



Olinda Primary School Newsletter

Calendar Continuum

February 10

School Council Meeting

February 17

3 way conferences

February 20

Family BBQ

March 10

School Council Meeting

March 6 & March 13

Pupil Free Days
Teachers are on Write to Read Training

March 16

Senior school camp



Welcome back

It was lovely to see you all. I have enjoyed finding out about your adventures that you have had over the holidays. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Preps – Alex, John, Jordie, Zendyara, Poppy and James. We are thrilled to have you and your families here at Olinda Primary School.

I am so very proud of the way all of our students have settled into 2015!

3 way Conferences

These will take place on Tuesday 17th February. Classroom teachers will be sending home notices in the near future. The interview times will be 3:30 – 7pm. If this day or the times don't suit, please contact your class teacher to arrange another time. I would strongly encourage you to attend these sessions with your child as will provide relevant information that will assist your child's learning at school.

Prep testing

Every Wednesday Miss Franklin will be doing testing on the new prep children. She will be giving feedback on this testing during the three way conferences.

Hats

Hats are compulsory during terms 1 and 4. Please ensure they always have their clearly named hat at school. Children are encouraged to have sunglasses at school.

Family BBQ

On Friday 20th come and join the teachers and other families at our family BBQ. This is an important time to meet new families as it creates our family atmosphere that we cherish at Olinda.

Personal Development

Play is the Way

This month our school wide Play Is The Way key concept is Gold Rule.

'If someone is unlike you, seek to understand them.'

'Treat others as you would like them to be treat you'



Olinda Primary Schools Core Values

- Curiosity
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Resilience
- Persistence



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Website Updates

Absentee Form

Student First & Last Name *

Student Class/Year *

Parent/Carer Name *

Parent/Carer Email Address *

Parent/Carer Mobile

Away Start Date *
3 Feb 2015

Away Finish Date *
3 Feb 2015

Reason for Absence *

The new website has many features. You will find a calendar that is up to date with curriculum events, incursions and excursions. You can select particular dates or all dates in a month or year. We also have news blogs, twitter feeds and links to interesting articles.

Located under the 'Our School' tab is an absentee form. It is an easy to use form that sends an email to the school. This will be an easy way for updating the roll and will save time as well as a great way to save trees.

In the near future parents and caregivers that supply an email address will be able to log into a secure area of the website to view their children's work.

Calendar

Day Month Year
All Feb 2015 Go

Prep Testing

Wed, 04 Feb 2015

School Council Meeting

Tue, 10 Feb 2015 - 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Prep Testing

Wed, 11 Feb 2015

Prep Testing

Wed, 18 Feb 2015

Prep Testing

Wed, 25 Feb 2015

School Council Elections

I would like to acknowledge the work of the current school councillors whose terms expire shortly. To parent members and to DET members, I would like to extend a sincere thank you for your time on council. Your support and ideas have been very greatly appreciated and have contributed so much to the running of the school.

At the start of every year the existing school council has its last meeting before the new council is formed. This meeting will be on Tuesday 10 February. The two year terms of half of its elected members expires and nominations are called.

Please take the time to consider the idea of standing for school council in the forthcoming election. It is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in your child's schooling at a deeper level.

Brain Food and Water

Like previous years we will be encouraging students to bring "brain food" to school to maintain their energy levels and help them concentrate throughout the day. Brain foods are fresh fruit or vegetables that can be snacked on in class. It is helpful if this is cut at home if your child prefers smaller pieces. We strongly encourage our students to have water bottles at school so they can keep hydrated with water throughout the day.



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This week at Olinda

We have been focused on setting high expectations on learning as well as behaviour. I have been impressed with how quickly the children have settled back into classroom routines and are meeting the expectations.

The children and teachers have set personal goals and are looking forward to sharing them with our parents at the three way conferences.

Numeracy

In Maths this week as well as next we are working on place value. The children will also be using place value to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division sums. They will be learning how to effectively interpret problems and use a variety of problem solving techniques.

Literacy

We have been assessing children's reading levels including the strategies they are using. Another important thing we are monitoring is comprehension. Our comprehension goal this week is building a mental picture as we are reading and reflecting about what we have read.

