From the Principal

I have been busy since the last newsletter getting to know more of our students and their families. It has been a pleasure to meet parents, grandparents and carers before and after school. Overwhelmingly we all want the same for the children of Ocean Road Primary School. We want happy, healthy children whose academic and social needs are met in an environment where all are encouraged to be their best; students and teachers.

P&C: We had our first P&C meeting for the year 2 weeks ago. P&C is a great way to find out more about your school and the education of your children. I encourage you all to join the P&C. Joining the P&C allows you to be more informed and involved with decisions that may affect your child. You do not have to attend meetings although you may be called upon to vote on a motion being passed. It only costs $1 to become a member.

Assembly: The Room 17 & 18 Assembly was a hit earlier this term with students breaking out some sensational dance moves. It was great to see a number of families attending. Every assembly this year will be followed by a morning tea. I encourage our parents and carers to stay for morning tea. It is a valuable opportunity for me to get know our community and find out how the school year is progressing for families. Grab a friend and stay behind for a few minutes. We even have a coffee machine!

Student Leadership: Congratulations to our 2016 student leaders:

Head Girl – Ella, Room 22
Head Boy – Connor, Room 21
Student Council – Ryan - Room 22, Siene - Room 22, Zander - Room 22, Harry - Room 21, Connor - Room 21, Ella - Room 22, Chloe - Room 21, Jacqueline - Room 21.

There are a number of leadership opportunities planned for our Student Council with a view to building their leadership capacity and their recognition as leaders within and beyond the Ocean Road Primary School community.
Teacher Development School:
Ocean Road Primary School submitted a successful application to become a Teacher Development School (TDS). The application was led by Jo Harman and Narelle Finlay. Our TDS application was in the field of Science, Technology and Maths (STEM). As many of you will already know Ocean Road Primary School has a vibrant Science program with a dedicated Science Laboratory. Students have the opportunity to work with a specialist teacher in the Science field and are exposed to a variety of scientific endeavours from experts in their field. Importantly students are encouraged to think critically and engage in activities designed to extend their capacity. As a TDS Ocean Road will work with other schools to develop and lead the progression of Science, Technology and Mathematics. It is a very exciting opportunity for us as we work to ensure our students are truly 21st Century learners.

Attendance:
I would ask families not to put the school in the awkward position of having to decline a request to be away from school for a family holiday or a day of leisure such as a trip to Adventure World. We consider these absences to be unauthorised and they will be recorded as such. A significant contributor to a student’s failure to progress can be because they are simply not at school. We believe that a genuine commitment to education through sound attendance ensures that students value education and are able to achieve at their best.

School Board Election
This year we have received four nominations for the two parent/guardian vacancies on the School Board. Please complete the ballot paper below, using a single tick to indicate the person of your choice.

Ballot Papers must be returned, in sealed envelope addressed to the Principal, to the front office by Tuesday 8th March.

Regards,
Mrs Ashley Mottershead
Principal

3 ways to stay informed
♦ Twitter a/c name @oceanroad_ps
♦ School Website
♦ Keep your email address updated with us to receive the school newsletter

Internet payments to ORPS
To make payments to the school for items such as music lessons, voluntary contributions, school camps, excursions and the like can be made with the following information.
Account name: Ocean Road Primary School
BSB number: 066 516
Account number: 10201773
Please include a reference eg: CarlyleEmilyRm22

Ocean Road Primary School Board
Community Representative
Ballot Paper
Rebecca Kennington
Samantha Connolley
Bianca White
In case of vandalism on weekends or school holidays, please phone Ed Security 9264 4771

School Banking

**Thursday mornings**

Please see Kerrie or Lee
next to the canteen and uniform shop in the undercover area.

Second Hand Uniforms

If you have any pre-loved neat and tidy uniforms that you would like to donate, kindly drop them into the office.

Old Socks Wanted

We would like to make socks puppets for our next art project. If you have some old socks in your house, could you please bring them to the art room? Thank you very much.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Monster Book Fair is coming soon.

**Week 7, Monday 14th March to Thursday 17th March**

Come on in and grab a fantastic book. Every sale from the Book Fair earns us valuable reward points that are used to enhance our library.

*Giving children access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books motivates them to read more, and like most acquired skills, the more children practice reading, the better they’ll achieve. Reading is vital to every child’s success, and raising children as readers opens them up to a world of opportunity and imagination.*

The Book Fair is a family event and is open in the library before school 8:30 - 8:45 and after school 3:00 – 3:30. Purchases can be made by cash, cheque or credit card. Please note that **EFTPOS is available** for this Book Fair.

Thank you

Denise Hobson

Dental Van

8am - 4pm Monday - Thursday

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Honour Certificates
P & C News

The P&C has registered Ocean Road Primary School to be in the running for the West Australian competition ‘CLASSROOM CASH’.

If your child/ren would like to participate, they can do so by collecting as many coupons as they can from newspapers, family, friends and drop them into the office in the box provided for a chance to win a share of $20,000.00.

Next P&C Meeting
In the staffroom
Wednesday 16th March
7.00pm
All Welcome

Easter Raffle
A big ‘Thank you’ to all of the families who have donated Easter eggs for the 2016 Easter raffle.

We are still collecting Easter goodies so that as many prize baskets can be made up as possible for the classrooms. All donations are greatly appreciated.

The fundraising team.
orpspandc@yahoo.com.au

CANTENE NEWS

Footy Frenzy
We will be having our Footy Frenzy on Thursday 24th of March and will be celebrating this day with a special meal deal. The order forms will be sent home soon.

Students may wear their favourite football colours for a gold coin donation.

**Coming soon:- our SipAhh straw promotion**

Beach Carnival Day
Thank you to the Commonwealth Bank Miami for the sponsorship towards our fruit platters on the beach carnival day. Your support is very much appreciated!

Canteen lunches will be available as usual on beach carnival day.

Canteen Volunteers
I would like to thank our wonderful parents, grandparents and helpers who volunteer in the canteen when they can. Any help is appreciated and makes such a big difference to the running of the canteen.

Fundraising
We are asking for donations of small teacups and saucers for our up and coming Mothers day stall. We are very fortunate to have a crafty volunteer who would like to do something special with them. If you have any spare, please drop them off to the canteen.

Jodie Richards
Canteen Manager
0409 798 173