

OSBORNES FLAT PS NEWSLETTER



Acting Principal's Message

HAYLEY ELLIS

It's been lovely to welcome everyone back to Osbornes Flat for the start of Term 2. Students have returned with a great attitude, quickly settling into routines, reconnecting with friends and engaging positively with school life.

The past two weeks have seen students immersed in their learning, showing curiosity, collaboration and care across all areas of the school. Lunchtimes have also been full of energy, with Farmer Sam proving to be a hit across all year levels. It's been fantastic to see the whole school leading the way and playing together with such enthusiasm and teamwork.

We'd also like to sincerely thank all the students and families who attended the ANZAC Day service in Yackandandah. Your presence and respect helped honour the spirit of the occasion and reflected the values we hold as a school community.

We're proud of the focused start to the term and look forward to all the experiences and opportunities the coming weeks will bring.

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Mr Livermore's Absence

Mr Livermore has unfortunately suffered an injury that has left him unable to perform normal school duties. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to welcome him back in the coming weeks. In Mr Livermore's absence, I have assumed the role of Acting Principal, ensuring consistency and operations as usual. Please reach out to me if you require any assistance or support.

Dental Hygiene Incursion – Tuesday 6th May

We are extremely lucky to have the team from Daintree Dental Wodonga visit us on Tuesday to educate our students on the importance of dental hygiene. Dr Raji (Dentist) and Brittney (Oral Health Therapist) will be presenting a workshop to each of our classrooms and provide a 'goodie' bag to take home. It is the first of its kind for a school in our region to have this opportunity and our school has worked closely with the team at Daintree to make this happen. This is different from Smile Squad and the workshops do not allow for dental check-ups. Families are encouraged to see their own dentist for any concerns.

Mother's Day Stall – Thursday 8th May

Our Mother's Day stall will be happening at school on Thursday 8th May. Students are invited to bring along \$10-\$15 to purchase gifts from the available selection. We would also like to wish a very happy Mother's Day to our amazing mums out there! We think you are all fantastic!

Cross Country – Friday 9th May

This coming Friday our students will be competing in our second North East Regional Small Schools Association event, the Cross Country. Permissions for this even have been uploaded to Compass where parents and care givers will need to pay the \$4 fee and consent by Thursday 8th May. We will be leaving school around 10am and returning at about 2pm. The students in years F-2 participate in a smaller route where they run/walk as many laps as they can. We will keep track of these laps to award students house points back at school. The years 3-6 students compete in their age grouped event. We wish all of our students the best of luck and remind them that it is about showing up and having a go, rather than feeling like they need to win. Success comes in many different forms and means different things to different individuals.

Student Support Group Meetings (SSGs)

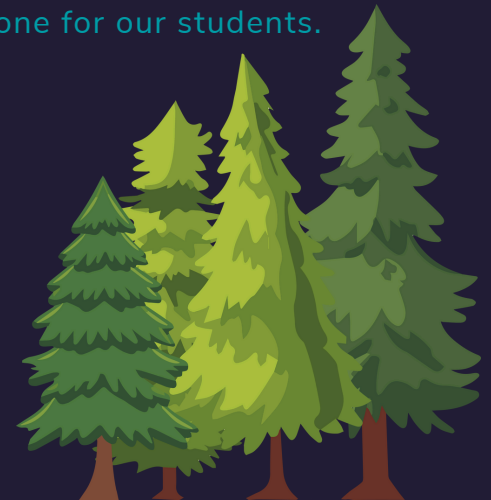
SSGs will be conducted this term as usual, however will be done so when Mr Livermore returns to school. Parents of students who are having SSG meetings this term will be provided the opportunity to book a time via Compass.

YEAR 3-6 CAMP

On Wednesday, our Years 3 to 6 students set off bright and early for their much-anticipated day camp at Valley Homestead. With a 7am departure, excitement was high as students prepared for a full day of adventure and teamwork.

Throughout the day, students participated in a range of engaging activities including archery, Ga-Ga Ball, the flying fox, the vertical challenge and a series of lateral thinking team tasks. The vertical challenge was a particular highlight, with students showing courage and trust as they took turns climbing while their classmates supported them by belaying from below. The team problem-solving activities encouraged students to think creatively and work together, building communication and resilience in a fun and challenging way.

We arrived back at school around 6pm, tired but full of stories and smiles after an amazing day. A big thank you to the staff who helped make the experience such a memorable one for our students.



IMPORTANT DATES

May

Sun 4th - May the 4th be with you

Tue 6th - Daintree Dental Oral Education Visit

Wed 7th - Casual Clothes Day (Gold coin donation)

Thu 8th - Mother's Day Stall

Fri 9th - NERSSA Cross Country - Yackandandah

Sun 11th - Mother's Day

Thu 15th - Mt Pilot excursion

Wed 21st - National Simultaneous Story Time

Fri 30th - Hot Dog Day



This year we will be completing Individual Education Plans during the SSG meeting, ensuring that all voices are captured in the plan. Please look out for booking times in the next couple of weeks.

Power Outage – Tuesday 13th May

We have been informed by Ausnet of some powerline works happening in our area on Tuesday 13th May. This will interrupt our power supply throughout the day.

Chiltern Mt Pilot Excursion – Thursday 15th May

We are again extremely fortunate to have secured some funding through Landcare, to conduct an excursion to Mt Pilot. This will be lead my local indigenous people who will talk to our students about art and country. More information will be provided in an upcoming Compass event. Parents will need to provide permissions for this event





From Osborne 1

ANTHONY BROWN

The Year Twos have begun working with Deb during Literacy and Numeracy sessions to further extend their learning. In Literacy, they have started exploring reading passages to develop comprehension and fluency skills. They've also been investigating spelling patterns for the 'a' sound. In Numeracy, they are continuing their work on place value and counting.

Our Foundation and Year One students have been focusing on individual letters and sounds, meeting new "letter friends" along the way. They have also been revisiting previously learnt letters to help consolidate their understanding. In Math's, the F-1s have been exploring numbers 0-6, representing them in various ways to build number sense.

During our rich Literature block, all students engaged with the book *Bogtrotter* by Margaret Wild, using it as a springboard to explore the features of narrative texts. This focus will continue over the next four weeks.

Some highlights from the fortnight included our Hour of Code, where students enjoyed a Minecraft-themed STEM lesson, and the introduction of a new learning game on the iPads called Blooket. Through this interactive game, students practiced subitizing in a fun, gamified way.

DID YOU KNOW?

The echidna is one of Australia's quirkiest native animals. With its spiky coat and long snout, it might look a bit prickly, but it's full of surprises. Echidnas are one of only two mammals in the world that lay eggs (the other is the platypus), making them part of a very exclusive club called monotremes.

Instead of teeth, echidnas have long, sticky tongues that can stretch up to 15 centimetres to slurp up ants and termites like spaghetti. After laying a single egg, the mum tucks it safely into her pouch where it hatches about 10 days later. The tiny, jellybean-sized baby stays in the pouch for a few weeks and feeds on milk through little pores in the skin.

And here's the best part — a baby echidna is called a puggle. Could that be any cuter?



From Meehan 1

HAYLEY ELLIS

The first two weeks of Term 2 have seen ME1 students diving back into their learning with focus and enthusiasm.

In maths, we've wrapped up our work on addition and subtraction by exploring a range of efficient strategies to solve problems. Students have been applying their knowledge with growing confidence and are beginning to select the most effective strategies for different situations.

In literacy, we've kicked off our new unit on narrative writing. Soon, we'll begin working with our feature text *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore*, a beautiful example of a cyclical narrative which is a story that ends in a similar way to how it begins. This will help inspire students as they begin crafting their own stories later in the unit.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available every morning before school.

It's the perfect way for students to fuel up for the day ahead. We offer a variety of delicious breakfast options, including spaghetti on toast, cereal, toast, milk and fresh fruit cups.

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Welcome Kellie

We're thrilled to welcome Kellie to our team as the newest member of our Education Support staff. Kellie was the successful candidate from our recent recruitment process and brings with her almost 20 years of experience in the field.

In just her first two weeks, Kellie has already made a fantastic start, building strong relationships with students and becoming a valued part of our school community. She even comes with a bus licence and got straight to it by driving the bus to camp this week—talk about hitting the ground running!

We're so pleased to have Kellie on board and look forward to the expertise, care and good humour she brings to the team.



From Hynes Classroom

ALISA KING

The new Yr 5/6 class has made a very promising start. We are continuing with the SpellEx spelling program and have begun a novel study of the book *Holes* by Louis Sachar. The students are currently extending their persuasive writing techniques they learnt last term and are creating advertisements. They will be moving on to letter writing next week. In numeracy we are focussing on fractions and are currently working with proper and improper fractions.

This term's theme in Discovery is Geography Around the World and ME1 will be learning about place geography, the continents and oceans and interesting human and physical geographical features around the globe. OS1 will be developing the sense of place and learning about different places, special places and places they belong to.

Both classes are continuing their AUSLAN course and are beginning to sign some everyday signs more confidently and are steadily developing their vocabulary.

Next Friday, 9th May, we will be attending the small schools' cross country event in Yackandandah. More information about this will follow in general announcements.



Making Smiles Come Alive!

ORAL HEALTH



PROMOTION PROGRAM

06.05.2025

Daintree Family Dental is excited to be visiting Osbornes Flat Public School. We look forward to providing engaging and informative oral health education!

The team will be holding informative workshops which focus on teaching kids the importance of brushing, flossing, and healthy eating habits.





Tallangatta Secondary College
2026 - Year 7

INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday
7th May 6pm



Big Enough to Deliver, Small enough to Care

School tours available 9.30am every Tuesday during May.
Please contact the College to make a booking.
For more information please phone **(02) 6071 5000**