We have started looking at staffing and classes for 2017 based on predicted enrolment numbers. At this stage, we will most likely maintain our current numbers and hope to have a total of 24 classes, across Prep to Year 6. If you have any specific requests regarding the placement of your child / children could you please put them in writing in a short letter to me and leave it at the office. I will take your requests into consideration and attempt to do as you ask, where possible. Please understand that sometimes there are extenuating circumstances that prevent me from fulfilling all requests but I assure you I will do my best.

Thank you to many of you for supporting our swimming program again this year. Lessons start next week (Week 5) and take place every Tuesday and Thursday for the next three weeks. We look forward to seeing the excitement these lessons bring and the joy on the students’ faces as they ‘dive into the program’ – pardon the pun!

At our senior assembly on Wednesday we spoke to the students in Years 4-6 about their safety before and after school. In particular, we reminded all students to leave the school grounds straight after the bell each afternoon, instead of hanging around in out of bounds areas. We have had a couple of incidents recently where students were still in the playground and ended up making some very poor choices around their behaviour. We have also had a couple of incidences where parents have sent their children to school (walking, riding bikes or scooting) and they have taken it upon themselves to go via the Spar or council playground. This is a dangerous situation as well for obvious reasons and not tolerated by parents or the school. Please speak to your children about these issues and the consequent danger they are placing themselves in.

Booklists for 2017 are being finalised, in readiness to be sent home in the next couple of weeks. We have accepted a very competitive quote from a new supplier, Kookaburra Educational Resources, knowing that all parents appreciate our efforts to provide affordable stationery. The online ordering process will be the same as other years and delivery will take place before the end of the year. It would be great if all of our students were able to start school next year with the bookpacks containing all of the much needed resources and equipment necessary to fully engage in our educational programs.
Tomorrow, Friday 28 October, is World Teachers’ Day. At Oxenford SS we are going to celebrate this day by providing the staff with a special breakfast (thank you P&C for helping arrange this) and each teacher will be presented with a certificate by Student Council representatives. On behalf of the entire school community I sincerely thank our teachers for the amazing job they do – every day. I feel very privileged to work with such a professional, dedicated team and greatly appreciate the genuine care and interest they show in your children. Our school is only as great as it is because of the staff, we are very fortunate. I know the teachers would really appreciate a kind word or gesture from you and your children on this special day.

In closing, it is with a degree of genuine sadness that I inform you all that I will finish in my role as principal at the end of this year. This decision was not made lightly by any means but made in the best interest of my long term health. I have been extremely fortunate to have worked at Oxenford SS for the past 7 years and will always treasure the time I have spent with you, your children, the staff and the wider school community. I sincerely thank you for your amazing support, loyalty and respect over the years and wish you good health and happiness always.

Warm regards

Vicki Marchmont
Deputy’s Desk

School Attendance

There have been a number of children arriving after the bell each morning and this number is increasing. Prime learning time begins at 9am each day. When your child is late they often miss important information and do not have the chance to settle into the daily routine. Please ensure that children are at school prior to 8.45am every morning. If you are running late it is mandatory that you send your child to the office before going up to the classroom. Studies show that children who arrive on time each day and have regular attendance achieve better social and academic outcomes.

Please remember EVERY DAY COUNTS.

Our school target for annual attendance at Oxenford State School is 95%. Please support us to achieve our target!

We know there are times when children are unwell and cannot attend school however ALL children, when well, need to be at school, learning every minute of every day, and need to be arriving on time to school.

Improved attendance = Better Learning Outcomes for our kids!

Prep enrolments 2017

A reminder that if you have or know of a family who has a child ready to start Prep next year i.e. Born between 1st July 2011 and 30th June 2012, please contact school for an enrolment package, if you haven’t already done so. We are beginning to conduct prep interviews from next week for those students who have enrolled for Prep 2017.
**Prep and Year One Excursions**

Over the next two weeks we have our Prep and Year One excursions happening. Please read below the details of these for your information.

**PREP – David Fleay Wildlife Park**

Wednesday November 2nd – Prep R, Prep S and Prep O

Wednesday November 9th – Prep B and Prep G

Buses will be ready to depart at 8.45am. Please be at school before this time ready to board the bus.

Children will need to bring:

* A hat
* Sunscreen applied in the morning
* morning tea
* lunch
* water bottle

**Year One – Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary**

Friday November 4th – All of Year One

Buses will be ready to depart at 8.45am. Please be at school before this time ready to board the bus.

Children will need to bring:

* A hat
* Sunscreen applied in the morning
* morning tea
* lunch
* water bottle

Thank you so much for your support with our wonderful excursions.

**Dani Radley**

**Deputy Principal**
Supporting Your Child’s Numeracy Development in Years 4 – 9

During Years 4 to 9, young people begin to investigate the world beyond home and school and are required to become more independent learners. Students use mathematical skills and knowledge to solve real-world problems.

They use a variety of strategies to add, subtract, multiply and divide whole numbers, fractions and percentages. Your child will learn to measure area and volume, read clocks, timetables and calendars, geometrical language to describe features of two-dimensional (2D) and three-dimensional (3D) shapes and objects, and recognise angles. Students interpret maps and describe the position of locations using simple coordinate systems, scales and compass directions. They can also use mathematics to analyse data to inform decision-making and make predictions.

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

* Use numeracy decision-making opportunities in everyday life, such as a car trip — calculating how much fuel is required, estimating travel times and distance travelled / remaining, interpreting maps to calculate distances and the shortest routes to take.

* Help your child plan and create a budget and discuss how to maintain it — you could focus on saving for a particular item that they would like to purchase.

* If choosing a family holiday destination, ask your child to analyse a brochure or advertisement for the destination — get your child to compare or calculate the cost of the holiday, including air, bus or rail fares, petrol, accommodation, food and entertainment, etc. to see if it fits within the family budget.

* Play card and board games together. Use these opportunities to teach and reinforce strategies, reasoning, estimation, probability, etc.

I am very happy to be back this week after taking long service leave for the start of this term. It is very pleasing to know that in my absence The HUB Team and wider school community banded together to ensure that the term started off well. A special thank you to Mrs May (Miss Peta), who did a wonderful job filling in for me. Mrs May certainly made an impression in the short time that she was here, I have had several children and some parents ask me if or when she will be back.

2017 Classes

School-wide processes are underway for creating class groupings for next year. In this newsletter, Mrs Marchmont will explain the process for expressing your requests for your child’s placement. If your child has a disability, please feel free also to speak with or email me your request.

Countdown Calendars

Last year we gave out countdown calendars to some children to use over the school holidays. The children were able to cross off the days of the holidays until school returned. The calendars had a photo of the child’s predicted teacher. Parents and children reported to me that these calendars were very useful and helped facilitate conversations about school whilst on the holidays. We will create these again this year for children who access the support in the HUB.

Damien Nielsen

HOSES
Swimming Lessons

I’d like to thank the amazing response we’ve had from so many families who are supporting our Swimming Program for 2016. Lessons for Prep-Year 6 Students begin on Tuesday 1 November and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday for the next 3 weeks (November 1, 3, 8, 10, 15 & 17).

Could all families please ensure that their children have their swimming bags packed and ready for each swimming day. These bags need to contain swimmers, towels, thongs/sandals (travel to and from the pool in) and goggles and swimming caps (optional). Finally, can we please ensure that all of our children’s swimming belongings (as well as school uniforms) are all clearly named to ensure misplaced belongings can be easily returned.

Queensland Athletics Championships

Last week Lewis Symonds (4/5W) competed at the State Athletics Championships up in Brisbane in the events of Shot Put and Discus. I’m extremely happy to announce that Lewis threw a personal best in Shot Put of 13.48M to earn a silver medal and threw over 36 metres in Discus to earn his second silver medal of the Championships. That’s an amazing achievement Lewis and on behalf of the entire Oxenford Community I’d like to congratulate you on your fantastic efforts at the State Championships. I’d like to also wish you all the very best wishes for the upcoming National Championships in Sydney later this term where you will be representing Queensland again. Phenomenal achievement Lewis.

Samsung Primary Schools Netball Carnival

Two weekends ago, 10 girls from Year 5 & 6 represented Oxenford State School at a state-wide Netball Competition in Ipswich. The girls had an amazing start to the carnival winning their first four games on the Saturday and progressed through to the Division 1 play offs the following day. On the Sunday the girls managed to win two out of their four games, narrowly missing the finals. The team finished in 10th Position overall out of 110 competing schools. This was a phenomenal effort for our team of girls considering it was the first time Oxenford SS had represented at this carnival. Macey C, Raven S, Jamee R, Aimee S-R, Cydney D, Charlotte C, Tegan K, Jessica T, Daesyn C and Ataahua H; you all should be extremely proud of your efforts.

I’d really like to thank Mrs Paraha, Ms Douglas (Coaches) and Ms Maloney (Umpire) for dedicating many of their lunchtimes to train this team in preparation for the carnival and also their amazing efforts throughout the carnival weekend.

I’d also like to thank the amazing efforts of all of our parents who also gave up their weekends to ensure their daughters had this opportunity. Your support throughout the weekend was sensational.

Yours in Sport,

Mr Tim Stark
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.

Up Coming Payments- Please note payment days are Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-10:00am

• 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.
Completion of Oral Health Services

Gold Coast Oral Health Services have completed dental check-ups and treatment for eligible children at our school.

If you have not arranged for your child to receive a free dental check-up please telephone the Oral Health Client Service Centre

PH: 1300 300 850

Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm

Excluding Public Holidays

Don’t wait to treat a problem, arrange a check-up for your child at least once a year.

- Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school.

Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oralhealth.asp

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

Tuckshop Day-Friday 4 November
Sometimes we forget to notice the important contribution tuckshop workers make to the everyday operation of schools. Tuckshop Day is the day to promote our school tuckshop and say thanks to the workers for their hard work, so please make sure to stop in and say ‘Thank you’.

I love my tuckshop
Smart Choices for Queensland Kids
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 achieving a high level in Art.

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Well done!
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Aiden- I have enjoyed PE- hockey and basketball. I like my class, I love learning and I like Mrs Nicholls when she gives us prizes for doing great work.

Adoni- I have enjoyed trying to read harder books and meeting new friends.

Alex- I have enjoyed being creative with my art. I have liked learning maths, writing, PE and music.

Chloe- I have loved maths, SSP, rocket maths, reading, art and swimming because these help you to be smarter. I loved showing how talented I am in art. I loved learning new things. Thank you Mrs Nicholls.

Curtis- I have improved since Prep and Year 1. I liked maths, history and writing. I hope I do well in year 3 as well. Thank you for your help Mrs Nicholls.

Hunter- I have enjoyed learning maths, art and handwriting. I have learnt big sums, drawing and writing using my exits and entries.

Kaitlyn- I have learnt rocket maths, SSP and Strive because I haven’t learnt it before and Mrs Nicholls taught me.

Jamie- I have enjoyed the last couple of months in this class because I have made a lot of friends in year 2.

Lara- I have loved maths because it is really fun and I love solving problems. I also have loved PE because we play basketball.

Lillie- I have enjoyed art, rocket maths, history geography and being in 2L this year. I will enjoy next year also.
Maddison - I have loved everything in year 2. It has been fun. We have the best teacher.

Marli - I have enjoyed golden time, joining letters in handwriting and my teacher. I hope I have a great year next year also.

Noah - I have enjoyed maths, writing and art this year.

Preston - I have enjoyed year 2 because I liked maths and rocket maths, PE and music.

Ryder - I have loved being in 2L. I have enjoyed maths the most.

Shannel - I have enjoyed many things in 2L. I liked handwriting, reading, rocket maths and I really loved art.

Shayla - I have loved learning maths because it is incredible. I have enjoyed handwriting as I loved joining all types of letters. I know Mrs Nicholls is the best year 2 teacher ever!

Sonny - Year 2 is fun because I get to learn a lot of things like maths and writing.

Sophie - I love learning in year 2 because they are new to me. Since I’ve been writing using exits and entries I have been writing a lot neater.

Tegan - I have enjoyed Mrs Nicholls class because it has been friendly and I met new friends.

Vittoria - I have learnt how to do maths and science because it fills up my brain. I have liked being a student at Oxenford State School.

Zechariah - I have liked doing maths and PE. I have finished 4 chapter books and I like dodge ball and basketball.

I have had the pleasure of teaching 2L this year. They have been a friendly, co-operative and hardworking class. I wish them all the very best in their future schooling!

Mrs Leanne Nicholls
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