this would be greatly appreciated. If this does not get completed, please expect a phone call from the school office asking for this to be completed on the spot. Failing to do this will then see your child be excluded from the use of technology, cooking and sharing of their work. If you require support with this, please see Kade or Bec.

Year 6 Polo Shirts

Our Year 6 Polo Shirts have been ordered, with students having the opportunity to select a design earlier this week. The cost of these shirts is \$37.95 each. Each Year 6 student has had one ordered for them. Payment for these shirts can be made via Compass or by contacting Bec in the office on Tuesdays or Fridays.



Cessation of Reading Eggs

As a school, we have made the decision to move away from the use of Reading Eggs as a Literacy Program for our students. This decision was a difficult one, however we felt that as a school, the program no longer aligns with our teaching of phonics and spelling in a meaningful and sequential way. This will mean that students will lose access to this in the coming days. Parents are able to purchase their own package for their child should they wish.

Start Right Program

Over the past two and a half weeks, our students have been engaged in a carefully designed and much needed Start Right Unit of work. The aim of these units has been to:



Rationale:

- To support teachers in setting up their classroom environments, having student agency and voice in the process
- To clarify the expected behaviours, roles and responsibilities of both the teacher and student throughout the various elements of our Instructional Models
- To provide teachers with the critical time needed to forge strong rapports with their students
- To increase the motivation and engagement of our students in their learning and provide them with the strategies needed to be successful in their learning throughout 2025

The units have been successful in assisting students to get to know one and other and to help students understand the expectations of our school.

Special Assembly

On Friday 28th February at 2:15pm, we will be having a special assembly. This assembly will kick off with our normal assembly item and then sort out students into their Sporting Houses. We are excited to kick off our Sports Houses, where students can compete in sporting events and demonstrate our school values to earn points for their house. The winning house at the end of each term will be treated to a special event, of the houses choosing. More information will be given at the assembly. At the end of assembly, parents are welcome to take their children home if they choose.

Meet The Teacher Conversations

Meet the Teacher Conversations are occurring this coming week. Parents can book online via Compass or see their classroom teacher.

Pancake Day

Pancake day was a delicious success! The kids and staff loved stacking their pancakes with tasty toppings like syrup, ice cream, sprinkles and fresh berries. Thank you to everyone who joined in to make it such a memorable event.



Hot Dog Day

Hot Dog Day was a massive hit with both the kids and staff! The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as everyone customised their hot dogs with classic toppings like tomato sauce, BBQ sauce, mustard, or even all three! A big thank you to everyone who ordered a hot dog and made the day so enjoyable. All proceeds will go towards funding a new sports shed.





Yackandandah Folk Festival

The Yackandandah Folk Festival will be taking place from March 21-23, and Osbornes Flat will be participating in the parade on Friday, March 22. This year's theme for the Folk Festival Parade is BLUE and Osbornes Flat PS will be taking the theme one step further and having our own theme of Bluey. We'll be making masks in school and asking kids to dress in whatever blue clothing they have for the parade. If anyone has an actual Bluey costume, they are very welcome to wear that. Further details to follow.



We are looking for parents and family members to assist with our popular baked potato stall during the festival. If you are available and interested in helping, please reach out to Brad and Kim Nicholls or Billy Munro for more information.

Contact Details:

Kim Nicholls: kimberlyknight433@hotmail.com

Brad Nicholls: nichollsautorest@gmail.com

Billy Munro: munro.billy@gmail.com

Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day is an important event where communities come together to help clean up the environment and raise awareness about waste and recycling. While Clean Up Australia Day is officially on Sunday, 3rd of March, as a school, we will be participating in it on the 28th of February. Classrooms will be doing some education sessions on Clean Up Australia Day.

Let's work together to make our school and local area cleaner and greener!



OFPS School Uniforms

We're thrilled to see that almost all our students are now proudly wearing the new school uniform! The fresh design featuring the updated school logo has been a welcome change.

Reminder that due to the increased demand for uniforms, thanks to the School Saving Bonus, manufacturers and suppliers across the state have been overwhelmed. As a result, we were unable to fulfill 100% of our original uniform order. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

We have already placed a new bulk order, which we hope will arrive by the end of Term 1, if not sooner. Once the new stock is available, we'll notify families via compass. If you need additional uniform order forms, please feel free to request them.

Thank you for understanding!



Wednesday Lunch Orders

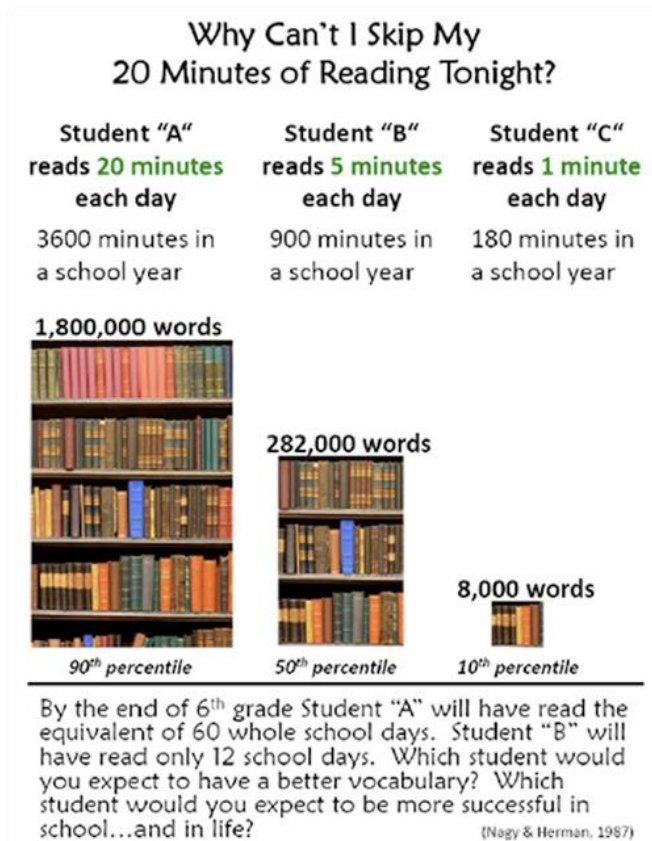
Families can place their orders through Compass, selecting items from the bakery menu and paying via Compass.

Please note, orders can be placed up until Sunday night. If you need assistance with placing orders, feel free to reach out to Kade or Bec.



OFPS Home Reading 2025

Classroom teachers will be checking reading journals every Friday, so please make sure your child brings their reading folder each week. Students are aiming for regular reading to earn school-based rewards!



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available every morning before school. It's the perfect way for students to fuel up for the day ahead. We offer a variety of delicious breakfast options, including spaghetti on toast, cereal, toast, milk, and fresh fruit cups.



Foundation Rest Days

The final rest day for Foundation students will be Wednesday, February 26th. Unless alternative arrangements have been made with the school, all Foundation students are expected to attend school full-time starting Monday, March 3rd.



Gratitude Tree

This term, our focus is on fostering gratitude, and we are excited to share our Gratitude Tree with the school community! Located in the office building, the tree is a central part of our Start Right program. Students have been reflecting on what they are thankful for and writing their thoughts on leaves, which are then added to the tree. It's been wonderful to see the tree fill up with positive reflections, reminding us of all the many things we have to be grateful for. We encourage everyone to take a moment to appreciate the growing display of gratitude around us!



Swimming Program: F-6

Our swimming program for students for Foundation to Year 6 will be taking place every day from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM during the week of Monday, March 3 to Friday, March 7.

This fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their swimming skills in a safe and supportive environment. Please ensure that your child comes prepared with their swimming gear and a towel each day.

We look forward to seeing all the students enjoy the program and improve their swimming abilities!



From the Library...

Deb Bauerle

Just a quick reminder that everyday is library day! We have recently been fortunate to receive a generous collection of book donations. Whether you want to pick up a book before school, after class, or anytime during the day, the library is always here for you. Make sure to take full advantage of our resources and dive into a great read. Happy reading!

A special thank you to Sara Handley, Astin's mum, for her amazing assistance with covering and entering the new books. Sara has also been dedicated to transforming our library into a welcoming space for reading, including designing a beautiful feature wall. We can't wait to see the finished result. Your support us greatly appreciated.





From Osborne 1...

Mr Anthony Brown

Over the past fortnight in OS1, we have been busy engaging in a range of learning activities.

- We have completed our *Start Right* unit and will continue to reinforce these routines while maintaining high expectations.
- Our dedicated maths and literacy units have begun, with a focus on patterns and rhyme.
- The students have shown interest in *Jack and Jill* and may begin to show more curiosity about nursery rhymes at home.
- We successfully completed our first cooking session, where we discussed good hygiene and developed fine motor skills in preparation for next week's kitchen activities.
- Students are remembering to bring in their readers, and we are encouraging them to work towards their reading goals and foster a love for reading.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to another exciting fortnight of learning!



From Meehan 1...

Miss Hayley Ellis

The past two weeks have been filled with hands-on learning and new experiences in ME1! To celebrate World Pancake Day, students made pancake batter from scratch, practising their measuring and mixing skills. We also wrapped up our Starts Right program, focusing on whole-school and classroom expectations, with an emphasis on Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness.



This week marked the transition into more structured academic learning. In literacy, we began exploring persuasive writing while also practising our new MultiLit spelling program to strengthen foundational spelling skills. In numeracy, we worked on odd and even numbers and place value up to the tens of thousands.

It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we're excited to see our students continue to grow and develop their skills!





From Hynes Classroom...

Miss Alisa King

We have begun working on our specialist subject topics and our introduction to Bushfires with OS1 class was a great lesson with lots of good discussion and some very aware students.

A set of new basketballs, some footballs and soccer balls have arrived, and our basketball skills are already improving! Hand-eye coordination, balance and controlled movements are great for sports and for the brain!

Our gratitude tree it is looking very leafy and Respectful Relationships is moving from part of the Start Right program to a subject in its own right.

Auslan will begin soon!





Important Term Dates

February 2025

Date	Details
Friday 28th	Clean Up Australia Day Special Assembly @ 2:15pm

March 2025

Date	Details
Monday 10th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 14th	Hot Dog Day International Day of Mathematics
Monday 17th - Friday 21st	Cultural Diversity Week
Thursday 20th	National Day of Action Against Bullying
Friday 21st	Ride to School Day Harmony Day Folk Festival Parade

April 2025

Date	Details
Monday 31st - Friday 4th	Autism Acceptance Week
Friday 4th	Hot Dog Day Last Day of Term @ 2:10 PM
Tuesday 22nd	Term 2 Starts
Monday 28th	Curriculum Day (No Students)