

Important Dates

Friday 4th April:

End of Term 1. Students

finish at 1:30pm

Monday 21st April: Easter Monday
Public Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April: First Day of
Term 2

Tuesday 22nd April: 3/4 Campers
leave for Cottages by The Sea
Camp

Friday 25th April: ANZAC Day
Holiday

Thursday 8th May: Mothers Day
Stall

Monday 9th June: Kings Birthday
Holiday

**Term 1 Ends Friday 4th
April. Students go home
at 1:30pm.**

**Term 2 begins Tuesday
22nd April.
Happy Holidays**



Principal's Newsletter

Dear Community,

As we reach the end of Term 1, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderful and productive term at our school. From engaging classroom learning to exciting extracurricular activities, our students, staff, and families have made this term truly special.

In the classrooms, students have been engaged in a wide range of learning experiences, exploring new concepts, developing critical thinking skills, and embracing a growth mindset. Our dedicated teachers have worked tirelessly to create rich, meaningful learning experiences for all students. Our ESS have supported students to achieve their learning goals. It has been lovely to see the students settle into their new learning spaces. Over the holidays, new furniture will be set up in the 5/6 area. This includes new tables with whiteboard tabletops, shelving to create a new 5/6 library and soft furnishings to enable flexible learning options. Once we have the space set up, parents will be invited to come and 'check it out'.

Looking ahead to Term 2, we are excited to introduce Compass, a new communication and administration platform for our school community. Letters with login details will be sent out in Week 1 of Term 2, and we anticipate Compass will be fully operational by Week 3. This platform will streamline communication, attendance tracking, and school updates, enhancing the way we connect with families. Staff at school will be able to support families to log on to the new system.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible staff for their dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to our students. Your passion for education and support for our school community do not go unnoticed, and I truly appreciate all that you do.

Finally, I wish all our students and families a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term ahead!

Warm regards,
Lynne Ord-Oraniuk
Principal



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5/6 Camp

One of the standout experiences for our Year 5 and 6 students was the school camp. It was fantastic to hear about how our students challenged themselves, built resilience, and created lasting memories with their peers. Whether it was building a hut, firing an arrow at archery, spotting koalas, participating in team-building activities, or simply enjoying the great outdoors and the beach, the camp was a highlight of the term.

3/4 Camp

A reminder to our families in years 3 and 4 that camp is the first day back next term, Tuesday 22nd April. Please make sure your 3/4 student is packed and ready to board the bus to camp at 8:30am. We will open the gates early on that morning so that campers can be here at 8:30am.

Family Maths Night

Our Family Maths Night was another resounding success. It was wonderful to see so many families come together to engage in problem-solving activities and hands-on learning experiences. These events reinforce the importance of learning as a shared journey between school and home.

Open Classrooms

Open Classrooms provided a fantastic opportunity for families to step inside and experience the vibrant learning environments our teachers have created. We loved seeing parents and caregivers interacting with students and celebrating their achievements.

Interschool Sports

Our interschool sport program saw our students demonstrate teamwork, and school pride. Whether on the court or the field, their efforts and positive attitudes were commendable, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. Personally, I have enjoyed watching the students play netball as this is my favourite sport!

Mini Market Day

Mini Market Day was an exciting event where students showcased their entrepreneurial skills, creativity, and teamwork. It was fantastic to see the 5/6 students take ownership of their stalls, handle transactions, and enjoy the rewards of their hard work.



Attendance

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL: BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE

EARLY SCHOOL SUCCESS GOES HAND IN HAND WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE!

Did you know?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in prep so they learn right away that going to school on time, staying for the whole day, every day, is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, tertiary education and at work.

What you can do

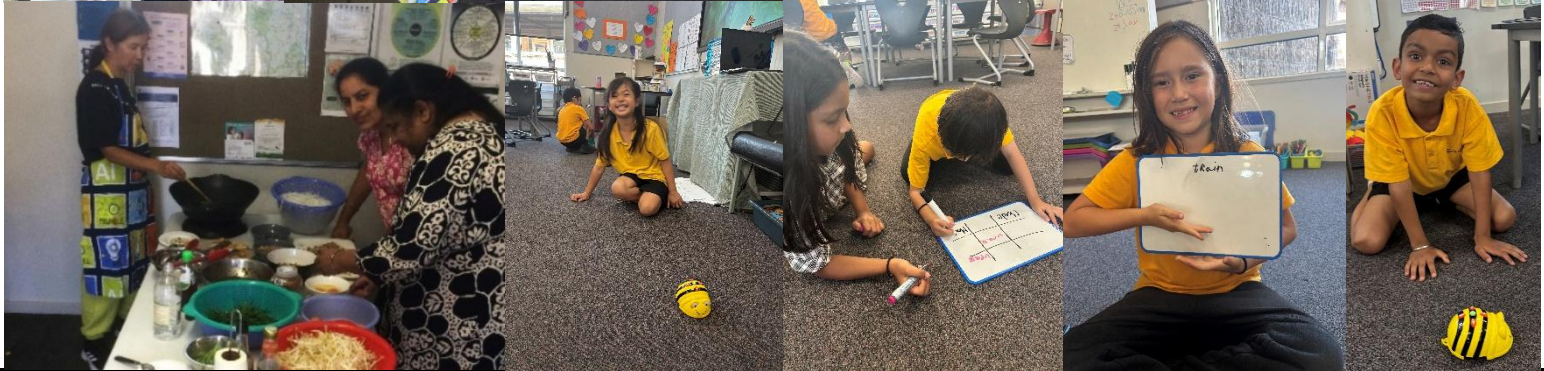
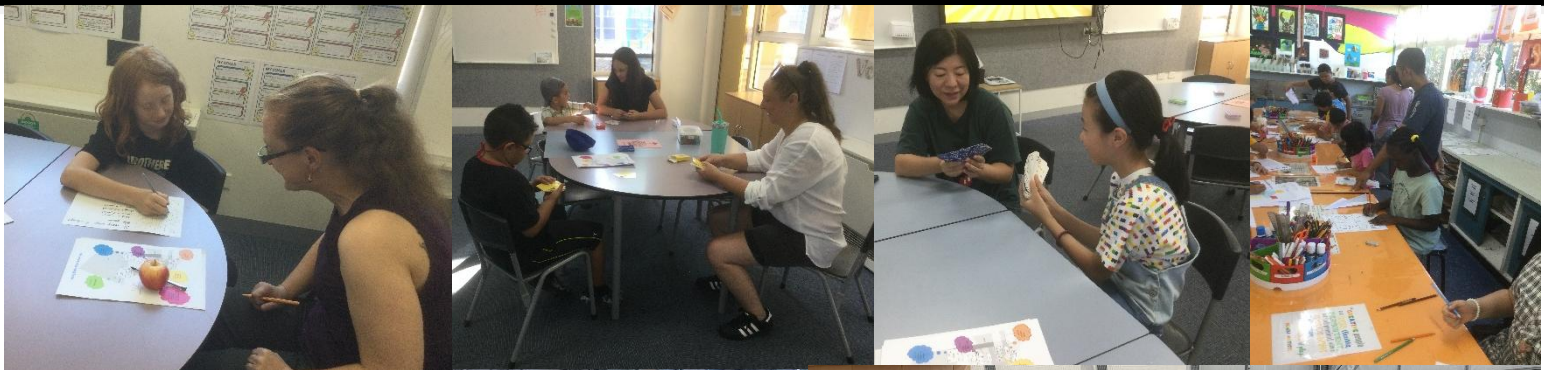
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpack the night before
- Introduce your child to teachers and classmates before school starts to help transition
- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick
- Keep in mind complaints of a stomach-ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school leadership, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent
- Avoid medical appointments and extended holidays during the term

Easter Raffle

Don't forget to buy your tickets in our upcoming Easter raffle. There are seven prizes to be won. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 3rd April over the PA System. Winners will be phoned on Thursday. If you do not answer or call us back by the end of that day, the prize will be re-drawn on Friday.







Student Quotes

This week I visited students in Year 3 and 4 to discuss the specialist program at SAPS. The students certainly enjoy their weekly PE, Performing Arts, Library and Visual Arts lessons.

PE

Nate: "I like how we move and learn different sports that others may not know."

Abel: "We can learn different sports."

Huda: "I love netball."



Performing Arts

Metta: "I like doing music and scripts."

Tarleen: "I like doing media and animation."

Omer: "I like doing drama."



Visual Arts

Lara: "I like doing arts and crafts."

Subhana: "I like to make poppies, and I have a nice teacher."

Hadley: "I like to create stuff."



Library

Breanna: "I like reading books."

Tommy: "There are so many interesting books."

Jashan: "I like reading nonfiction."



OSHClub News

What's On?

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Contact your service for detailed information

Secure your spot today!

| MON 31 st March | TUE 1 st April | WED 2 nd April | THU 3 rd April | FRI 4 th April |
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| <p>Easter Wordsearch Little ones will love an easy Easter word search puzzle. It's like an Easter egg hunt for your brain! Search puzzle.</p> <p>Hand Print Bunnies Transform little hands into cute handprint bunnies. These paper handprint bunnies are so simple to make and they are SO CUTE! It's perfect for springtime or Easter.</p> | <p>Easter Greeting cards Celebrate hope and renewal this Easter by writing one of the best Easter messages wishes and greetings to your friends and family in a card or text.</p> | <p>Paper plate Easter Bunnies Let's make a paper plate bunny craft that works great as a paper plate Easter crafts for kids of all ages.</p> <p>Easter letter to your friend Sending Easter wishes to friends is a heartfelt way to express gratitude and strengthen connections. Let's write one!</p> | <p>Easter Bunny masks Make and wear your own bunny masks for Easter. Get ready to bounce, hop and hunt!!</p> | <p>Pasta Easter Egg deco Make macaroni and pasta noodle Easter eggs. This is a fun Easter craft activity for everyone!</p> <p>Pin the tail on the bunny This Easter-themed party game of pin the tail of the bunny is great fun for all! You will have an egg-celent time this Easter with our amazing Pin the Tail on the Bunny game!</p> |
| <p>Chick Yam Craft Learn how to make Easy DIY Yam Chicks. This fun and budget-friendly craft is perfect for all ages and occasions.</p> <p>Easter cookies Sweeten your holiday with decorated Easter cookies! These ideas are all inspired by classic springtime symbols and desserts, like bunnies and carrot cake.</p> <p>Easter scavenger Hunt</p> | <p>DIY Easter Hats Ready to craft your own Easter hat and thread some plastic eggs onto a large hat topped with flowers?</p> <p>Easter Egg Decorations Find creative ways to decorate Easter eggs with food, crafts and more!!</p> | <p>Easter bunny headbands Have a hopping good time in our Easter bunny headband! Pop them on and hop around the this Easter.</p> <p>Easter Bunny Bowling With these fun DIY Easter Bunny bowling pins, everyone will want to take a chance at getting a strike. Hoppy bowling!</p> | <p>Easter Decoder game Try these Easter secret code word puzzles for a fun way to learn sight words, letters and sounds, spelling words and more!</p> | <p>Easter egg hunt Make this year's Easter celebration extra special with an outdoor Easter egg hunt filled with engaging clues for every age!!</p> <p>Hungry Easter Bunny Toss game Hop to it and have fun throwing the carrot into the bunny's mouth and stomach in this Game.</p> |

*Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement. Please note that programs and surcharges may be subject to change. Visit our website for the most up-to-date information.

Enrolling with OSHClub is free for all families.

You will only be charged if you use the service before or after school.

All families should enrol in case they are late to collect their children from school, or because they need their children looked after before school. Please call 0407 121 679. Sessions cost \$2.70 with a Centrelink Concession Card.

The Before School Program starts at 7am and the After School Program finishes at 6pm. The children are provided with food during both sessions.

Please visit OSHClub.com.au for more information and to secure your child's spot in the program.

What Chance Has Your Child Got of Being Successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

| He/ She is only missing just.... | That equals.... | Which is..... | and over 13 years of schooling that's... | Which means the best your child can perform is ... |
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| 1 day per fortnight | 20 Days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly <u>1.5 years</u> | <div> <div>Your Child</div> <div>Other Children</div> </div> <p>Equal to finishing in grade 11</p> |
| 1 day per week | 40 Days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over <u>2.5 years</u> | <div> <div>Your Child</div> <div>Other Children</div> </div> <p>Equal to finishing in grade 10</p> |
| 2 days per week | 80 Days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over <u>5 years</u> | <div> <div>Your Child</div> <div>Other Children</div> </div> <p>Equal to finishing in grade 7</p> |
| 3 days per week | 120 Days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly <u>8 years</u> | <div> <div>Your Child</div> <div>Other Children</div> </div> <p>Equal to finishing at grade 4</p> |

Everyday Counts!!



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What Sort of Start is Your child Getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

| He/ She is only missing just.... | That equals.... | Which is..... | and over 13 years of schooling that's... |
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| 10 minutes per day | 50 minutes per week | Nearly 1.5 weeks per year | Nearly <u>Half a year</u> |
| 20 minutes per day | 1 hour 40 mins per week | Over 2.5 Weeks per year | Nearly <u>1 year</u> |
| Half an hour per day | Half a day per week | 4 Weeks per Year | Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u> |
| 1 hour per day | 1 day per week | 8 Weeks per year | Over <u>2 and a Half years</u> |

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!



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