We are now into our second week of swimming lessons and after a last minute rush by some to pay and send in permission forms, I am pleased to see most of our students participating (approx. 95%) enthusiastically and everything working like clockwork each Tuesday and Thursday. The students have been complimented on their respectful behaviour and good manners by pool staff, which is always lovely to hear. Thank you for instilling these qualities in your children. Many of the students have expressed their satisfaction after each lesson and seem to genuinely enjoy the opportunity to swim with their peers. Thank you for supporting our 2016 swimming program.

Last Thursday our senior choir members participated in Count Us In, as planned. There were 16 Oxenford students singing with many other local school students at the fore-shore in Surfers Paradise and another four with Miss Morris at the Q1 observation deck. This was a wonderful experience for all involved and something that occurred all around Australia. The event is designed to encourage enjoyment of Music in all schools, something that we already appreciate and practice! Thank you to Miss Morris for preparing these students and for accompanying them on the day. The group of students that was with me on the beach were featured on the Channel 7 and 9 News and in the GC Bulletin, in case you missed it. Well done girls and Miss Morris!

I had the great pleasure of attending an Active School Travel function last week, to celebrate the success of this initiative in many local state schools, with the Mayor Tom Tate and other key GCCC members. Mayor Tate presented me with a framed Silver Award for Oxenford's involvement in the AST program and congratulated us on the positive difference we are seeing in our school travel data. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Naidoo's efforts as our AST champion, and thank her for ensuring this program is so successful. We will continue to support this program in 2017.

I also had the great pleasure of attending the Helensvale State High School Awards Night last Tuesday evening. I attend this event each year and am always thrilled to see so many ex-Oxenford students on the stage, accepting awards. I was especially delighted this year to see two of our past students appointed to leadership positions for 2017. One is School Captain and the other, Vice Captain. When you consider the size of our school compared to many of our neighbouring primary schools, I think it says something very positive about the skills and qualities we equip our students with whilst at Oxenford SS. My sincere congratulations to Nathan and Yuan Yen.

2017 Booklists have been sent home this week so please check with your children if you haven’t seen them yet. We are hopeful that many families will order the bookpacks through Kookaburra Educational Resources and know that you will be satisfied with the quality of the goods provided and the competitive prices they are charging. I can’t stress enough how important it is for all students to start the new school year with all of the re-
quired stationery items on hand. Thank you in advance for supporting the class teachers by ensuring your children are suitably equipped for their learning programs.

Over the past couple of weeks Mrs Radley, Miss Hester and Ms Adair have had the great pleasure of meeting with many of our 2017 Prep students and their parents. We have received many enrolment applications and we are still hoping to establish four prep classes next year, as planned. We have received a number of ‘out of catchment’ enrolments which has helped us to reach our target. Many of these families have told us that they have heard wonderful things about Oxenford SS and would really like their children to start their schooling with us. I am always thrilled to hear of our good reputation within the community and feel honoured to be the principal of such a good school. The success of any school is largely reliant on the attitude of the students, their families and the staff so when I compliment the ‘Oxenford Team’ on achieving such success I acknowledge and applaud the positive contribution you all make. Thank you!

To make the transition from kindy to ‘big school’ smoother, we have invited our local childcare centres to visit our existing prep classes on various days. This enables these little people to meet the teachers, become accustomed to the different learning environment and dispel any fears they may have prior to starting in 2017. My thanks to our wonderful prep teachers and teacher aides for welcoming these children into their classrooms and for ensuring this is a successful experience for them.

Last weekend a group of our senior students competed in the All Schools Touch competition in Cleveland. Leading up to the event Mr Ansell and Mr Stark coached the team and made them train before school on many mornings. These students represented Oxenford SS in a highly impressive manner, showcasing their sporting prowess and great sportsmanship. Congratulations on a respectable performance and for doing yourselves, your parents and your teachers proud. Thank you to Mr Ansell and Mr Stark for your genuine interest in these students’ sporting experiences and achievements. Thank you also to the students’ parents for supporting them throughout the competition.

In closing, Mr Henshaw and Ms Bolton are holding a parent information session at 3.10pm on Monday 14 November for parents of students who would like to be included in the Strings and / or Instrumental Music Program in 2017. This is a great opportunity for you to hear about the various instruments available and get the answers to any questions you may have. Please join us in the Music Room if you can.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards

Vicki Marchmont
Deputy's Desk

Prep and Year One excursions

What a busy time of year. It has been very exciting to watch all the children participating in a range of activities and excursions in Term 4. The Preps have all just visited David Fleay’s Wildlife Park where they were mesmerized by the wonderful array of Australian animals and informative talks by the park’s rangers. The feedback from Fleay’s was that Oxenford State School students are incredibly well behaved with beautiful manners. Similar feedback has been passed on from the bus company we have been using for all our travelling recently.Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary was also a wonderful venue for our Year One students. Although there was lots of walking, the children managed to have an enjoyable day meeting the animals and playing in the park’s playgrounds. Oxenford State School were fortunate to also be involved in an episode of “Totally Wild” whilst visiting the park. Ten of the children from Year 1 will feature in an episode of “Totally Wild” in the near future.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Well our owl stamps have been working overtime with many teachers needing new stamps so they can keep on rewarding students who are showing excellent behaviour. We are now beginning to see children receiving certificates for 20 Owl cards which is an amazing achievement. Mrs Marchmont has also been busy with the Principal’s Parties with many children coming down to the staffroom to celebrate with party pies, tiny teddies and juice. I think we have almost cleared Woolworths out of party pies. Our long awaited signage is finally at the sign writers and we are hoping to see them up around the school in the near future. The whole staff should be congratulated on how they have embraced the PBL philosophy and the behaviour of students across the school has definitely improved.

PREP 2017

Just a final reminder to parents who have children ready for Prep in 2017 to enrol as soon as possible. We are currently finalising our prep interviews and working on the classes for 2017. Please see the ladies in the office for an enrolment pack and interview time.

Dani Radley
Deputy Principal
Thank you to the parents who have had a conversation with me or emailed me to discuss options for the placement of their child in their 2017 classroom.

I will work very closely with class teachers and the rest of the administration team to ensure that your child is in the 2017 class that best suits their needs.

At Oxenford State School, we celebrate the difference and uniqueness of all of our children and know that all children, not just children with disability, have different needs.

Please continue to send your preferences to my email address (dniel8@eq.edu.au) or give me a call on 07 5585 7666.

**Sensory Friendly Facebook Group**

Here is a FB group that promotes sensory friendly events or experiences on the Gold Coast. Have a look and see if there is something advertised that may be appropriate for your family.

https://www.facebook.com/sensorymoviedaygoldcoast


The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is an independent statutory agency. Our role is to implement the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), which will support a better life for hundreds of thousands of Australians with a significant and permanent disability and their families and carers. The NDIS will mean peace of mind for every Australian - for anyone who has, or might acquire, a disability.

Our priority is to ensure people with disability continue to get the support they need. The changes that are required to existing disability support systems are significant. Arrangements are being made to ensure the scheme can be introduced gradually, ensuring a smooth transition for people with disability and support providers. Read about the trial and roll out.

**NDIS INFORMATION SESSIONS**

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) information sessions for the general public are being held throughout the state ahead of each region’s transition.

There are 11 organisations currently funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) as the lead agency for the NDIS to host seminars that cover a wide range of NDIS topics. The attached document provides further information about these sessions. The NDIS events calendar is regularly updated and has the full details for these sessions.
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Parents Count Too!
Helping Your Child with Counting

One of the first experiences children have with numbers is “counting”. Counting starts as learning a pattern of words, just like a nursery rhyme. As children’s counting develops, they begin to relate the words to a quantity or number of things.

How do children learn to count and use numbers?
Children learn the pattern of counting words by repetition. Initially, this pattern may have gaps where the child leaves out a number in the sequence, or the child may invent numbers. It is common to hear a child say twenty-nine after counting to twenty-nine. However, remembering the words for each number in the correct order is only part of the process of counting. To “count” children need to match saying the number words with the correct number of “things”. Children should be given lots of opportunities to practise and explore counting groups as well as making groups. Children also need to recognise and name numbers.

What can you do at home?
• Count with your child the number of buttons as you do up a cardigan or shirt.
• Encourage your child to count the number of pegs used to hang out the washing.
• Count the number of steps from the front door to the letterbox.
• Count the number of eggs in a carton, and again after some have been removed.
• Count the number of times you and your child can throw a ball to each other without dropping it.
• Read and talk about stories and rhymes that use numbers.
• Sing songs and nursery rhymes that include numbers such as Five Little Ducks and Baa Baa Black Sheep.
• Have your child count as far as he or she is able to and then encourage your child to join you while you continue counting.
• Ask your child to start counting from a number other than one. This will help them when they need to add two groups together and can start counting from the larger group.
• Ask your child to tell you the number before or after a number. How old will you be next year? How old were you last year?
• Ask your child to give you enough plates, cups or cutlery for each person when setting the table.
• Play games such as Dominoes, Snakes and ladders, card games or board games involving a die with dot patterns. This will help your child to recognise patterns and count. Change the die to one showing numbers to help your child read and recognise numbers.
• Collect and sort shells. Count how many are in each group. Look at and say the numbers on license plates and road signs.
• Ask your child to help you count the pieces as you cut up food such as pie, quiche, fruit or sandwiches.
• Make farmyards from empty cartons. Count with your child the number of toy animals as he or she places them in each yard. Ask questions such as: Which yard has the most animals? After placing some animals in a yard, stop and then count on as you add more.
• Help your child to remember your phone number and to press the correct buttons on the phone.

Ruth Hester
Head of Curriculum

Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 29th November, Oxenford State School will be staging it’s annual Inter House Swimming Carnival for all students who attended swimming lessons in Year 4-6. The carnival will be staged at the Coomera Anglican College. Further details will be sent home in the coming weeks. We hope to see many parents and family members there to support this wonderful event.

Queensland All Schools Touch Carnival

Last weekend, 12 outstanding Year 5 & 6 students represented Oxenford State School at the annual Queensland All Schools Touch Football Carnival up in Brisbane. The team for 2016 (prudently coached by Mr Brett Ansell) was Daniel C, Logan C, Brayden T, Phong D, Moses P, Jeremy B, Amelia A, Tegan K, Daesyn C, Johnell M, Chloe F & Raven S. The team didn’t begin the competition too well, but after a couple of games they started to gel together and displayed some great team performances. On Sunday, they progressed all of the way through to the Semi Final, narrowly falling short of victory 3-1. A huge congratulations must go to the entire team for never giving up over the weekend and displaying many fine moments of sporting brilliance throughout. I’d also like to thank all the amazing parents for giving up their weekend to ensure their children had this sporting opportunity. The final thank you must go to Mr Ansell for dedicating so much time and energy into training this team in preparation for the weekend. Awesome effort Mr Ansell.

Yours in sport,
Tim Stark
It has been an eventful couple of weeks in the Music Department at Oxenford!

For the last ten years, schools across the nation have participated in Music Count Us In: Australia’s biggest school initiative. More than 600,000 students, teachers and parents from schools all over Australia sign up to learn, rehearse and perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time.

Last Thursday, the Oxenford Senior Choir joined together with students from 21 other Gold Coast Schools to take this initiative to “New Heights”. The students performed this year’s music count us in song “Let It Play” atop the Q1 and on the Foreshore of Surfers Paradise, while students around the country sang along via a live feed on the music count us in website. Well done to all the students in Senior Choir for your wonderful contribution to this event.

Mr Henshaw and Ms Bolton have been completing tests for entry into the Oxenford SS Instrumental and Stings Program for 2017. Successful students have received letters recommending them for a particular instrument. An information afternoon for parents and students will be held on Monday 14 November 2016 at 3:10pm in the Music Room. Information regarding instrument purchase and hire, operation of the instrumental program, requirements, and commitments will be provided at this meeting.

The end of year Instrumental Music Concert will be held on Monday 21st November commencing at 5:30pm in the school hall. Please come along to see the fantastic work of the instrumental students from this year.

Jacinta Morris
Music Teacher
Dear parents and carers,

It’s that time of the school year when many things come to a halt. Week 7 (next week) will be the last week of borrowing for all classes from the library. It is very important that all library books will be returned during Week 8. Please check with your children to see if they have any library books at all. I have been able to notify over 40 families by phone last Thursday that their child/children had very overdue books. I shall be sending out proforma bills to families when the library book does not come back. I would like to thank all the parents who have been able to locate these library books and return them.

The library will be closed during Weeks 9 and 10 as resources are returned from the staff and the library and Curriculum Centre are made ready for a new school year. If any Home Readers or Classroom Readers are found they can be returned to the office or to your child’s teacher. Every item not returned diminishes our wonderful library and the resources used for reading.

Zan Bond
(Teacher-librarian)
Absence Line Currently unavailable
Please note our absence line is currently off line and due for repair next week. You can still contact the office on 5585 7666 or through email: admin@oxenfordss.eq.edu.au Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Student Absences and Same Day Notification
The Department of Education and Training’s highest priority is students’ safety and wellbeing. It is the parent’s responsibility to advise of a student’s absence by 9am on the day of their absence. At Oxenford State School you may advise of an absence via the following methods:
1. Contacting us via phone on 5585 7666
2. Emailing the office at: admin@oxenfordss.eq.edu.au
3. Advising administration staff at the school office of your child/children’s absence in person.

(Please ensure to provide your child’s full name, class and reason for the absence, so it can be recorded accordingly)

From the beginning of 2017, state schools will be required to notify parents of any unexplained absence in the morning of that occurring.

To ensure text messages are received and can be responded to immediately, it is essential that all parent / carers details are up to date with the school office and that we have received the SMS consent form.

Hard copy of Newsletter
As you know we distribute the school newsletter electronically. To order your emailed electronic version of the newsletter you should ensure your email details are correct at the office.

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools. The app is designed to integrate with school websites, and allows users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website. The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app. The QSchools app will be particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view. All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app. Find out more about QSchools and download the app today.
Volunteering - Everyone is welcome!

In March next year the P&C Annual General Meeting will be held. All positions on the P&C become vacant and nominations for the following twelve months taken. I encourage everyone to consider volunteering in a role, it is a wonderful way to assist the school, and a great addition to your resume, plus a good example to your children and their friends on ways to help the community.

More information about the roles can be found on the P&C Queensland website, and you are more than welcome to chat to me about the roles as well.

At this stage the current President, Treasurer, Vice President and Fundraising Coordinator are not standing. After eight years of various and multiple roles, I can highly recommend the fun, friendships and experience that comes from assisting the school in this way.

Tanya Harris
President  

Date Claimers

- 12th November Back to the 80’s Singalong

Follow us on Facebook
Oxenford State School P&C

Uniform Shop
8:15-9:00 Mondays
3:00—3:30 Wednesdays

MunchMonitor is the easiest way to order anytime
Login: oxenford
Password: munch4210
www.munchmonitor.com.au

School Banking
Please continue to bring your school banking books on Thursdays. This is a fun way for the students to save money and earn rewards.

Back to the 80s Singalong

It is finally here! The biggest 80’s party on the Gold Coast is this Saturday evening.

There are a few tickets left, so get in quick to be sure you don’t miss out!

### Students Of The Week

For consistently trying to achieve something worthy and admirable.

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This year our grade 6 class went on an amazing camp to Tyalgum Ridge Retreat. We spent 3 days under the view of Mt. Warning and the surrounding sounds of the relaxing nature.

During our delightful duration at camp we did a total of 13 awesome and fun-filled activities. We were motivated to participate in all activities which helped us to overcome our fears, build skills in teamwork and learn to encourage others.

Over the time being, our class has become more socialised and has transformed into a stronger team. Overall, we had a great time being able to enjoy our last and most exciting year of primary school. We as 6A would like to thank our spectacular and supportive PE teacher, Mr Stark and the absolutely amazing grade 6 teachers.

6A (Yoon Seo and Aimee)
Helping Hands After School Program Term 4 2016

Super Spy Detective 5 Week Program

Every Friday for 5 weeks from 04/11/2016 at 3.30pm – 4.45pm for Prep to Yr 6

For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact;

Helping Hands on 0458008319 or email

oxenford@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Booking forms are also available from the school office and Helping Hands service.

Bronwyn Morris
Helping Hands Coordinator
Community Visitors Scheme (CVS)

The Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) is a program that connects volunteer visitors with people in the community and residents in aged care facilities who are at risk of social isolation. Visits are regular (ideally fortnightly but could be weekly) to build friendship and companionship.

There are many people who would benefit from these visits. They may be separated from family or friends interstate or overseas or may only have visits that don’t actually enhance their quality of life the way a CVS visit could.

Visits can be spent in conversation, playing board games, listening to music, watching televised sports fixtures, etc. These visits can even involve supporting the person to access technology to maintain relationships with family or friends who are unable to visit.

If you think that you would like to volunteer in this enriching program please call 38387645. If you have any questions regarding CVS please call Sarah Konvalainen, CVS Coordinator on 0466 346 269 or send an email to CVS@anglicaresa.org.au to learn more.

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