

## From The Principal

**Literacy focus for 2010:** The teaching of literacy is a priority at Oxenford State School and we are currently reviewing our Literacy Strategy to further enhance our whole school approach to literacy teaching and learning. To ensure that our students are able to transfer these essential skills into everyday life beyond the classroom requires a shared understanding between the school, home and community level.

In order to develop this we are conducting an on-line survey that collects information from parents/caregivers regarding the understanding of the teaching and learning of literacy. The questionnaire does not require your name so anonymity is ensured. The collected data will provide us with a wealth of information in the form of a community profile that will guide our school towards improving literacy outcomes for all students.

We encourage all families to participate in this survey. The survey closes on October 30. To access and complete the survey, please follow these guidelines:

Visit our school website using the following address: <http://oxenfordss.eq.edu.au>  
Click on the button labelled "Surveys" on the left hand side of the webpage (under Quick Links).  
Click the link: Literacy Strategy 2009-2011COMMUNITY SURVEY.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in completing this survey and helping us to ensure every student achieves their potential.

**World Teachers' Day:** This is a significant event celebrated on Friday 31 October 2009. Celebrating World Teachers' Day is a chance to showcase the hard work of educators and reflect on how teachers bridge the gap between the classroom and the community. Oxenford State School is extremely fortunate to have a highly professional and committed cohort of staff who believes passionately in the potential of their students. I encourage the parent community to speak with staff in relation to what children can do and how each individual child's journey is progressing here in our school. This day is an opportunity for us all to say **Thankyou** to the professional staff of Oxenford State School.



Department of Education and Training each year awards career milestones for years of dedicated service.

In recognition of five years continued outstanding teaching service in 2009:

- Mr Lachlan Horn

In recognition of ten years continued outstanding teaching service in 2009:

- Miss Ruth Hester



Griffith University Gold Coast would also like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Kerrie Lane. Mrs Lane is recognised by Griffith University for her contribution to supervising pre-service teachers. Mrs Lane role in the professional experience of pre-service teachers will be recognised at the Celebrating Quality Teaching Partnership World Teachers' Day dinner to be held at the end of the month.

To all staff of Oxenford State School;



**Enrolment Reminder:** A reminder to all families that the following information is due to returned to Oxenford State School by Friday 23 October 2009.

**NOTIFICATION OF ENROLMENT 2010  
UPDATED STUDENT RECORD CARDS**

**Fete Update:** Planning is well in hand for this significant school event. Our end of year concert this year will be an Australian themed concert.

# Help required:

To assist with our fete planning we require the assistance of an

# Electrician and Plumber

On fete day both of the services will be taxed here in our school and we would appreciate having both service providers mentioned above available on call in the case of emergencies. If you are able to assist please contact Val Faulks on 55857666



**Date: Saturday 28 November 2009.**

**Time: 12.00 – 5.00pm**

**Venue: Oxenford State School**

**All year levels within our school have specific activities planned. Your child as well as your child's class teacher will be communicating with families directly in relation to support in preparation for this event as well as support on the day of the fete.**

## **NEWSLETTERS in 2010**

Please note that from the beginning of next year the Newsletter will only be available via email.

Please make sure that the office has your current email address.

If you are unable to receive the Newsletter using this method, there will be limited printed copies available from the Administration Office.

Have a great fortnight  
**Val Faulks**  
Principal

## **P&C News**

The next P&C meeting will be held on the 26 October at 2pm; all welcome.

### **Uniform shop:**

The uniform shop will be open on a Tuesday from 2.30pm to 3.15pm.  
We are currently out of size 14 polo shirts.

### **Tuckshop:**

We also have an interim tuckshop convener; her name is Tennille Glassop. If you have any time to spare to volunteer in the tuck shop, pop in and say hello. We will be advertising for a new tuck shop convener shortly. Tuck shop is now open **Wednesday to Friday**. Free breakfast club is still on Wednesday.

### **Fete:**

We are working hard to get the fete organized, so if you have any suggestions please contact me on [carmen@pofandt.com](mailto:carmen@pofandt.com) or on 55560228.

**The next fete meeting is on the 28<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm.**

We will be holding a cent auction at the fete and would like families to help with donations for prizes. If you have any donations please leave those at the tuckshop.

### **Fundraising:**

You should all by now have your family portrait order forms. Please make sure you get in early. With the fete only 6 weeks away we are starting to really pull out all stops. If you have any spare time and are willing to help out, please come to our next meeting. The rides we will be having at the fete are a giant slide, car merry go round, lost temple jumping castle, super sizzler and laughing clowns. The more armbands that we sell, the more rides we get; so please encourage friends and family to pre-purchase an armband.

### **Bookclub:**

Don't forget to get your orders in by the 21 October 2009.

### **Fete help request:**

If you are able to help the P&C Association on the day of the fete we would like to hear from you. Please fill in the attached form and hand it to the office. We need help on BBQ's and in the tuck shop; so if you could give even half an hour we would appreciate it.

Until next time, have a great fortnight

Carmen Pofandt – P&C President

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I / We can help at the fete from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

I / We are willing to help with the BBQ / Tuckshop.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name and class: \_\_\_\_\_