



O'Sullivan Beach Primary School

Newsletter Term 1, Week 4

Principal's Message

Welcome to 2025 at O'Sullivan Beach Primary School!

Dear OSBPS Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year! Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we are glad to have you in our O'Sullivan Beach Primary School community. Our school is a place where every child is known, valued, and supported—not just in their learning but also in their overall well-being and personal growth.

We are kicking off the year with some exciting events, including our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Meet the Teacher Night. These are fantastic opportunities to connect with our school, meet our dedicated staff, and gain insight into the year ahead. We encourage you to come along, enjoy our beautiful grounds, and see firsthand what makes OSBPS such a special place.

Speaking of our grounds, we are thrilled with the fresh new look at the front of our school, thanks to our new blue courts. Soon, we will be adding extra markings, including handball courts, hopscotch, and other fun activities to encourage students to be active and engaged during playtimes. This exciting addition will give students more active play and skill development opportunities. Additionally, our long-awaited ramp project has been completed, ensuring greater accessibility for everyone in our community.

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Principal's Message cont.

In 2025, we will continue to strengthen our focus on learning, well-being, sustainability, and culture, ensuring that each plays a vital role in shaping the experiences of our students. Our Cultural Awareness and Kitchen and Garden Program is in full swing, providing students with hands-on experiences growing, preparing, and enjoying nutritious food. We are also raising awareness around healthy habits, introducing morning fitness to start the day with movement and energy. As part of this initiative, we have replaced our morning toast program with a healthier option of fresh fruit and eggs, reinforcing the importance of good nutrition and an active lifestyle for all students.

A huge welcome to our new families—we are so excited that you have joined us! Strong home-school partnerships are key to student success, and we encourage you to get involved wherever possible. Throughout the year, we will host a range of events and activities that we'd love for you to participate in. Whether it's attending school events, volunteering, or simply stopping in for a chat, we appreciate and value your involvement. Our student leadership elections have now taken place. We look forward to seeing our student leaders play an important role in representing their peers, sharing student voice, and helping shape positive experiences at OSBPS. Our new Positive Behaviour Support system will also be in full swing this year, with a strong focus on recognising and acknowledging students who consistently demonstrate our C.A.R.E. values—Cooperation, Achievement, Respect, and Empathy.

The leadership team here at OSBPS is always here to support you and your family, and we look forward to an outstanding year of learning, growth, and success. Here's to a fantastic 2025!

Warm regards,
Simon Rowlands



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Coming Up

Term 1, 2025

Week 5
Thursday 27th February - Meet the teacher & AGM

Week 6
Monday 3rd March - Student Free day

Week 7
Monday 10th March - Public Holiday

Week 9
M-T Th-F R-Y5 - Swimming

Kitchen/ Garden and First Nation Culture lessons



We have been working hard and having lots of fun with Shialee and Jess and our class SSOs on Wednesdays in **Kitchen/Garden and First Nations Culture** lessons. We have been investigating all the problems in our Aboriginal food garden, finding lots of things that we need to work on over the coming weeks, like replacing dead plants, making sure existing plants get watered, weeding, and rubbish collection along with replanting lots of new seeds and plants to help our garden thrive again.

We have been learning about the **Torres Strait Islands**, watching video clips about what life is like there, learning about their languages, the flag and traditional foods, clothing and dances. We have been learning the seated song and dance, **Taba Naba**, which celebrates life near the ocean. We have cooked some Torres Strait damper and curry, along with warragul green and cheese triangles and nectarine muffins, utilising some of the foods grown in our garden here at school.

We have also been practising some **weaving** techniques, making an anklet similar to what we saw the Torres Strait Islander dancers wearing.

Carclew

Carclew in Schools – Artist in Residence

We are thrilled to announce that our Year 5/6 students have been selected to participate in an exciting **7-week artist-in-residence program** with professional visual artist **Emmaline Zanelli** as part of the **Carclew in Schools DreamBIG Children's Festival!**

O'Sullivan Beach School is one of only two **Department for Education schools** chosen for this prestigious program, providing our students with an incredible opportunity to have their creativity and voices celebrated on a wider stage.

Throughout the program, students will collaboratively create a **multi-media artwork** inspired by the theme of time. They will explore different perceptions of time—from deep time to a microwave minute—encouraging them to reflect on their place in the world and their emotions about time passing. The final artwork will be projected inside the **Carclew Balloon** during the **DreamBIG Festival in May!**

This is a **once-in-a-lifetime experience** for our students, and we can't wait to see their creative ideas come to life! Stay tuned for updates as we share their journey.



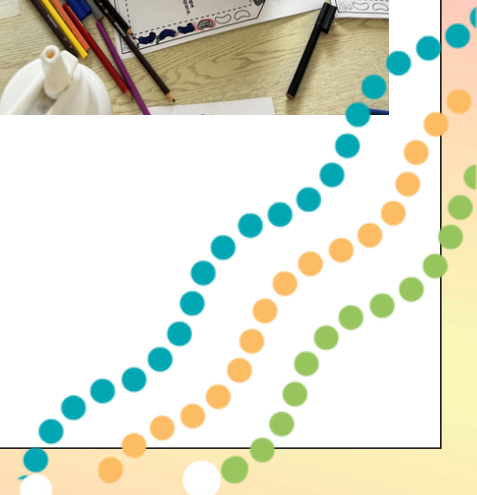
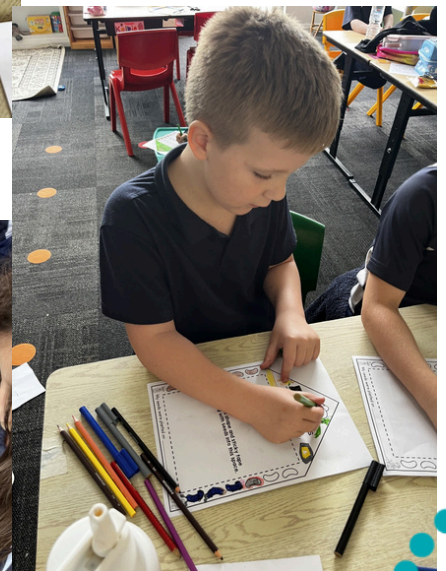
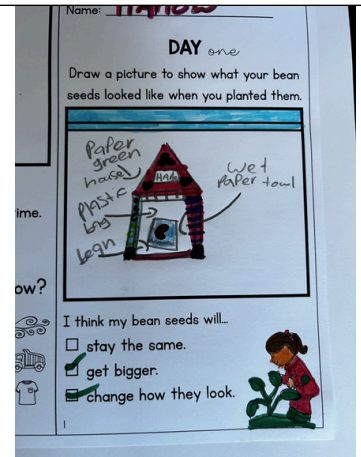
YEAR 2/3

TERM 1 SCIENCE

LEARNING FOCUS

Students are learning to:

- Observe and investigate how plants grow and change by conducting a scientific investigation.



Big thanks

We would like to thank our generous sponsors for their donations towards our Christmas raffle.



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TERM 1 2025



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1		28/01/2025 First day of term 1	29/01/2025	30/01/2025	31/01/2025 Assembly 2:30pm
2	03/02/2025	04/02/2025	05/02/2025	06/02/2025	07/02/2025 Carlew artist in residence
3	10/02/2025	11/02/2025	12/02/2025	13/02/2025	14/02/2025 Assembly 2:30pm Carlew artist in residence
4	17/02/2025	18/02/2025	19/02/2025	20/02/2025 Newsletter	21/02/2025
5	24/02/2025	25/02/2025	26/02/2025	27/02/2025 Meet the teacher 5-6pm AGM 6-6:30pm	28/02/2025 Student leader presentation assembly 2:30pm Carlew artist in residence
6	03/03/2025 STUDENT FREE DAY	04/03/2025 Incursion - Waste Education Team City of Onkaparinga	05/03/2025	06/03/2025	07/03/2025 International Woman's Day C.A.R.E afternoon Carlew artist in residence
7	10/03/2025 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	11/03/2025 Year 3 & 5 Naplan practice test	12/03/2025 Year 3 & 5 Naplan	13/03/2025 Year 3 & 5 Naplan	14/03/2025 Assembly 2:30pm
8	17/03/2025 Year 3 & 5 Naplan	18/03/2025 Year 3 & 5 Naplan	19/03/2025 Year 3 & 5 Naplan - catch up	20/03/2025 Year 3 & 5 Naplan - catch up Newsletter	21/03/2025 Harmony Day Carlew artist in residence
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11	07/04/2025	08/04/2025	09/04/2025	10/04/2025 Sports day	11/04/2025 Easter celebration