Welcome back to another exciting term at Oxenford State School! I trust you enjoyed the holidays with your children and now look forward to getting back into comfortable routines and habits. No doubt the term will be over before we know it and Christmas will be upon us. They say the older you get, the quicker the time goes by and I’m beginning to believe it!

Term 4 is another busy term, with lots to look forward to. I know one of the highlights for most of the students is the opportunity to participate in the Swimming Program. Notes for swimming have gone home so please check with your child if you haven’t seen a note yet. Lessons begin in Week 5 and take place each Tuesday and Thursday through to Week 7. Once again, we have subsidised the overall cost to keep your payments to a minimum, acknowledging that many families are already stretched to the limit financially. Please speak to us if you still feel the upfront cost is not manageable and we will come to some arrangement, ensuring your children can participate. Thank you in advance for supporting our 2016 Swimming Program.

In the last week of Term 3 we held Oxenford’s Got Talent (OGT) and were thoroughly impressed and entertained by the many talented performers. Congratulations to all students who competed – you are all winners in my eyes! Below is a list of the finalists and where they were placed, from Prep right through to Year 6.

1st: Olivia (singing)
2nd: Amelia, Brooke, Charlotte, Chloe, Lara and Tahlia (dancing)
3rd: Georgia and Katelyn (singing)

Participation Medallion & Certificate:
Kaitlyn (hula hooping)
Bella, Chelsey, Kain, Taj, Thomas and Tianna (Prep S Dance Crew)
Cambria (singing)
Amy and Grace (singing)
Ameira and Lilly (singing)
Ella and Tori (singing)
Jessica (singing)

Our sincere thanks to Miss Lisa Darvill for organising OGT again this year and to the many staff members who assisted Lisa with rehearsals leading up to the competition and on the day.
Mr Henshaw arranged for his talented band students to perform for the Year 3 classes last Tuesday, in the hope of recruiting some prospective musicians to join his program in 2017. No doubt your children came home in an excited state, asking to sign up for various instruments! I look forward to seeing many new faces participating in our wonderful Instrumental Music program next year and can’t stress enough how beneficial learning an instrument can be for young children. Before the end of the year we will hold an information session for parents so that you can have any questions answered personally by Mr Henshaw.

As we move through the term we will be constantly reminding all students of the importance reading every day plays in their education. Students who develop good reading skills achieve better results in many other subject areas. When you think about it, reading and comprehension skills form the basis for all learning, particularly in primary school. Imagine if you were asked to solve a mathematical problem but were unable to comprehend what the question was asking. Or if you were asked to write a report but didn’t have the vocabulary necessary to describe what you wanted to portray. We will be asking the students to make a special effort this term and actually read something every day. We know many students do not do Home Reading due to lots of different reasons but if you could help us by reminding your children to read more I have no doubt we will all witness an improvement in their results, in many academic areas.

In Week 3 we have a Pupil Free Day on Monday 17 October, giving our students a nice long weekend. Week 4 is “Education Week” which gives us an opportunity to celebrate the great things that happen in state schools throughout Queensland. Friday 28 October is World Teachers’ Day. This is a good time for all of us to take a minute to reflect on the vital role teachers play in your children’s lives and the positive contribution they make towards their educational success. I would like to publicly thank the teachers of Oxenford SS for the amazing job they do every day. Our teachers regularly go above and beyond to ensure the students are happy to come to school and achieve success in their learning and social interactions with others. We are very lucky to have such lovely, dedicated and committed teachers.

Along with World Teachers’ Day we will be celebrating Day for Daniel on Friday 28 October. The Student Council will be sending out more information regarding this after their Council meeting on Friday. I have it on good authority these same students are also organising something special for World Teachers’ Day but I have been sworn to secrecy. Thank you to our wonderful Student Council members for making a positive difference at Oxenford SS and to Mr Brett Ansell for overseeing their actions.

During the school holidays we had some additional window tinting completed in those classrooms that tend to have more exposure to the afternoon heat than others. The teachers have already reported that this has helped with the glare coming through onto their smartboards. We also have some other work scheduled for this term, including installing a footpath at the back gate, installing a new covered walkway between the Prep block and Junior Amenities block, possible installation of fans in the hall and some minor (but extensive) electrical work throughout all classrooms. We have also installed four new smartboards into those classrooms where the existing smartboards were becoming worn and ineffective.

Next weekend we have a group of talented netballers competing in a state netball competition at Ipswich on Saturday and Sunday. Mrs Douglas, Ms Maloney and Mrs Paraha have trained these particular students over the past few weeks in readiness and we wish them all the best of luck. On Saturday a group of teachers will be competing in the Fast and Ludicrous wheelie bin challenge again this year, to be held at the Oxenford Community Youth Centre. This is a community event that Oxenford SS is happy to support and is guaranteed to be a fun afternoon for all who attend. The wheelie bin race commences at 4.30pm and we hope to see many students and family members there to cheer us on!

In closing, we will continue to closely monitor the attendance levels of all students throughout this term. Our aim this year was to achieve an overall attendance rate of 95%. Unfortunately, we are not on track to reach this target at present, but with a concerted effort from all families to get their children to school every day, we may come close to reaching our goal by the end of term. Any support you can give us will be very much appreciated.

Warm regards

Vicki Marchmont
Deputy’s Desk

A big welcome back to Term 4. Hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of 2016. Term 4 is an exciting term as the growth in learning by the students is quite remarkable. Little preppies now tackling books who once struggled with staying awake in class. At the other end of the school, our lovely year 6 students ready to tackle high school. Getting back into the routine of school can be a challenge so a few helpful hints for you below.

A positive and predictable morning routine before school can help children arrive at school calm, fed and ready to make the most of the first few hours of the day.

The most useful way to reduce morning chaos is to set up a morning routine for school. Sticking to a morning routine for school helps children predict what’s coming and remember what they need to do.

Here are some ideas that may work in taking some of the pressure out of school morning- even if things don’t always go smoothly!

- Plan ahead the night before- organise lunches and set out what you can for breakfast.
- Think about a weekly schedule or calendar with reminders of what they need to take to school that day (library bags, sports clothes, show and tell, etc.)
- Think about an alarm clock for children who find it hard to wake up or don’t like getting out of bed.
- Tackle the morning as positively and as optimistically as you can. Good moods can be infectious. Do this by focusing on the positive behaviours of your child and praise them.
- Give calm, clear instructions about what you want them to do and follow up with praise as soon as they start to cooperate.
- Cut down on distractions like television, tablets and other devices.
- Make it fun- try a game such as beat the clock?
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) News

As we complete the final term of our trial year of PBL it is timely to reflect on some of the positive outcomes Oxenford State School has achieved.

PBL signage has been designed and ordered for across the whole school.
The “Hoot” program has been established to acknowledge positive behaviour across the whole school.
Customised certificates and rewards have been designed, ordered and handed out as part of our positive reinforcement.
PBL team has now finished the complete training program.
Whole staff have received professional development around the Positive Behaviour for Learning program.
First Principal’s Party held with students who have received 10 hoot cards.
First students beginning to achieve 15-20 certificates.
Positive changes in behaviour across the whole school.
Enthusiastic “buzz” from the students about PBL.

Congratulations to the PBL team (Mrs Marchmont, Mr Ansell, Ms Dal Molin, Mr Nielson, Mrs Duncan, Mrs Radley and Mrs Forrest) for their hard work across the year in implementing some of the components of the program. Full implementation occurs over a three year period so I look forward to 2017 when this begins.

This term the fortnightly focus will be around the school expectation of “Being Safe”. This will be communicated to the children via our movies, posters, assembly and day to day conversations with the students. Being safe encompasses all aspects of safety including playground, classroom, sun and water safety. Please take the time to speak with your children around our focus to reinforce the message at home as well as at school. Week 3 and 4 will focus on moving around the school safely and being in correct areas at all times.

Dani Radley
Deputy Principal
Supporting Your Child’s Numeracy in Years P – 3

In the first years of school, children learn through hands-on activities. Your child’s teacher will identify what they already know and can do, and will extend their knowledge and skills through new and challenging situations.

An important aim of the Preparatory Year is to build on your child’s previous experiences with new and different learning opportunities at school. Your child will explore fundamental aspects of mathematics such as ‘how many’, mass, length, size, shape, sequence and patterns.

In Years 1 to 3, children use mathematics in increasingly complex and unfamiliar situations. Children will explore larger numbers and learn different ways to identify, describe and record their observations and findings. They may use symbols, words, diagrams or pictures, maps, models and charts to describe information.

Here are some simple, yet effective activities you can do with your child to help them apply the numeracy skills they learn at school:

* Count the money in your child’s moneybox — take it to the bank and help them deposit the money
* Record your child’s growth on a height chart
* Make a home supermarket using empty grocery items and packets — attach price tags and play, where your child can purchase items and calculate the change they will receive
* Estimate, measure and compare lengths and heights, how heavy or light objects are and how much containers hold — How many cups do you think it will take to fill the bucket with sand?
* Play number games using magazines, books, newspapers and number plates
* Discuss the prices of items in shopping catalogues and junk mail
* Count everything — toys, pegs needed to hang clothes on the line and the number of buttons on your clothes
* Take your child on a ‘number hunt’ in your home or community — point out how numbers are used on everyday household items such as the telephone, or your house number in the street
* Talk about time — ask your child to check the time on the clock when they go to school, eat meals, watch their favourite television program and go to bed
* Play ‘I spy’ and look for different shapes and colours — ‘I spy something that is round/rectangular’
* Go on a ‘shape hunt’ — have your child look for as many circles, squares, triangles and rectangles as they can find in the home or in the yard
* Use public transport to read timetables, look at routes on a map or figure out the number of stops the bus or train would need to make before you get to your destination.


Ruth Hester
Head of Curriculum

Library News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the beginning of the last term of the school year. The weeks will slip away quickly and it would be appreciated if you could encourage your children to borrow from the library, read to you at home and you read to your children and then return the book on time. It is a mammoth task trying to get all borrowed books returned before the end of the year. The library will be closed for borrowing during Weeks 9 and 10 to try to get all books back. It is wonderful to see so many Prep to Year 2 children borrowing a non-fiction book. The joke books are always popular and I wonder how many parents and carers know the answers to the jokes!

The Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates will be received during this term so that all children who successfully completed the challenge will have their certificates issued at a convenient time. If you have some time, please check out the ABC homepage at www.abc.net.au because at the top of the screen there are several areas you may like to look at including Science, Health and Splash Education. Splash is linked to the National Curriculum with videos, games and teachers’ resources on all areas of the curriculum and topics you can search for in alphabetical order. It caters for all year levels from Foundation up to Year 12. It is an amazing free resource so I hope families use this for information and fun!

Zan Bond-Teacher-librarian
Music News

It’s hard to believe that Term 4 has come around again. This Term is another exciting and busy term for the Music Department at Oxenford, including the events of Music Count Us In, End of Year Music Showcase and Christmas Concert.

Earlier this week, All Year 3 students attended a concert by the Oxenford Beginner Band. The Beginner Band performed like professionals and the concert was enjoyed by all. There were numerous questions from our Year 3 students who seem very keen at the possibility of learning an instrument in the band next year. Over the next few weeks interested students will be given the opportunity to try out an instrument for 2017 Instrumental Music Program. Later this term we will also be holding a parent information afternoon, so watch this space for more details.

Jacinta Morris
Music Specialists

PE with Mr Stark

Swimming Lessons

Before the holidays, we sent home permission notes, medical forms and payment details for our upcoming Prep to Year 6 Swimming Lessons in Term 4. These lessons will begin in Week 5 (November 1) and continue to Week 7 (November 17). Please ensure that all payments are made and forms are returned to the office before October 21 (next Friday). If there are any questions relating to the Swimming Lessons please don’t hesitate to contact the office for more details.

Australian Swimming Championships

Over the School Holidays, Daesyn C (6A) competed for Queensland at the National Swimming Titles in Darwin. It was an extremely busy five days of competition for Daesyn; competing in 6 individual events and 3 relays. It gives me great pleasure to inform you all that Daesyn had an extremely successful carnival receiving 5 Gold Medals and 1 Bronze Medal from all of her events.

You’re an absolute inspiration to us all Daesyn and on behalf of the entire Oxenford Community I’d like to congratulate you on your amazing success at the National Swimming Championships.

Queensland Athletics Championships

Next week (Tuesday and Wednesday) Lewis S (4/5W) will be competing at the State Athletics Championships up in Brisbane. Lewis will be competing in Shot Put, Discus and the Multi Event (which consist of the 100M and 800M track events as well as Shot Put and Long Jump). On behalf of the entire Oxenford Community I’d like to wish Lewis all the very best at the State Championships in pursuit of the treasured maroon singlet.

Samsung Primary Schools Netball Competition

This coming weekend, 10 girls from Year 5 & 6 will be representing Oxenford State School at a state-wide Netball Competition in Ipswich. The girls have been training for a couple of months now under the expert guidance of Mrs Paraha, Ms Douglas and Ms Maloney and are all focused and ready for what will come from the two days of competition. I’d like to personally thank the massive contribution that all families are making in order for their daughters to attend this weekend. I’d also like to acknowledge Mrs Paraha, Ms Douglas and Ms Maloney for also giving up their weekend to allow these girls a representative opportunity. I’d like to wish Macey C, Raven S, Jamee R, Aimee S-R, Cydney D, Charlotte C, Tegan K, Jessica T, Daesyn C and Ataahua H all the very best on the weekend and I look forward to publishing results on how the girls went in the next newsletter.

Yours in Sport,
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.

Up Coming Payments - Please note payment days are Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-10:00am
• Swimming Lessons (Whole school) $40 due by Friday 21 October
• Prep excursion to David Fleay’s Wildlife Park $20 due by Friday 28 October
• Yr 1 excursion to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary $25 due by Wednesday 2 November
• Please note we are still taking payments for Voluntary Contribution Scheme

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.
P & C News

Our next meeting is Thursday 27th October at 3:30pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome!

We are pleased to announce that we have a volunteer for the Uniform Shop convenor role. Thank you to Kylie S for volunteering to help the P&C and school in this role. The hours will be Monday 8:15-9:00, and Wednesday afternoon 3:00-3:30. As always, Munch Monitor is available for orders to be placed as well.

Tuckshop are always happy to have parents and grandparents drop in to help - be it for half an hour or longer - every little bit helps.

Tanya Harris

Date Claimers
- 27th October 3:30pm Meeting
- 12th November Back to the 80’s Singalong
- 25th November School Disco

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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.
Thank you to the volunteers who process these!

Back to the 80s Singalong

We are very excited to be doing the canteen at the Singalong dress up event at Helensvale Library & Cultural Centre on November 12th.

Get in early to get your tickets!

Students Of The Week

For consistently standing up for the rights of others and respecting citizenship.

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Well done!
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
3D’s Sea of Aspiration

3D has jumped into Term 4 with goal setting.

Each term students, through conferencing with Mrs Duncan, set their goals in the areas of English, Maths and Personal. The focus for Term 4 is specifically based on our reading levels and rocket maths

Here’s what students in 3D had to say about goal setting……..

*I like goal setting because it gives people a chance to achieve something that they want to................. by Blake

Goal setting improves your learning.................. Dylan

Goal setting lets the teacher know what students want help with in order to achieve........................... Paige

*It helps you accomplish something in the term.......... Brock

*I like goal setting because it helps students reach an accomplishment on how to make themselves a better person................. Archie
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for our community

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Please Note that most programs operate within the school term ONLY...

*Operates year round including the holidays

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