



OCEAN REEF
PRIMARY SCHOOL 100
PIRATES



Who are the ORPS Pirates?

We are a group of parents with children attending the Ocean Reef Primary School.

What do the Pirates do?

We have fun, catch up for meetings and a drink, the energetic Pirates catch up for fitness, and we raise money for Ocean Reef Primary School along the way.

How did the ORPS Pirates start?

It all started in 2013 - a group of mums with children that had been in Kindy the year before had a play date at a park. We talked about loads of things, including how busy mums could get fit, how the Kindy room still had no air-conditioning and some fun runs for adults - 'Colour Run' (easy), 'Mudd Rush' (messy) and 'Tough Mudder' (tuff!). We put them together - getting fit and raising money - and the ORPS Pirates Team was born. The Pirates were to get fit together, run the Western MuddRush and arrange sponsorship, with the proceeds going towards extra purchases needed at Ocean Reef Primary School.

Where did the name Pirates come from?

We needed a team name to enter the MuddRush - we wanted something that went with the maritime theme of Ocean Reef Primary, could be lots of fun, and was a bit rebellious too!

How did the fundraising year 2013 go?

We raised the amazing amount of \$10,590.10 for our treasure chest - that's a lot of pieces of gold!

Sausage sizzle for lunch at school in June 2013 - \$500.00. Huge thanks to Farmer Jacks who provided all the supplies for free.

Cupcakes at recess in July - \$375.00 (We ran out of cupcakes they were so delicious - more next time). August was the main event, the Western MuddRush - \$3,790.00. Lots of fitness training and hunting for treasure through generous sponsorship from families, friends and local businesses.

21 Pirates signed up - loads of busy mums, some other supporters, and even Mr David Bryant, who had retired as Principal earlier that year. Buck-N-Ear Bryant was the oldest participant for the event (well past the half century) and made it through all obstacles. The ORPS Pirates came second-best-dressed - judged before we started. It was SO MUCH FUN!! Once we had commando crawled through that first patch of slimy, stinky mud and slung some mud at each other we never looked back, only forwards as we worked together to get the team over an 8km distance and 24 obstacles - including an unforgettable complete immersion ice-bath. Next time we have our sights set on the best-dressed team prize-money so we can fill the coffers with even more gold.

More cupcakes for recess at school in September - \$720.00. Didn't run out this time!

Treasure Chest Raffle was next - \$1,123.00. Many local businesses we approached for MuddRush sponsorship kindly donated goods and services. Three huge gift baskets, which included wine, Farmer Jacks vouchers, beauty products, boot camp and hairdresser vouchers and lots more.

November was a hot, sweaty Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - \$3,077.00. This was an unexpected activity, but the Year 7 Fundraising Committee were unable to fill the event. The pirates took it on with gusto, many dads helped out and some new mums too. A massive thanks to each person who manned the sausage sauna, those who helped organise the crew, and kind donations of many supplies made it all worthwhile.

Last event was a fabulous cake stall at the School Christmas Concert - \$1,004.00. Many families at the school brought in wonderful goodies, including some pirate-faced cookies, and treasure chest cup-cakes. Everything was sold and it was a really positive way to end our first year as Pirates!

Pirate activity for 2014:

We started the year with a pizza lunch in March 2014 - \$650.00

Pirates visited the muster (assembly) in April to announce the winners of a colouring competition. The kids loved seeing the huge group of pirates on stage and are getting very good with their Arrggggggghs!

On ANZAC day in April we sold ANZAC biscuits at recess - \$550.00

May 2014 brought our biggest fundraiser for the year, a quiz night. This was a fantastic evening with 135 guests from our school community, loads of donated prizes for raffles and auctions and so much of fun all around - \$5,050.00

Last day of term in July we held a sausage sizzle lunch. Thank you to Farmer Jacks for donating the supplies - \$790.00

August was MuddRush month. We had another team of pirates complete the event, some previous participants and some new ones, including lots of dads and a teacher too.

With fabulous team work, we all finished together, covered in mud from head to toe, but full of laughs and a sense of achievement.

Another pirate's event in August 2014 was hosting of the first 'Awesome Kids Morning Tea', which will happen every term, to acknowledge students that follow all the 7 C's (courage, courtesy, cooperation, commitment, common sense, consideration and care) at school.

We also organised another pizza lunch in August 2014 - \$670.00

19 September has the most important pirate date, with 'international talk like a pirate day'. The school's sports carnival happened to fall on that day, so it became a huge pirate fun day.

Wednesday 17 the pirates supported the junior sports carnival with loads of helpers for the games and races in pirate dress up, plus a cake stall held by the pirates for refreshments.

Friday 19 the pirates were out in full force at the senior sports carnival. Again helping to score the games and races, even ambush the teachers (including the Principal) with drenching ice cold water. It was a fun day, which ended with most helpers staying for an ice cold drink at the oval after school finished.

The cake stall was another success, and thanks to all the baker donations, and some clever purchases of icy poles and more soft drinks, we made a great fundraising amount - \$1,510.00 and then the coffee van was happy to give us a part of their takings, which added more to the day's efforts - \$60.00.

At the beginning of December 2014 we hosted another successful 'Awesome Kids Morning Tea'.

The last event for the year was the cake stall at the Christmas concert held at the school on December 10, 2014. We again had lots of pirate bakers donate their creations, which brought in another \$1040.00 to bring our grand total to over \$10,000.00. That's \$20,000.00 in two years, just by the pirates. What an amazing achievement by a group of mums that started this to put an air conditioner into a classroom...

Pirate activity for 2015:

First event of 2015 was a sausage sizzle at Masters Joondalup to start off our fundraising for this year. We made a profit of \$1,033.00. Thanks to the kind donations of Farmer Jacks and our school community.

On Wednesday 18 March we had a food event at school. We were selling cheesy subs at recess, which was a great way to use up the left over rolls from the sausage sizzle. The food sold very well, and we made \$380.00 for our treasure chest.

On the 23 March the pirates hosted another Awesome Kids Morning Tea, the first one for this year. As always the kids loved seeing the pirates around.

To commemorate 100 years of ANZACs the Pirates showed their support and respect by baking Anzac Biscuits for our fellow families to enjoy and reminisce about past and present diggers. It was a great success after watching a moving ANZAC ceremony at school on 24 April to have each child walk home with something.

The next pirate event was a pizza lunch for the kids on Friday 29 May. As our school doesn't have a canteen, the children love some special treats for lunch for a change. We raised another \$620.00.

On 22 June, we held another Awesome Kids Morning Tea.

The Pirates biggest event for 2015 was the Quiz Night, held on August 8. This year it was at the Currumbine Community Centre. It was a brilliant night for all the guests and the hosting pirates too. There were lots of prizes, auctions and games on top of the quiz questions and a well-stocked bar to keep everyone happy. This brought an amazing \$6,830.00

In August, the pirates fed the school again, with a record breaking Pizza Lunch on 14 August 2015 - \$715.00 was raised.

On August 16 it was MuddRush time again. With the smallest team so far, the 8 mums participating still had loads of fun and challenged them to complete the muddy obstacle course.

As the pirates like to show their community spirit, we entered a team into the City to Surf 4km walk, which was a brilliant family day for a great cause. We are hoping to have an even bigger group going next year, as we attracted so much attention and even made it into the evening news.

On 14 September we hosted the next Awesome Kids Morning Tea.

19 September is international talk like a pirate day. As this day falls into the sports carnival week at ORPS, we like to make it extra fun and help the school run the 2-day-event.

Wednesday 16 was the sports carnival for the lower school, and then on 18 September was the event for the rest of the students. It was fun filled with pirates scoring, helping with team sports and then the famous pirate relay and water fight at the end. We also held a food stall, selling all donated food, which included cakes, slices, quiches, fruit with dipping sauce, sausage rolls and lots more. One mum even brought homemade lemonade to sell. It was another successful event, and once all the food, drinks and icy poles were sold we had made a great profit - \$1,882.00.

Thursday 5 November brought the PBS (Positive Behaviour School) Launch Sausage Sizzle. The star mascot was revealed to the kids and the pirates cooked a free sausage sizzle lunch for the whole school donated by Farmer Jacks.

On Friday 27 November we hosted a movie night on the oval with a huge screen, food vans and great atmosphere. It was great seeing families on picnic rugs watching the show together. We raised a brilliant \$1,707.00 from ticket sales, food and glow products. Monday 7 December was the final Awesome Kids Morning Tea

The last pirate event for 2015 was the cake stall at the ORPS Xmas concert on Wednesday 9 December. Fantastic turnout and we raised \$1,000.00 to bring the 2015 total to an amazing \$14K! Wow!

Pirate activity for 2016:

The year 2016 started very busy all around, so the pirates try to fit into the schedule. We hosted the first Awesome Kids Morning Tea on Monday 4 April. As usual, the kids had a great time.

The other event in Term 1 was a pizza lunch for the whole school on Tuesday 5 April. This is such a simple and well working option and we raised \$649.00. As this event was on a Tuesday, Kindy Blue and Green had the opportunity to be part of it.

May 20 saw the annual Quiz Night. Held at the Currambine Community Centre, it was another fun event. We had lots of raffle prizes, silent auctions, fun new games including play-dough construction, great quiz winner buckets and just a great evening for parents and friends to socialise. We raised \$6,660.00 into the pirate treasure chest. At the end of Term 2 we hosted another Awesome Kids Morning Tea.

Term 3 started with the pirates visiting the muster to present the colouring in competition winners, which is always fun for the kids.

August 26 we organised a pizza lunch for the whole school, on the last day of swimming lessons, which was well deserved. We raised \$700.00 at this event.

The MuddRush was on in August again, where the team this year was only made up of 2 Pirates, but they still dressed up and had fun doing it. A couple their kids did the Mini MuddRush, and we are looking at putting a kids group in next year, because they totally loved the muddiness of it.

Another Awesome Kids Morning Team came on September 5.

And then on September 14 and 16, was Sports Carnival Day. As in the last few years, the school ran the event with pirate's involvement. We were present on both days, helped with the games and races, fed the kids and parents through the food stall (lots of cakes, slices, scrolls, toasties and sausage rolls), and just brought a great atmosphere with the pirate games and crazy antics only pirates can do. On top of that we raised \$2,000.00 into our treasure chest.

Coming up for the rest of 2016

For Term 4, we have the outdoor movie night planned, a great community event and fundraiser, a visit to the Star 1st Birthday celebration supplying lunch for the whole school, another Awesome Kids Morning Tea and the cake stall at the end of year concert.

What next?

We are always looking for treasure, planning various events, gathering more fun-loving Pirate crew, improving our uniforms, some brave Pirates will enter the MuddRush (yep – we need to spread the fun!), and best of all is hearing the murmur when we turn up for Muster "*.....Oohhh, the pirates are here!*" and seeing the smiles on the kids' faces!!! We are so excited about continuing the fun, friendships and **Doin' it for the Kids** (not to mention regularly getting dressed-up and going AArrggghhh!).

THANK YOU

To all the sponsors and helpers of the ORPS Pirates!

We couldn't be this successful without you!!!

Are we still recruiting?

Absolutely! Join the crew as a helper, a seller, a baker, a sizzler, an organiser, or train and run with our MuddRush team - it's never too late. The kids love seeing the Pirates around the school, and the more the merrier in every way. Just ask a Pirate!





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