Osborne PS News

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1 - Principal - Ralmo Dias

Principal Address

Start of Term - It has been a busy, but very successful, start to the year. Thank you, parents and carers, for helping get your children organised and settled into school routines so well. School staff have also worked hard to establish clear and high expectations for behaviour, attitude and work habits, and need to be congratulated for their outstanding efforts, planning and preparation.

Term 1 looks like it is going to be extremely busy with a number of school and P&C events taking place. To avoid your children to miss out on exciting activities planned, it is important that parents and carers read **COMPASS** messages. A brief overview of events include: Sunset Picnic, NAPLAN, School Photos, Harmony Day including the amazing lunch and Parent Interviews in Week 9.

Small School Restructure – The school received many new enrolments mainly in the Year 3 cohort, which resulted in both the Year 2/3 (Room 8) and Year 3/4 (Room 6) class reaching their

maximum number of students. To make room for any new Year 3 enrolments throughout the year, the decision was made to distribute the Year 2 students from Room 8 to other classes, which makes the class a straight Year 3 classroom. We thank affected parents and carers for their understanding.

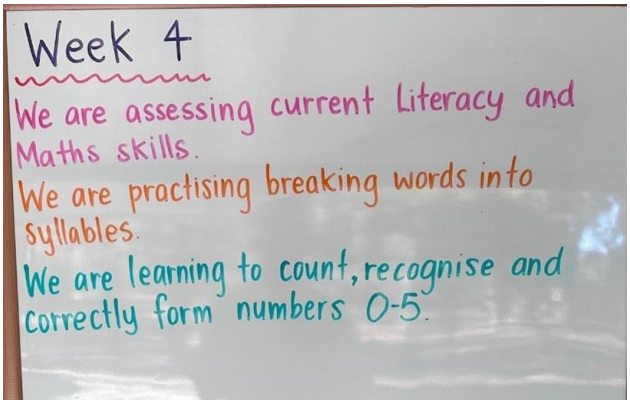
School Board – Last week, we held our first School Board meeting for the year. I am very excited to announce and introduce to the community our School Board members who represents our diverse school community:

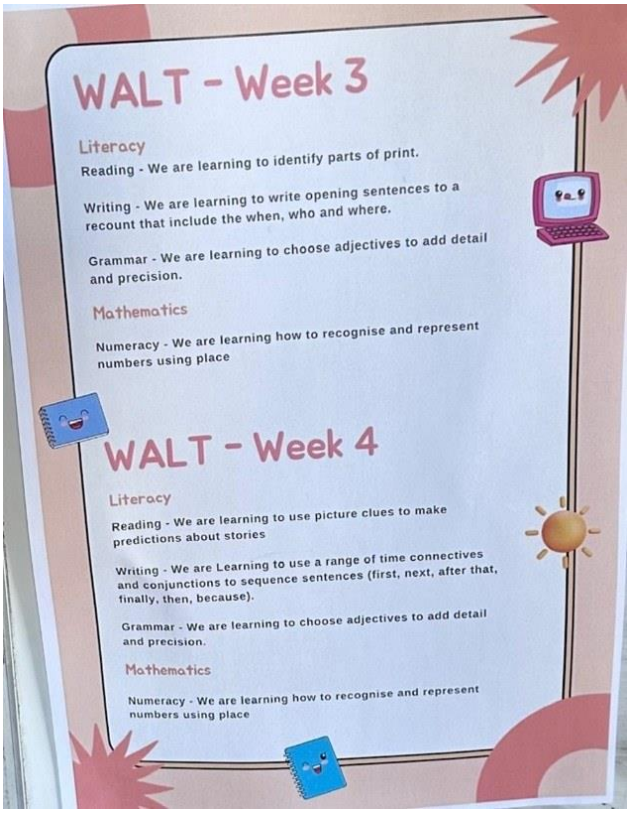
- Nicholas Tan, School Board Chair
- Me of course 😊
- Lisa Shulman, Deputy Principal
- Julia Boardman, Teacher Representative
- Rebekah Hale, Teacher Representative
- Penny Henshaw, Teacher Representative
- Rebecca Atkinson, Teacher Representative
- Mina Hamidi, Parent Representative
- Vanessa Mendoza, Parent Representative
- Amalan Kananathan, Parent Representative
- Jade Bennett, Parent Representative
- Teresa Olow, City of Stirling Councillor, Community member

Having more parents on the Board allows for greater feedback and contributions from across all year levels and helps inform whole-school decision making processes. In this week's meeting, the School Board discussed, provided feedback and endorsed two new policies:

1. **Communication Guidelines –** In the 2025 Parent Survey, a significant amount of feedback was received about the inconsistencies of communication practices that took place across the school and expressed their desire to learn more about what their children are learning in class. As a result, to achieve consistency, the school has developed 'Communication Guidelines' that outlines what and how frequently communication takes place across the school. In summary, staff have agreed to use COMPASS to:

- inform parents/carers of major and special events that take place in classrooms and around the school, which may include up to 4 photographs,
- every two weeks, parents/carers will receive brief information about what students will be learning in their classroom for the upcoming fortnight, in the format of WALT statements, which are explicit learning intentions,
- every two weeks, work that students have completed in class will be shared and celebrated, which may include up to four photographs. Parents and carers will also notice that all teachers in have displayed the explicit learning intentions (e.g. WALT statements on their classroom doors or whiteboards). These statements clearly identify what children are learning in classrooms and help parents/carers know how to best support their learning. Parents/carers are encouraged to read these statements and discuss what their children have been learning at school.





Room 11 Start of Year

The Pre-Primary and Year One class have had a wonderful start to the new school year and have quickly become the busiest bees at Osborne Primary. Students have been getting to know one another, settling into new routines and enjoying plenty of fun along the way.

The Year Ones have loved joining Room 10 for Morning Fitness and are enjoying their recess and lunch breaks in the Big School. Our Pre-Primary children have been starting their days with morning dances and making the most of the playground, especially the Monkey Bars.

In the classroom, the Busy Bees have made slime, played games, built tall towers, learnt about plants, celebrated Chinese New Year, made Pre-writing patterns and created some fantastic artworks. If you are visiting the library, please take a moment to view our Still Life Sunflower display inspired by Vincent van Gogh. They are amazing!

We cannot wait to see what the Busy Bees get up to next as the term continues.

The Room 11 Team.

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Isabella
Chinese Lantern Collage

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Digital Technology

So far for this year in Digital Technology lessons, we have been learning about and exploring the safe and responsible use of AI in recognition of Safer Internet Day, celebrated on 10 February 2026.

This is a Global Day of Action celebrated in 180 countries to raise awareness of online safety and the need to adapt our online safety practices to the ever-evolving digital landscape.

All classes have focused on the theme **Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.** We have discussed how AI tools are increasingly becoming part of our everyday lives and the benefits that they can bring, while also raising questions about the risks and what happens when it is not used responsibly. As well as who you can turn to for help.

Safer Internet Day is a good reminder to have that Online safety conversation regularly with our children, helping to build their digital resilience by developing the skills to navigate the online world safely, respectfully and confidently.

Message from the School Board

We recently held our first Board meeting of the year, and it was wonderful to welcome a number of new members to the table. We are delighted to see such strong interest and involvement in supporting our school community.

The meeting included thoughtful discussion on a range of important topics, including student class allocations, current and projected student numbers, and our school dress code. These conversations are an important part of ensuring we continue to provide the best possible learning environment for all of our students.

It was especially encouraging to see the level of engagement and valuable feedback from all of our new Board members. Their perspectives and contributions are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to working together in the year ahead.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our school and its ongoing development.

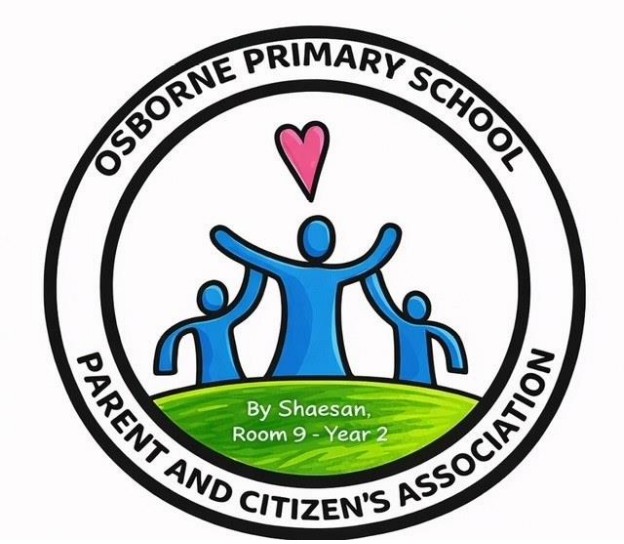
Kind regards

Nicholas Tan

School Board Chair

Osborne Primary School Board

Message from the P & C



2 - Designed by Shaeshan from Year 2, Room 9

Welcome to another exciting year at Osborne Primary School!

Before we look ahead, we would like to acknowledge the incredible success of 2025. Thanks to the support of our families, volunteers and local community, the P&C raised over $28,000 through events and fundraising and donated more than $9,000 directly back to the school. We closed the year in a strong financial position, placing us in a positive and stable starting point for 2026. This is something our entire school community should be proud of.

A big thank you to everyone who attended our Sunset Picnic. We had so much fun planning the evening and it was wonderful to see so many families, community members and teachers come together. Events like this are what make our school community so special — relaxed, connected and supportive.

Congratulations to **Kate, Veeru, Adhieh, Priyanke and Asher & Lorey** who all won prizes from our Sunset Picnic Raffle. We hope everyone enjoyed the evening. While it was designed to bring our school community together, we are incredibly grateful to the families who supported the

event by purchasing from the food stall, buying raffle tickets, making a donation, enjoying face painting, bubbles or glow sticks, or selecting something from our gift table. Every contribution makes a difference. Although these events are community-focused, they do come with costs to run, and your support helps ensure we can continue hosting events like this while also raising funds for the school.

We are also seeking feedback from families who attended the Sunset Picnic. Your thoughts help us understand what worked well and what we can improve for future events. If you attended, we would greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes to share your feedback via the survey link: https://tinyurl.com/Sunset-Picnic-Feedback.

We would especially like to thank TheirCare for their generous donation of fruit and bread for the evening. A special thank you to Ryan Bonjour for organising 12 Event Cinema ticket vouchers for us. We used four of these for the Sunset Picnic raffle and will be using the remaining eight for our upcoming Easter Raffle.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Milestones Childcare – Yokine for their amazing setup on the night, including Rhyme Time, Story Time and a sensory play area. It was a beautiful addition to the event and greatly appreciated by our families.

We would also like to congratulate **Shaeshan from Year 2, Room 9**, who has been drawn as our 2026 P&C logo creator. We are so excited to showcase their artwork across our fundraising materials and events throughout the year.

Support Our School Through The Athlete's Foot

Our school is part of The Athlete's Foot Community Incentive Program. For every pair of children's shoes purchased, our school receives $5 back. All you need to do is let them know at the checkout that you are associated with Osborne Primary School. It's an easy way to support our school while buying something most families already need.

Supporting Our Students In 2026

We are happy to announce that we have already approved a donation of **$512.72** towards the Year 6 t-shirts. This allows Year 6 families to purchase their shirts for half the price. Supporting milestone moments like this is exactly why the P&C exists — to reduce costs for families and enhance the student experience.

Committee Members Needed

We are currently looking for some amazing people who would like to get involved on the P&C committee. In particular, we are seeking executive members to assist with reviewing and approving finances for the school. The P&C plays an important governance role, and having

strong community representation helps us make confident and transparent decisions.To operate and approve funding, we are required to have a minimum number of executive members. Without sufficient committee representation, we are unable to formally approve funding requests from the school for 2026.If you have ever considered getting involved, this is a meaningful way to directly support our students and ensure we can continue contributing to school initiatives.

Parent Feedback Survey

We are currently seeking broader feedback from our school community and would greatly appreciate families taking a few minutes to complete this short survey. Your feedback helps us understand what is important to you, what events you value, and how we can improve our fundraising efforts and support for the school in 2026.Please complete the survey here: https://tinyurl.com/Osborne-PC-2026-SurveyThe survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete and responses are confidential within the P&C committee.

Upcoming Events

Labour Day Public Holiday

There will be no school on Monday, March 2 due to the Labour Day public holiday.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 26th February and we would love to see as many parents and carers attend as possible. This is an opportunity to understand how funds are raised and allocated, help shape our 2026 goals, and become involved in decision making.

Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets will be sent home on Monday 9th March. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 2nd April. Tickets can be purchased by placing cash in the P&C box or during our Thursday Zooper Dooper afternoons.

Bright Colours Dress Up Day

Thursday 2nd April. Students are invited to come dressed in bright colours for a gold coin donation.

Thank you for your continued support. Every raffle ticket purchased, gold coin donated and volunteer hour given makes a direct difference to our students and school community.

We look forward to building on last year’s success and making 2026 another strong year for Osborne Primary School.

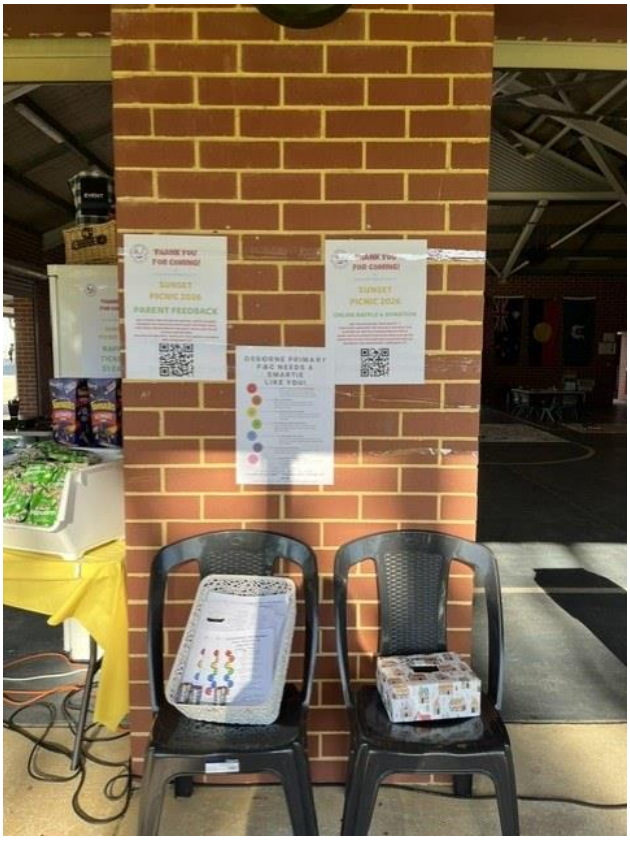
Warm Regards,

Chloe Molloy

President

Osborne Primary School P&C

Milestones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Canteen Online Lunch Orders

Community News

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