What a wonderful start to the new school year! We are proud to have record enrolments. We welcomed nine new teachers – of which two are newly created positions due to growth of student numbers. We are also delighted to have engaged Nathan Leber as our Deputy Principal - Student services. Nathan brings a wealth of experience to the team with 20 years’ experience in the education system (see below in this newsletter for his staff profile). We also created an exciting new position of the Marketing and Media Officer. Nadia Holmes has joined our team to help promote the school, students, projects and our achievements. Pop in to the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays if you would like to learn more about sponsorship and collaboration opportunities.

We say goodbye and farewell to Natalie Thompson. In the past 10 years she tackled roles from Special Needs Assistance to School officer with passion and dedication and has become an integral part of our community. We wish Natalie the very best of luck and success with her new venture and welcome Lisa Hersey, as the new School Officer. Lisa comes to us from Pinjarra Primary School and is a very experienced School Officer and a great addition to our front office team.

A new hit on campus is the giant chessboard (see beside picture), which is funded through our Nature Play Project. Special thanks to Mrs Narelle Finlay and our gardener, Mr Anthony Shellam for this addition to our senior playground. Thanks to Evie’s mum, Mrs Nikki Sandilands, our Year 1 and 2 students are enjoying a new outdoor mud kitchen, which Nikki and her husband Paul created over the Christmas break. Pre-Primary and Year 1 teacher, Mrs Jaymee Peters and hubby Shaun were also busy over the long holidays, painting the kitchen in Room 8 and adding some bang to the junior playground with the musical pots and pans.

We also created a new layer of leadership within the school. Congratulations to Mrs Jo Harman (Year 5/6), Mrs Kylie Norris (Year 3/4), Mrs Nikki Sandilands (Year 1/2) and Mrs Sarah Argent (Year K/P) on their appointments to Professional Learning Community (PLC) Leaders. The PLC Leaders positions are designed to create closer relationships between families, school and staff, the distributed leadership is a unique approach for primary schools in the state if not nationwide. In my role last year I looked at a range of schools. I found that some secondary schools have excellent structures to support students and their families and I am thrilled to implement these structures here at Ocean Road Primary School.

All our new acquisitions focus around our number one priority: Putting your children first.

“Be your best!”,
Dean Finlay
(Principal)
Students Arriving at School Early
Could I please remind parents/caregivers that students should not arrive at school prior to 8.30am. Before this time the school can not provide adequate supervision to ensure student safety.

Visitors
The school is very keen to encourage parents/caregivers to participate in their child/ren’s education. However, if you are visiting during school hours (including recess and lunch) please enter through the front office to sign in. It is important that we know who is in the school and why so we can ensure the safety of your children at all times.

It is inappropriate for parents/caregivers to deal directly with other students or their guardians as this can lead to unnecessary conflict. Please note that the School Education Regulations 2000 state that penalties may be applied, including orders to leave the school premises, when a person disrupts the good order of the school, and/or uses threatening, abusive or disruptive language towards any member of the school community.

Parents are encouraged to promptly leave the school grounds when collecting their children at the end of the school day unless they are conducting official school business.

Find us on Facebook
Ocean Road Primary School is now on Facebook. Please like and follow our page to stay up to date with our student stories and updates. Feel free to tag away, share and spread the word.

Internet payments to ORPS
To make payments to the school for items such as 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

Meet Our New Staff Members

Nathan Leber
Deputy Principal Student Services
Nathan’s teaching career began at UWA as an associate Lecturer. He then taught classics at High Schools. Nathan comes to ORPS from St Ignatius College in Sydney. Nathan has also had a professional music career.
“I believe all children can learn”, says Nathan. “Those kids that society turns their back on need us the most.” At ORPS Nathan strives to create a protective environment which allows kids to grow, explore and reach their full potential.
“I am really firm that education makes people.” Nathan’s other passion is music, he grew up with Nirvana and the grunge movement, played in bands, listens to jazz to relax and loves classical music to work by.
Nathan is married and has a 7 year old son and a 19 year old cat.

Arnalise Depiazzi
Teacher Year 5 and 6
Arnalise finished her degree at Curtin University and started teaching at Curtin Primary. She is passionate about literacy. Arnalise enjoys the complexity of it and is committed to creating and maintaining a learning environment where students feel included, safe and motivated to learn.
Outside of school the year 5 and 6 teacher enjoys travel, sport and reading. Her favourite book is “The Alchemist” by Paulo Coelho.
“It’s the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting”, is my favourite quote, says Arnalise.
She also loves art and how colour can influence mood and emotions.
“My favourite artist is Anya Brook, who uses beautiful bright and bold colours in her work.”
Valuable Items
Can I please ask parents/caregivers to remind children not to bring items of value to school. This includes jewellery (other than sleepers or stud earrings), toys, electronic games, iPods, mobile phones and/or sports equipment. Valuable items, if lost or stolen, are not covered by the Department of Education’s insurance and therefore the school cannot accept responsibility for any loss. Adding to this, some items of jewellery can present a safety risk. Any items of this nature found during the day will be placed in the office and can be collected at the end of the school day.

Family Law Issues in Schools
The law presumes that parents have joint parental responsibility, irrespective of the child’s place of residence. Consequently each parent is entitled to:

- Contact the child should he/she seek to do so while the child is attending school (via administration as per visitors’ policy) to the extent it does not impact on the normal operations of the school;
- Discuss the child’s academic progress with class teachers or the school Principal;
- Attend school functions or attend as a volunteer; and have access to school based information about the child.

Any variation to this can only occur when the school is provided with a copy of a current Family Court Order, parenting plans registered with the Family Court, and/or a restraining order. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that the school is provided with these documents and any subsequent variations to these. Without the appropriate legal documentation the school cannot prevent access to children as described above.

School Board Nominations
Nominations for a possible two year parent/caregiver position on the School Board are now being called for. Being on the School Board is a terrific way to get involved in the school and enables parents to develop a genuine understanding of the school and its operations, and become actively involved in school governance. Board meetings are held once or twice a term, during school hours, so there is not a major time commitment required. Copies of the School Board’s Terms of Reference are available at the front office if you would like to know more about the board and its functions.

If you are interested in nominating yourself, or someone else, please do so on the attached nomination form and return to the front office. If you are considering nominating another person, please confirm their consent prior to lodging their nomination. Nominations close on Friday 24 February.

Recycled Yarn/Wool Stash Wanted
In Art we are going to make animal sculptures inspired by “Tjanpi Desert Weavers”, who is an Australian indigenous group from Alice Springs. If you have any unwanted yarn scraps, please sent them to Art.

Thank you very much,
Miss Zhu.

Outstanding Nominations Award 2016
A huge thank you to Narelle Williams

Congratulations to our P & C President Narelle Williams for winning the 2016 Outstanding Nominations Award. Narelle has volunteered in several roles at Ocean Road Primary School since 2004. Last year Narelle went above and beyond: The mother of four was a fantastic member of the School board and again lead the P & C as President. “Narelle also was a fantastic member of the schoolboard, took on the role of the secretary and ran all the fundraising”, says Emily Carlyle, Ocean Road Primary School’s Manager Corporate Services. Narelle herself was caught by surprise when she got the award. “Normally I hand them out”, she says. Please join us in “a huge thank” you for her contribution which is second to none.

School Banking
Thursday Mornings in the Library
8.15 - 9.00am
P & C News

P & C Vacant Positions

Get engaged and make new friends

P & C Info
At Ocean Road Primary School we have a fabulous P & C committee. Our volunteer team fosters the community, provides valuable resources, raises funds and runs our amazing Surf Snacks Canteen. “It also allows you to make friends and get to know other parents”, stresses Narelle Williams, the long standing P&C President. If you would like to join the team, let us know. The P&C is open to all parents and members of the community and is currently looking for a new treasurer and a new secretary.

Secretary
“The role of the secretary involves as much or as little as you want it to”, says Lee Freshwater, who held the role previously. The main tasks include preparing the agenda and the minutes for the two meetings per term and to send out emails to the members.

Treasurer
“The treasurer needs to be good with numbers and able to handle money”, knows P & C member Kerrie-Ann Watts. He (or she) is responsible for paying the bills every week and looks after the accounts. The position of the P & C treasurer requires approximately 3 to 5 hours weekly.

If you are interested in either position or in joining the P&C please contact Narelle Williams on 0403 892 585 or via email orpspandc@yahoo.com.au.

P & C AGM
Wednesday 15th February
2017
7.30pm in Staffroom
All positions need to be filled and will be voted on at the meeting.

For any enquiries regarding the P & C, please contact Narelle Williams on 0403 892 585 or orpspandc@yahoo.com.au

We appreciate all volunteers and would welcome some new faces.

Ocean Road Primary School Board
Parent/Caregiver Representative
Nomination Form

Nominee: _____________________________ (Please print) Nominee: _____________________________ (Please print)
Signed: _____________________________ Signed: _____________________________
Date: _____________________________ Date: _____________________________