Welcome to week one of the 2019 school year. It was wonderful to see the students back in the full swing of learning so quickly on Tuesday. I hope that all students and parents felt welcomed on the first day.

I remind parents that the Department of Education staffs schools on Day 8 student enrolment numbers. Day 8 is Thursday 7 February. All students must have been, and will be in, attendance up to and including this day to be included in enrolment data collection. It is important that the school keeps records of any communication from parents if a student will be absent during this time. Please contact the school office to provide details of the absence and the reason why. Class groups have been formed based on predicted enrolments however when staffing allocations have been finalised classes will be confirmed. It is hoped our planning indicates that there should be no disruption to classes but I reserve the right to make changes based on departmental allocations.

Welcome to the following new staff and returning staff:

- Jenna Collins Year 1
- Tegan Maloney Year 2
- Tegan Douglas STEAM Teacher
- Shireen Nakagami LOTE - Japanese
- Casey Francis Health Teacher – Term 1
- Danielle Balgowan Teacher Aide
- Emma Jackson Teacher Aide
- Jacqueline Daniels Teacher Aide
- Sarah Larmor Strings

I encourage all parents to be active members in your children’s education and build positive relationships with their class and subject teachers. A ‘Meet the Teachers’ afternoon will be held on Tuesday 12 February from 3.30-5.00 pm. Parents will be able to visit their child’s classroom to listen to the teacher about class expectations and routines. There will be a sausage sizzle from 4.30 for parents, students and staff. Further details will be communicated in week 2.
The safety of our students and staff is the number one priority and we can all play our part in ensuring that our schools are safe and respectful places to be. Violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated at our school. It's not just a courtesy, it's the law. I ask that all parents and visitors behave in a respectful manner when speaking to all members of the school community, especially staff. No parents should seek to speak to another child about any behaviour incident. If you have a concern about an incident please speak to your child’s class teacher in the first instance. The Leadership Team is always available to discuss any concerns, please ask to make an appointment at the school office. Here are some tips for parents to consider when addressing an issue at our school:

- Remain calm and be respectful towards school staff when raising an issue with them.
- Try to keep an open mind and accept that multiple views reflect different perspectives.
- Remember schools are busy and complex places, and sometimes it may take time to resolve certain issues.
- Have a clear idea of the outcome you are seeking and communicate this desired result. If an agreed solution isn’t working, discuss other options with school staff.

There are many students who come to school early due to parent commitments. I remind students and parents of the before school procedures for all students. We strongly encourage students not to arrive before 8.15 am. If they do the following procedures are in place:

Year 1-6 students: Are to wait in the under cover area near the tuckshop until 8.15. At this time all students can either stay in that area to wait patiently or move to the oval to play games until the 8.45 bell rings. Both these areas will be supervised by staff. Parents are not to be kicking balls around with their child near classrooms before school.

Prep students: Can wait with their parents outside the classroom until the teachers allows students in or the 8.45 bell rings. The playground equipment is not to be used before school.

Please remember that the car parks inside the school grounds are not for parent use unless permission has been granted by myself. For the safety of students and staff we need to ensure that these car parks are used by staff and delivery companies only. If you require access to the car park to drop off your child, please seek permission well in advance, a permit will be provided for display for the period of time granted. I ask that all parents use the car parks outside the grounds and be patient during drop off and pick up times. Safety of our students is paramount.
The Department of Education has a policy called ‘Same Day Notification’. This means that when a student is absent from school and the school has not been informed of the absence, we will be making contact with parents to inform them of their child/ren’s absence. The department has an expectation that all students will be in attendance for 95% of the year. Last year the attendance data was at 92.1%. Please remember that *Every Day Counts!*

Please ensure all contact details and any medical conditions of your children have been updated with the school office.

This term we will be trialling whole school and sector assemblies, all held on Fridays. The following is the plan for the term. Any changes will be communicated in the newsletter or via social media.

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These assemblies will be held the Hall and will allow for the whole school to receive the same messages and celebrate our great achievements. I know that there will be limited space for parents to attend, however I encourage you to come along.

I look forward to working with all students, staff, parents and community members to make Oxenford State School an even greater school than it already is.

Thank you for taking the time to read our school news.

Warm regards,

**Patric A Brady**  
**Principal**
Welcome back to the 2019 school year. We do hope you enjoyed some quality family time during the holidays. To our new families and to the parents of our Prep students we extend a very special welcome. I know there were some very excited Prep students and a few teary parents as they said their goodbyes!

It is wonderful to walk through our school and see students dressed in their school uniforms with their smiling faces and enjoying been back at school. The friendliness of students and parents as I walk through the school portrays a sense of belonging and a warm school community. Many of our new parents have also commented to me about the warmth the community brings.

This year there will be many opportunities for you to engage with the school across a variety of events. Information regarding these will be sent out in a timely manner. A reminder that our Little HOOTS playgroup also starts up again next Wednesday at 9.00am in the Helping Hands building. Please don’t hesitate to call the office for further information.

Our youngest children are now probably beginning to feel a little tired after a week at school so I do encourage you to have a relaxing weekend so they can recuperate for Week 2. Whilst walking around the school at eating time it is wonderful to see some fantastic healthy lunches. Just a reminder that we do have children with severe allergies where nuts can be extremely dangerous to their health so I would urge you to refrain from packing nut products.

In the upcoming weeks we will also have a “Ready Reader” session for parents who have children in Prep and Year 1 which will focus on learning to read and how best to help your child at home. Later in the term we will also run a session for parents of older children.
EVERY DAY COUNTS

- Every school day is important and we value every student learning every day. If for any reason your child is going to be absent from school please inform the office:
  - **Phone:** 5585 7660
  - **Email:** admin@oxenfordss.eq.edu.au

- Learning starts at 9:00am. Any student arriving at school after 9.15am must have a late slip from the office.

- Children are not allowed on the playgrounds before or after school. There is no supervision at these times.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

**Dani Radley**
**Deputy Principal**
After School Pick Up

At the front of the school, we have a drop and go zone. In the afternoon, students are to wait in the undercover area near the staff carpark. Students are not to use the bus gate unless accompanied by an adult. As you pull into the drop and go zone, please have your family name displayed on the visor or dashboard of your vehicle. Please do not leave your vehicle. Staff in the undercover area will call out the name, so that your child/children know you are here. There is a two-minute parking limit in this area. We ask that if your child does not arrive in that time, you drive off and join the end of the queue. A number of parents are still picking up students on or near the crossing, this is extremely dangerous and we ask that you refrain from doing this. Our main priority is for the safety of our students and we ask that all parents and students follow the guidelines outlined here.

Parking in Kentucky Crescent

There have been a number of complaints about cars parking across driveways or parking in dangerous positions in Kentucky Crescent, at the back of the school. Please be considerate of our neighbours and do not block their driveways and be mindful that young children are moving around the area.

There are two ways a parent can report parking concerns around the school.

- They can phone the council on 5667 5989 option 3
- They can get online to the Gold Coast City Council website to make a report on illegal parking near schools

Robyn Adair
Head of Student Services
Welcome back to a brand new school year!

Teachers have been planning and working collaboratively together to ensure a smooth transition for every student into their new learning environment and curriculum expectations. Students have settled in with a mix of excitement and curiosity. There has been a great ‘buzz’ in classrooms.

Useful Links

https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/parent-information/

As part of our Visual Arts Curriculum in Semester One, we are having two in-school events; with visiting artists from Raw Art. Children will participate in a 90 minute art lesson in Week 6 this term and again in Week 3 of Term 2. The cost per child for the two 90 minute sessions is $15.00. The school be funding $7.50 for each child and asking parents to pay the remaining $7.50 per child. A permission letter will come out to parents early next week with details for each year level.

Year 456  Maths Mastery

Parents who did not go through School Stuff Booklist may have had trouble sourcing the student workbook.

Year 4 students require - my JEMMdata student workbook 9780980790535
Year 5 students require - myJEMM+data student workbook 9780980790559
Year 6 students require - myEMMdata student workbook 9780980790528

We have two suppliers, listed below.

Vicki Diefenbach
Head of Curriculum

Please note:
Some parents have inadvertently been supplied with the wrong workbook from Pacific Office Supplies. Teachers will be checking and let you know. Pacific Office Supplies are more than willing to do a swap if you return with the book and receipt.
LOST PROPERTY - Located outside the library.

EMAIL UPDATES - Please ensure your email address is current, we email many of our notes home.

Money Window - Wednesday & Friday mornings from 8:00am – 10:00am.

Please note we can only take money on these days. You can pay online any time using the details below and your child’s first initial and surname plus the payment reference (in brackets below), or with BPOINT - invoices received via email have a link to BPOINT which will prefill many of the details for you.

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Does your child require medication during school hours?
If your child requires medication while at school, please ensure you request an Administration of medication record sheet from the school’s office. You will also need to provide the school with the prescription-labelled medication in the original packaging with clear directions for its use.

Office Hours
Office hours are 8:00am—3:30pm
Children need to be collected prior to 3:30pm.
If you are going to be running late please inform the office on ph: 5585 7666.

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.

Find out more about QSchools and download the app today.
HELENSVALE HIGH - AGE 5 - 10
TERM 1 2019 - 8 WEEK BASKETBALL PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY 4 pm - 5pm STARTS FEB 13th
$85 INC. BAG, BALL & SINGLET
REGISTER @ https://bit.ly/2FmhHrx

YOU & YOUR MATE! CAN GO GET HOOKED
On Damian Leeding Memorial Park Lake
Catch, Photo and Release (CPR)

24 February 2019
6.30am to 1pm

$100 per tinny
$50 per Kayaker / Land base

JOIN THE COMPETITION AND WIN PRIZES!

Come help us survey the fish in the lake, while competing in a motorised / Kayaking / Land Base fishing competition on the lake; all thanks to 4Brother Fishing.

TO REGISTER GO TO:

HELENSVALE CRICKET BLAST IS A FUN AND FAST PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES TO LEARN NEW SKILLS AND PLAY AUSTRALIA’S FAVOURITE SPORT.

Helensvale Pacific Pines Hawks Cricket Club - Junior Blaster
Who: Boys and Girls 5-8
Where: Herston Oval, 59 Parkes Dr, Helensvale QLD 4212
When: Friday 8th February - 15 March 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Register at: www.playcricket.com.au
First session free, come check out our fun program!