

OSBORNES FLAT PS NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message

KADE LIVERMORE

Dear Families and Friends,

We have had another exciting fortnight at OFPS, officially passing the half-way mark for Term 1. Our students have loved swimming this past week and we are seeing some great work with our phonics and reading programs. It has also been amazing to see so many students being recognised for their amazing efforts through our house token system. The house token bins are beginning to fill already, as staff are busy looking and rewarding all students for demonstrating positive attributes, qualities and behaviours. Thank you to the parents of our community who came to share in the magical sorting ceremony. Thanks to Michael Doyne for your amazing contribution to this event! A huge thank you to all of our families who made a Meet the Teacher meeting. They were hugely helpful and delightfully positive.

StoryBox

We have purchased a subscription to StoryBox, an Australian online story platform, that allows families to be able to access books being read by Australian actors and authors. We hope you enjoy this new subscription. Please find attached a poster with the log in details.

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School Council Expression of Interest Update

The Expression of Interest for parent positions on our School Council have now closed, after being open for the past two weeks. I would like to congratulate the following parents on their success nomination to School Council:

- Carolyn Doyne (Harry and Rowan's mum)
- Kierin Spoelder (Levi's mum)
- Brad Nicholls (Adelin and Hudson's dad)

These parents also join Billy Munro (Ruppert and Raffety's dad) as the parent representatives to make up our new School Council moving forward. Other members of School Council include Ray Waring (our community representative), Kade Livermore (Principal) and Bec Davis (Business Manager).

Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in being a School Council member and to everyone who gave it some thought.

The first meeting of the new School Council membership will occur in Term 2, 2025. Dates of our meeting are to follow.

Last Day of School for Term 1 2025

The last day of School is Friday 4th April and is around the corner. There are a couple of things that parents need to remember for this.

- Our finish time on Friday 4th April is 2:10pm.
- The small bus (Deb's bus) does not complete the afternoon run, as it is cleaned and has compliance checks carried out. Deb's bus will not run into Baranduda or Leneva in the afternoon and so parents will need to make alternative arrangements for having their children collected from school.
- The big bus runs still; however this runs to normal time. This means that students catching this bus will not be able to get on until the normal time of 3:10pm. There will be NO supervision for students catching this bus past 2:20pm on the last day, so parents of children catching this bus will need to make alternative arrangement for having their children collected.

NAPLAN 2025

NAPLAN commences this week, with students in Years 3 and 5 participating. On Tuesday, these students will participate in a practice run on Tuesday morning, before then sitting the follow NAPLAN assessments:

- Writing Years 3 and 5 on Wednesday 12th March from 9am
- Reading Years 3 and 5 on Thursday 13th March from 9am
- Conventions of Language Years 3 and 5 on Monday 17th March from 9am
- Numeracy Years 3 and 5 on Wednesday 19th March from 9am

We recognise that NAPLAN can trigger some mixed emotions in our students, and we encourage our students and families to approach this with an open-mind, discussing that it is similar to completing Essential Assessment or any other assessments that we do at school. We also encourage families to prepare their children for this by saying that NAPLAN is about having a go to let the teachers know what each child can do.

Harmony Day – Friday 21st March

In the spirit of Harmony Day, students are invited to come to school dressed in orange. Our classrooms will also engage in learning tasks that look at harmony, on this day. For more information on Harmony Day, please visit: <https://www.harmony.gov.au/>

Arrangements For Years 5/6

FROM TERM 2

From Term 2, we will be having our Year 5/6 students working from the Hynes Classroom (specialist multipurpose space) from 9am until 12:30pm, Monday-Friday. This decision has been made at a school level, as we feel that this is the best option to support the students in ME1. Miss Ellis will remain the main classroom teacher for students in Year 3-6, however the students in Years 5/6 will have their Literacy and Numeracy programs delivered by another teaching staff member of our school. This ensures that the learning programs we are delivering, are specifically tailored to the needs of those students in Years 3-6, on a more individual level. Students in Years 5/6 will then fold back into their main classroom from 12:30pm onwards. If you have any questions regarding this, please touch base with myself.



IMPORTANT DATES

March

Mon 10th - Labour Day (No school)

Wed 12th - Wed 19th - NAPLAN

Fri 14th - Hot Dog Day

Thu 20th - National day of action against bullying

Fri 21st - Harmony Day / Folk Festival Parade

April

Fri 4th - Hot Dog Day / Last day of term

Tue 22nd - Term 2 starts

Mon 28th - Curriculum Day (No school)



Making A Splash!

SWIMMING LESSONS AT THE LEISURE CENTRE

This week, our students have been making waves at the Wodonga Leisure Centre, taking part in our annual swimming program. Across the week, students were grouped according to their swimming ability and guided by experienced instructors to develop and refine their water skills.

From building confidence in the water to mastering new strokes, each session has provided an opportunity for students to strengthen their abilities while having plenty of fun. Whether it was floating, kicking, or improving their stroke technique, all students have worked hard and embraced the challenges of learning and growing in the water.

Swimming is an essential life skill, and we are proud to see our students developing their abilities and water safety awareness. A big thank you to the instructors, staff, DY for driving the bus and families for supporting this valuable program!

School Social Media

Starting next week, you'll notice an increase in social media posts on our public Facebook page as we showcase all the fantastic things happening at our school! From classroom highlights to special events, we'll be sharing engaging content, including photos, videos and even student interviews, to give families and the wider community a glimpse into the wonderful learning experiences we offer.

We respect the privacy choices of all families - students whose families have opted out of public photos/videos on compass will not be featured in any posts.

We can't wait to celebrate our students' achievements and the vibrant school community we are so proud of. Stay tuned for some great content throughout the year.





From Osborne 1

MR ANTHONY BROWN

The past two weeks have been filled with exciting learning experiences in Osbornes 1. In literacy, we have been working through the InitialLit program with a focus on syllables and rhymes. Our mentor text, *How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers, has sparked great discussions and engagement with language.

In cooking, students had a fantastic time making fruit salad with Davina. As well as enjoying their delicious creations, they learned about the importance of hygiene—washing both their hands and their fruit before preparing food.

In maths, students have been completing Essential Assessments to establish a baseline for their current knowledge across different areas of mathematics. In class, we have also been continuing our work on patterns, exploring sequences and predicting what comes next.

It has been a great start to the term, and we look forward to building on these learning experiences in the coming weeks!

Sports Houses

Last week, excitement filled the air as our students were placed into their sports houses for the year. We are proud to introduce our three houses: Wombat Warriors, Kookaburra Knights & the Red-Belly Rebels.

It was a fun and energetic event that our students thoroughly enjoyed, creating a great sense of teamwork and school spirit.

From now on, students can earn house point slips for their team through positive behaviour, effort, and participation. At the end of each term, the house with the most points will win a special prize.

We look forward to seeing our students working together, showing great sportsmanship and earning points for their houses. Let the competition begin!

Annual Privacy Reminder

FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese



From Meehan 1

MISS HAYLEY ELLIS

The past two weeks in Meehan 1 have been filled with exciting learning and new challenges. In literacy, we have been diving headfirst into our SpellEx program, focusing on prefixes and suffixes. Students have also been practicing writing opinion statements and persuasive paragraphs, building the skills they will need for their final persuasive piece at the end of the term.

In numeracy, students have been working through Essential Assessment, helping us establish a strong understanding of their current knowledge and areas for growth.

It has also been a big week at the pool, with students putting in a fantastic effort during swimming lessons. After so many sessions in the water, we're starting to see some signs of tiredness, but their resilience and determination have been impressive.

With a great start to the term behind us, we look forward to continuing to build on our learning and seeing the progress our students make in the coming weeks!

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.

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Library Update

DEB BAUERLE

Our library is now complete, and it looks fantastic! With the beautiful new panels installed and fairy lights adding a warm, inviting glow, it has truly become a special space where students can escape into the world of books. Whether they're looking for an adventure, a mystery or a fun fact to learn, the library is the perfect place to explore new ideas and expand their imaginations.

A reminder that books can be returned directly to the returns box in the library – there's no need to bring them straight to Deb. This makes it even easier for students to return books at their convenience. Our library operates every day, meaning students can borrow books whenever they're ready for a new read. Books can be borrowed for two weeks and if students need more time to finish, they can reborrow them for an additional loan period.

Exciting news – the Premier's Reading Challenge is starting soon! This is a fantastic opportunity for students to set reading goals, explore a wide range of books, and be part of a statewide challenge that celebrates literacy. We will be sharing more details in the coming weeks, including how students can participate and the great benefits of getting involved.

We encourage all students to make the most of our wonderful library space, discover new favourites and enjoy the magic of reading!

Hot Dog Day Is Back!

Our popular Hot Dog Day is returning on Friday, 14th March! Students can enjoy a delicious hot dog for just \$2 each, with orders available through Compass.

Be sure to get your orders in by Tuesday 5pm to avoid missing out!



Yackandandah Folk Festival

BLUES Folk Festival Street Parade, Friday 21st March @ 6pm

5:45pm All parade participants please proceed to the marshalling area.

Parents, staff, students and community groups marching in the street parade, please assemble in your designated area on High St. This will be clearly marked out in chalk paint on the High St, near the marquee on the Yackandandah Primary School oval and close to the Kars St intersection.

6:00pm Parade Commences

Lead by the High Street Shufflers, the Folk Festival Street Parade will march down High St, turn around at the bottom of High St, and finish at the Street Stage.

MC (Julia Brinsdon-Farr) Street Stage Official Opening

The MC will declare the Folk Festival officially open, introduce the Bucket Band and the Acknowledgement of Country song. The MC will direct parents and students to meeting areas to be reunited with their little-people after the parade, and invite all to join the Old Jig Jog Dance Band for the open-air bush dance at the Street Stage.

Face Painting

Once again this year, free face painting for kids marching in the parade will be available in the Rotunda at the Memorial Gardens, from 3:30pm onwards.

Street Closures

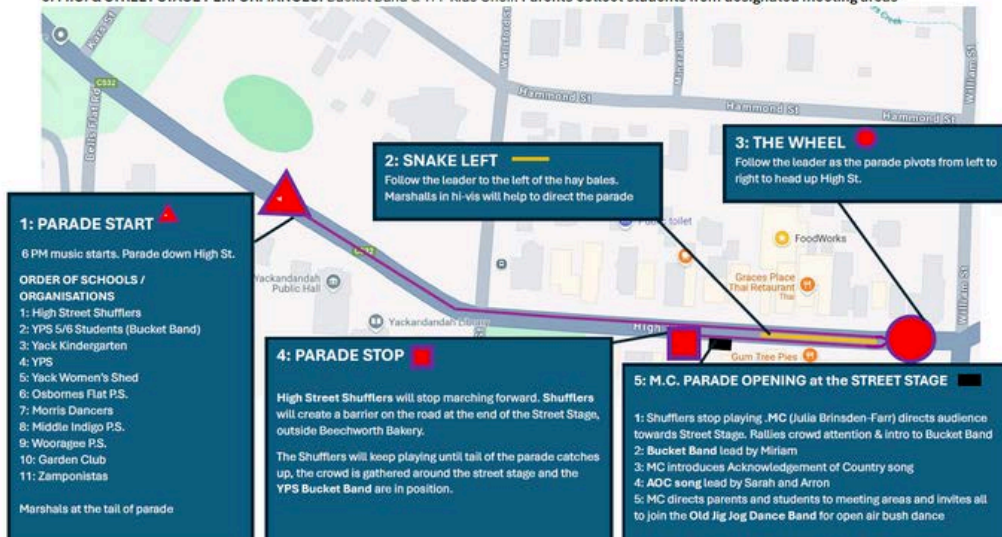
Street closures will commence from 3pm on Friday 21st March. The main section of High Street will be closed from 3pm.

High Street will be closed all the way up to Kars St. and an additional part of Wellsford St. from 4:30pm-9pm.

Additional road closures will take place from 6am, Sunday 23rd March, for the community market.

2025 YACKANDANDAH FOLK FESTIVAL PARADE ROUTE

- 1: PARADE START:** 5:45 pm schools/organisations line up behind the start. Opposite the marquee on the Y.P.S. oval back to Kars Street. 6 pm start
- 2: SNAKE LEFT:** Towards the end of High Street, marshals in Hi-Vis will direct the parade to the **LEFT** of the hay bales. This will help **thin out** the parade so the "Wheel" can pivot from left to right.
- 3: WHEEL:** The Shufflers will lead the "Wheel", turning the parade around to head up High Street.
- 4: PARADE STOP:** The Parade will stop at the street stage. The MC will direct the welcome and performances before officially opening the parade.
- 5: M.C. & STREET STAGE PERFORMANCES:** Bucket Band & YFF Kids Choir. Parents collect students from designated meeting areas



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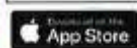
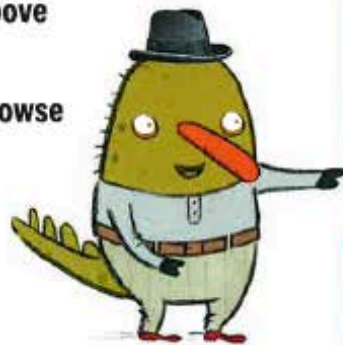
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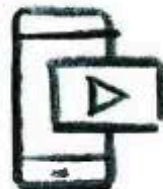
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