

OSBORNES FLAT PS NEWSLETTER



Acting Principal's Message

HAYLEY ELLIS

It's been a fantastic few weeks at Osbornes Flat Primary School, filled with exciting excursions, new learning experiences and lots of smiling faces. Our students continue to work hard, support each other and make the most of every opportunity. Keep it up OFPS!

A Special Mother's Day Activity

A big thank you to Jessamy, who visited our school to lead a beautiful Mother's Day activity. She guided students through our school bushland to collect native plants, which they used to create stunning handmade native bouquets for their mums. We are so grateful for her time and expertise. What a lovely way to celebrate the special people in our lives.

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NERSSA Cross Country

What an amazing display of effort and encouragement at the NERSSA Cross Country event in Yackandandah. Our F-2 students ran laps of a short course, collecting a bead for each lap. Some students managed over 40 laps, which is an incredible achievement. Our Year 3-6 students ran either 2km or 3km depending on their age group and every single one of them crossed the finish line with determination and pride.

Congratulations to Niamh for placing first in her age division. She will be joined by Elliarna to represent OFPS at the Division Cross Country at Willow Park on May 30. Good luck, team!

Mr Livermore's Absence

Mr Livermore remains on leave at this time. While there is currently no return date, we are all thinking of him and wishing him a speedy recovery. We look forward to seeing his smiling face back at school soon.

Excursion to Mt Pilot – Yeddonba Cultural Site

Our students and staff recently had the opportunity to visit the Yeddonba Aboriginal Cultural Site at Mt Pilot in Chiltern.

Led by a local Elder, students heard powerful stories about the land and learned about its cultural and historical significance. They visited traditional corroboree sites and explored small caves once used for shelter.

A huge thank you to Karen from Landcare for organising this meaningful and memorable excursion.

Upcoming Excursion – Kiewa Valley Primary School

On May 27, our students will be travelling to Kiewa Valley Primary School to attend an exciting Indigenous performance.

Please ensure you have completed the consent and payment through Compass so your child can attend.

National Simultaneous Story Time

We are excited to be taking part in National Simultaneous Story Time again this year. On Wednesday, May 21 at 12pm, we will be joining schools across Australia in reading *Truck Cat* by Deborah Frenkel. It is always a wonderful moment to stop, share a story and enjoy the magic of reading together as a school community.

School Photos – Coming Soon

School Photos will be taking place on Thursday 19th June. Please keep an eye on Compass over the coming week for all the details, including available photo packages and ordering information.

Well done to all of our students for their continued effort, curiosity and positivity. We are so proud of the way you represent our school in everything you do. Keep up the amazing work. There is plenty more to look forward to this term.

CULTURAL EXCURSION

On Tuesday the 27th May, our students will have the exciting opportunity to take part in a cultural excursion at Kiewa Valley PS with Dion Drummond, also known by his Aboriginal name "Moogera", meaning storm. Dion proudly shares both his Aboriginal heritage from Cape York and his Torres Strait Islander roots through his mother's side.

Born in Mossman (Kuku-Yalanji Country), Dion is one of Australia's most experienced Indigenous performers. His high-energy performance brings together traditional stories, dance, language and artefacts from both cultures.

Students will get involved in singing, dancing and storytelling, while learning about important values such as respect and community. Dion's humour, passion and powerful messages make this a cultural experience students are sure to remember.



IMPORTANT DATES

May

Wed 21st - National Simultaneous Story Time

Tue 27th - Cultural Performance (Kiewa Valley PS)

Fri 30th - Hot Dog Day & Division Cross Country

June

Mon 9th - King's Birthday (No School)

Thu 19th - School Photos

Fri 27th - Hot Dog Day



From Osborne 1

ANTHONY BROWN

What a wonderful and busy fortnight we've had in OS1! In math's, we've been diving into place value across all year levels. Our Foundation and Year 1 students have been learning about the value of ten, using everyday objects to represent groups of ten and build larger numbers. Meanwhile, our Year 2s have been continuing their place value journey with repeated practice to strengthen their understanding.

In literacy, we've been exploring vowel digraphs, with a focus on oa and ow. Students have been reading, writing and spelling words with these sounds. Our F-1 learners have also been meeting new letter friends like Fifi Flamingo and Rosie Rabbit, which has been a fun way to connect with letters and sounds. As a whole class, we've been using The Very Hungry Caterpillar as a mentor text to learn about narrative structure. The students especially enjoyed bringing the story to life through dramatic play – I can't wait to see the narratives they create themselves!

We've also had some exciting experiences beyond the classroom. The students had a fantastic time in the kitchen, cooking up delicious mini quiches and a yummy lemon slice. On top of that, we learned about the DRS steps of first aid, and I was incredibly proud of how well everyone represented our school during the session.

It's been a joyful and productive fortnight – I'm so proud of this group and all their efforts.





From Meehan 1

HAYLEY ELLIS

It's been an exciting couple of weeks in ME1!

In maths, we've been exploring multiplication and division, focusing on different strategies to help us solve problems efficiently and with confidence. Students have enjoyed using hands-on materials, drawing arrays, and making connections between the two operations.

In literacy, we've been investigating the tricky spelling of the "long a" sound and have discovered that there are six different graphemes (spelling choices) that can represent this phoneme. It's been a great way to build our decoding and spelling skills.

We've also continued working on our narratives, using our mentor text *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore* to guide our learning. We've been diving into the author's purpose, identifying the genre and intended audience, and exploring how images can add deeper meaning to a story. It's been wonderful to see students making thoughtful connections between words and visuals.

Keep up the amazing work, ME1!

DID YOU KNOW?

Yackandandah truly shines in autumn, with streets and bush tracks transforming into a sea of red, gold and orange. This seasonal magic comes from deciduous trees like maples, oaks, elms and liquidambars, which shed their leaves each year to conserve energy through winter. As the days grow shorter and cooler, the green pigment (chlorophyll) in the leaves breaks down. This reveals the vibrant reds, yellows and purples that were there all along but hidden.

These colours aren't just beautiful. They're a great way to connect with nature. Taking a walk around Yackandandah in autumn is like stepping into a living artwork. Next time you're outside, see how many different leaf colours and shapes you can spot. Can you find a perfect red maple leaf? Or one with all the colours in one?



Library Update

DEB BAUERLE

With 115 days left of the challenge, it's not too late to add more books to your tally. So far, as a whole school, we have read 167 books! Let's see if we can get that up to 300 books, or even beyond! This week, we'd like to give a big shout out to our top three readers so far.... Drum roll please...

In Third place, winning 10 house points, we have Lewin, with 13 books read,
Second place, winning 15 house points, Elliarna, with 14 books read,
And in first place, winning 20 house points, and a whopping 26 books read, is Olly!

Well done to those three.

Let your mind explore new worlds. Keep reading everybody, and have fun.

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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CYMHS and Schools Early Action (CASEA) Program

Your school has volunteered to take part in the CYMHS and Schools Early Action (CASEA) Program. CASEA is run in partnership between Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS) and local primary schools.

The CYMHS and Schools Early Action (CASEA) Program is an early intervention program for primary school students. It aims to help children develop their social and emotional skills; to support parents and/or care givers; and offers additional supports, learning and consultation to school staff. The CASEA team is made up of allied health professionals and is a part of the Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS).

CASEA is currently offering consults in your school. This is an opportunity to talk with members of our team about any questions or concerns you may have about your child's social and emotional wellbeing. Consultation sessions are generally for 1 hour.

CASEA can offer support and information on topics such as:

- Ways to respond to children's emotions
- What children need to develop socially and emotionally, along with ways to meet these needs
- Calming/regulation strategies
- Parenting styles & strategies
- Referral pathways to access further support

If you have any questions or would like to book in for a session, please contact the CASEA team via email casea@awh.org.au or via phone (02) 6051 7900. You can also talk to your child's teacher if you need any help getting in contact with our team.