Welcome to the 2016 school year. We welcome new families and returning families and we hope everyone has a wonderful year. It has certainly started well, with things running smoothly right from the start.

**Room Numbers**
You will have noticed we have renumbered the classrooms. This has taken each room back to its original number, respecting the history of our 113 year old school buildings.

**Payment Envelope**
This year, we have introduced a new Payment Envelope. You will already have received one with your first invoice. These envelopes are to be used when sending payments for school fees and other school activities. Please complete the details on the front of the envelope and deposit in ‘The Black Box’ which is located in the doorway where the veranda’s lead through to the administration building. Please write clearly and remember to place only money in the envelope. Permission slips are to be given directly to the teacher. Should you wish to pay by Electronic Funds Transfer please still complete the envelope and write the transaction receipt number on the front of the envelope.

**Visit by the Minister for Education**
Next Wednesday morning 10th February we have a very special visitor coming to Osborne Primary. The WA Government Minister for Education, the Hon Mr Peter Collier, MLA will attend. He will be accompanied by Mr Chris Hatton, MLA, Member for Balcatta. Mr Collier will move around the school, meeting and talking to students and staff, as well as representatives from our School Board and P&C.

**Nature Play Area**
During the holidays, our P&C has been responsible for the establishment of a Nature Play area. Congratulations on a wonderful job done to date. Children can now play in this area, with just one small part marked off while we wait for that to be finished. Please try very hard to keep out of the Woolly Bushes on the slope, running through them will wreck them. The nature play area is great for challenging yourself, so have a go at things, but always remember to take care. If someone is climbing, leave them alone to do so, then have your turn!
tiqbiz
Last year we started using the mobile phone app ‘tiqbiz’ to improve our communication with parents. Those of you who have downloaded tiqbiz would have received a reminder last Sunday about school starting Monday. If you don’t have tiqbiz on your phone, please download it from the app store to your phone., and tick “Whole School”. When it asks for a password, this is your password, not a school one. If you want instructions, we have a page available from the school office.

Assemblies
We had a very quick welcome back assembly just with students on Wednesday. Our first proper whole school Assembly will be Wednesday 24th February, at 8.50am. All parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend our assemblies.

Gifted and Talented Programs for 2017.
Applications close Monday February 8th, 2016. For more information please visit the website at www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented
Email: gtsu@education.wa.edu.au Tel:9264 4307

Channel 7 Sunrise and our Year One’s.
On Tuesday this week Matt Tinney from Channel 7 Sunrise came to Osborne and they filmed him reading to our Year One class. This was then shown on Sunrise on Thursday morning. If you would like to have a look, the link is on the Channel 7 Sunrise page.
They were filming the launch of a brand new Dr Seuss book, one which was never released and has only just been discovered.

Swimming Lessons PP to 6
We have been able to return swimming lessons to our preferred time of Term One. Lessons start Monday 29th February and run each day for two weeks. There will be a total of nine lessons as Monday 7th March is a holiday. This year, for the first time, Pre Primary students will participate therefore lessons are for all students Pre Primary to Year 6. You will be sent more information soon.

ouronline canteen.com.au
This is the website to order freshly made lunches for Fridays. You need to register and use your credit card to put a minimum of $20 on your account. You can also make a bank transfer but this will take a few days.
If you have any questions please contact Carole Shaw – 0409 934 409.

See the back page for photos of the children on their first day back to school.
Want to play Australian Rules Football?

Registration Day
Sunday 21 February 2016
10:00am to 1:00pm
Richard Guelfi Reserve
Delawney Street
Balcatta

Enquiries
Registrar - Tammy Mottolini 0409 997 988
Register online or download the registration form
from stirlingjffc.com

Registration fee schedule for 2016

Auskick (PP – Yr3): $155
(incl. training shirt, shorts and socks to the value of $55)

Modified Yr4 – Yr7): $180
(incl. training shirt, shorts and socks to the value of $55)

Open (Yr 8 – Yr12): $190
(incl. training shirt, shorts and socks to the value of $55)

Come and join the Stirling Saints
Your local junior football club