

# OSBORNES FLAT PS NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Message

**KADE LIVERMORE**

We have made it through to the end of Term 1. We are so proud of our families and students for their efforts, persistence and resilience this term. It has been a long term, jam packed with all lots of change, new learnings and new friendships. We have had the Folk Festival, the CFA and the Magician show at Kiewa Valley Primary School, keeping our students engaged in areas of our community and entertainment. Our students have also pushed themselves through their respective Literacy learning, focusing on fluency, spelling patterns and phonics. We have learnt about Place Value and Counting whilst in Numeracy. The greatest highlight for our students is arguably their engagement in collecting house tokens for their new Sports Houses, each house trying to take the top spot at the end of the Term and gain a noticeable lead for Term 2.

With so much work being completed this term in our school and classroom learning spaces, these holidays are well deserved for all of our community. On behalf of Osbornes Flat Primary School, I wish you a very safe and joyous holiday break. Eat lots of chocolate and enjoy the nice sunny days, before the season turns again. Thank you for an amazing term!

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## First day of Term 2

The first day of Term 2 is Tuesday 22nd April. It is an 11-week term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at 9am on Tuesday 22nd April. There is a Curriculum Day on Monday 28th April, which means it is a pupil free day.

## Have Your Say in our School Values Redevelopment

As part of our work around Wellbeing and School Connectedness, we are revamping our School Values to extend beyond our current value of Respect. We are seeking community input into this and would love for all of our parents to click on the below survey link and have your say on what values are important for you and your family. Whilst the survey link is open until the 21st April, we strongly encourage our community to take the time to do this sooner rather than later.

Click this link: [2025 School Values Community Consultation Survey](#)

The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes of your time.

## Folk Festival Thank you

On behalf of the school community, I'd like to say a massive and heart-felt thank you to all of those parents who were involved in assisting in one way or another, with our School's involvement in the Folk Festival. A special shout out to Kim and Brad Nicholls who were organising the Spud stall in the weeks leading up to the event and for taking on a large share of the sorting, running around and preparations. It was a great event for our School with us making \$2,293 after expenses. This is a great start to our new sports shed dream.

## Year 5/6's in Term 2

A reminder that our Year 5 and 6 students will be located in the Hynes classroom with Miss King, for Literacy and Numeracy learning. The idea around this is to provide additional and tailored support to all students in Year 3-6. This change will start on the first day of next term.

## Year 6 to 7 Placement

In the first week of next term our Year 6 families will receive their Placement Information Packs. These families will need to complete the relevant information within the pack and return it to our school by Friday 9th May 2025.

## ANZAC Service 2025

ANZAC day is on Friday 25th April, which is in week 1. Our School Captain will read a poem at the Yackandandah Service and we encourage our students and families to join us in the march. More details on this will be posted in week 1.

# YEAR 3-6 CAMP

This year, our Year 3–6 school camp will look a little different, with students heading off on an exciting day trip to Valley Homestead in Ovens. The camp will take place on Wednesday 30th April (Week 2, Term 2). We will be departing school by bus at 7:00am sharp and returning at 6:00pm, with students to be collected from school upon arrival. The cost of the day camp is \$60 per student.

Throughout the day, students will take part in a range of engaging activities such as archery, dual flying fox, the vertical challenge, and lateral thinking games. Students will need to bring their own morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, and a full water bottle.

If you would like to use your School Savings Bonus to contribute to the cost, please ensure it is allocated to 'School Activities' in the School Savings Bonus portal. If you're unsure about your remaining balance, please contact Bec in the office on a Tuesday or Friday, and she'll be happy to help. We're really looking forward to what promises to be a fun and active day outdoors at Valley Homestead!



# IMPORTANT DATES

## April

**Tue 22nd** - Term 2 starts

**Mon 28th** - Curriculum Day (No school)

**Wed 30th** - School Camp Years 3-6 (Day trip)

## May

**Sun 4th** - May the 4th be with you

**Wed 7th** - Casual Clothes Day

**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



## House Points Update

### WHICH HOUSE WON??

At our school, we use house points as a form of positive reinforcement to recognise and encourage behaviours that reflect our school values. Points can be earned at any time during the day for a wide range of positive actions—such as showing kindness, being a good friend, completing tasks, staying focused, helping others or demonstrating resilience and responsibility. It's a great way to build a supportive school culture and celebrate everyday successes.

Our final house points tally for Term 1 is now in! The Kookaburra Knights finished in first place with a fantastic total of **800** points, followed by the Red Belly Rebels with **717** points and the Wombat Warriors with **657** points. Congratulations to the Kookaburra Knights on finishing the term at the top of the leaderboard! Well done to all students for the positive choices and efforts you've made to support your house teams!

Which house will win in term 2??





## From Osborne 1

**ANTHONY BROWN**

What a fantastic end to the term we've had in OS1!

In Cooking, we had a delicious time making rumballs – the students loved getting hands-on and of course, taste-testing their creations!

In Numeracy, we've been exploring numbers from 1–20, working on trusting the count and building strong number sense.

In Literacy, our focus has been on the letter A and using the sounds we've learnt so far – M, A, S, and T – to begin spelling simple words. It's been wonderful to see students starting to apply their letter knowledge with growing confidence.

Movement has been a highlight too! Our outdoor games of Chinese Walls have been a big hit, and we're beginning to see a real improvement in resilience as students navigate getting out and jumping back in with a smile.

To celebrate the end of term, we also got creative with Easter crafts, making baskets in preparation for our school egg hunt.

Thank you to all our wonderful students and families for a great term of learning, growing and fun.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing break!

## Library Update

**DEB BAUERLE**

The Premier's Reading Challenge is now well underway, and it's been fantastic to see students jumping in and logging their books on the portal. As a whole school, we've already logged 39 books – what a great start!

A special shoutout to our current top three readers: Lewin, Elliarna and Eva – well done on your amazing efforts so far!

Let's keep the momentum going! Every book logged helps us move closer to completing the challenge. If you've misplaced your login details or need help accessing the portal, please let me know – I'm happy to help.

Happy reading, everyone!

## DID YOU KNOW

By the time children reach Year 6, they can understand and use over 50,000 words—a remarkable increase from the 4,000–5,000 words typically known by the age of 5. This rapid vocabulary growth happens through everyday conversations, reading books, writing stories and engaging with rich language experiences both at school and at home. Research shows that students who are regularly exposed to new words in meaningful contexts develop stronger comprehension, confidence and communication skills.

Supporting children with regular reading, word games and encouraging them to ask about unfamiliar words can make a big difference in their learning journey.



# From Meehan 1

HAYLEY ELLIS

It's been a busy and productive end to the term in ME1! In Literacy, we've been working hard on our persuasive writing pieces. Over the past two weeks, students have finalised and published their writing – and what a fantastic collection of persuasive arguments we now have! We also explored the doubling rule, learning when and why we double consonants in spelling.

In Numeracy, our focus has been on addition and subtraction with 3-digit numbers. We've also been investigating the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction, which has really helped us deepen our understanding of number operations.

As we wrap up Term 1, I want to thank all our students and families for a wonderful start to the year. Looking ahead to Term 2, things will look a little different with the Year 5/6 students joining Miss King's class for Literacy and Numeracy. That said, I'm very much looking forward to the time I'll still get to spend with them during the week and, of course, seeing them out in the yard.

Wishing everyone a safe and restful break!

## 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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# Yackandandah Net Set Go



Come and learn Netball in a fun and inclusive environment for **Children aged 5-10 years.**

**WHEN** - Term 2 on Wednesdays from 4pm.

**WHERE:** Yackandandah Football Netball Club

**NET**

AGES 5-6 YEARS

Learn the basics of netball through fun, simple activities that keep children moving and engaged.

**SET**

AGES 7-8 YEARS

Set Program will build on movement skills while being introduced to exciting netball techniques and strategies.

**GO**

AGES 9-10 YEARS

Go will refine netball techniques while continuing to improve overall coordination.

**SEND  
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INTEREST TO:**

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