From the Principal

Today students moved in to their set classes for the year. As indicated previously our numbers were borderline at the end of last year. With the number of enrolments we received this year we had no alternative but to form a new class. The way our enrolments “panned out” this had to occur at a Year 2 level but there is a flow on effect and in the end we had to move over 50 students.

We have employed Mrs Chloe O’Neill as our extra teacher at this stage. Mrs O’Neill is an experienced teacher who has previously worked in the Wollongong area and we welcome her to Orana Heights.

Today we held a formal assembly for our Student Representative Council (SRC) induction. These are our student leaders for 2013 and were elected by their peers and staff. Congratulations to Sarah Boon, Claudia Bruce, Payton Harris, Zoe-Anne Walker, Mitchell Ashford, Samuel Bass, Lachlan Keller and Josh Tomas on their taking up of the role. Also congratulations to their parents on the manner in which their children have developed and presented at our school. At the assembly Mr John Walkom, representing the mayor of Dubbo, spoke on what constitutes leadership. Ms Stacey Exner, Principal of Delroy Campus and Mr Darryl Thompson, Principal South Campus, attended as part of our close association with our Senior Campuses.

Just a warning about next term for your diaries. Usually the first day back each term is a School Development Day (SDD) i.e. student free. Next term we will be having an extra SDD where staff will be looking at the implementation of the National Curriculum in English which is mandatory for 2014. Therefore April 29th and April 30th will be student free.

It has been reported to me that some people are using the disabled car parks incorrectly. If you, or your child, do not have a disability, do not use these parks, they are there for a specific reason. Also the side car park on the Wheelers Lane side of the school is for staff and those accessing the special education area, it is not a general car park.

We have a number of vacancies for positions in the school at present. This Thursday we are interviewing for a classroom teacher position and then preparing the advertisements for two Assistant Principal positions. I would imagine the successful candidates for these positions would take up their roles from the commencement of Term 2. Obviously this will mean changes to classes however there is nothing we can do about this.

Next week we have the school swimming carnival. Make sure your children have sunscreen, plenty of water to drink and the appropriate hat and clothing. It is a long day at the pool in the sun.

I am in Sydney this Friday at a meeting. Mrs Munro will take over my responsibilities as principal whilst I am absent. Craig Renneberg

“The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change”.

Band News

Thank you to our band and music lesson students for their prompt payment.

All lessons will start tomorrow with Mrs Shannon Laudon.

Claim the Date – Wednesday 13 March 2013
School photos will be held on Wednesday 13 March. Photo envelopes will be sent home soon.
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Annual General Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be our Annual General Meeting which will be held on Tuesday 5th March at 7pm in the staff room. All new and interested people are very welcome. If you would like to know more about how it all works please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary - Deanne Davis on paul@ravos.net.au or call on 0407 418 511.

School Canteen
Next week with the school newsletter a few items relating to the Canteen will be sent out. An interim menu will be issued that will be effective as from Monday 25 February as some new processes are put in place. With the reduction in hours for our Canteen Supervisors and very little volunteer help it means changes need to be made. This will mean there will be fewer items on the menu and some price changes.
The P&C are also seeking feedback from a range of groups in the school community in relation to the Canteen via a survey. Further information about this will be sent out next week as well.

School Canteen is desperately looking for volunteers – if you are able to volunteer in some way please contact the school office. Volunteering could be time spent helping serve and prepare in the Canteen or you may have some other ideas on how you may be able to help – please let us know.

If you have any other ideas that you would like to share you are more than welcome to contact the Canteen Sub-Committee Convenor – Deanne Davis via email as above or via leaving your contact details with the school office.

Sport News
Swimming Carnival
The Orana Heights swimming carnival will be a DAY carnival in 2013.

DATE: Friday 22nd February
TIME: 9am – 3pm
VENUE: Dubbo Aquatic Centre

This year we see the reintroduction of the swimming carnival as a day carnival. This carnival includes all students in Years 3-6 and Year 2 students who are turning 8 years old this year.

Once again we need parent helpers to help run events to assist in the smooth running of this carnival. A note seeking your commitment will be sent home today.

As the carnival is being held during school hours student attendance is compulsory. Students who do not attend will require an absence note from their parent / caregiver.

Sporting Houses
We have 4 sporting houses at Orana Heights, Bradman (RED), Cuthbert (ORANGE), Laver (BLUE), & Spears (GREEN) - students are invited to wear the colours of their houses. New students have been informed of their sporting house. Mrs Hall

House captains & vice captains
Last Friday House meetings were held to organise entries for the school swimming carnival. An important part of this meeting was the election of the 2013 House Captains and Vice Captains.

We would like to congratulate the following students:
Cuthbert Captains – Amara Adamson, Aiden Lake, Vice Captains – Eboni Marr, Brandon Dennis.
Spears Captains – Taneka Todhunter, Ethan Hyde, Vice Captains – Heidy Schink, Noah Perkins.

These children will be presented with their hats and badges, by their parents, at a special assembly this Friday 15 February at 2pm. We look forward to their valuable contribution as part of another successful sporting year at Orana Heights. Gary Jones

Please note that our website has changed to:

Congratulations to our Award Winners

Honour

Kynan Green

Ear Bus Project – Trivia Night

Come and join the fun and re-visit the 80’s. Great prizes to be won.

Date: Friday 22 February 2013

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Dubbo Golf Club

Cost: $10 if paying online or $15 at the door – tables of 6 or 8

Enquires: Colleen 0418 617 931, Rowena 0432 344 755

Thank you to the Men’s Shed for constructing our Oakey Dokey Tree that is on the back wall of the auditorium (pictured L).

Pictured below are our new SRC representatives with their parents and special guests.