From the Principal
On Friday 15th March we interviewed applicants for two assistant principal positions at our school. These positions relate to Stage 1 and Stage 3. As part of the processes used by the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) there is a ten day appeal period after the interviews, prior to the release of the names of the successful applicants. In this case this will finish Friday 29 March. I will be able to inform you of the results of the interviews in next week’s newsletter.

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter the DEC is undergoing a significant restructure at present. It is not clear when staffing changes at a senior level will occur with the resultant flow on which will impact on us. I will keep you informed of the management line as we are made aware of it.

We have had a significant number of staff out at professional learning yesterday and today as we prepare for the implementation of the national curriculum. It is mandatory for schools to introduce the English syllabus in 2014, followed by the Maths syllabus in 2015 and the rest of the subject areas follow on. Obviously with changes in such key documents we need to be prepared and hence the participation of the staff in this training. They will lead our changes within the school. At the commencement of Term 2 we will be having two School Development Days with one of these being completely dedicated to preparation for the implementation of the English syllabus next year. We will provide information sessions for parents as we become more familiar with the documents and their impact.

In the week commencing Tuesday 2nd April we will be holding parent interviews to “bring you up to speed” as to how your child has settled in to this year and how they are progressing. You would have received notes in relation to the organisation of this for times etc.

Tomorrow, 27th, we have the K-2 Easter assembly which is always great fun. This commences at 11.20am and we invite all parents and carers to attend.

Year 6 have their Wambangalang excursion in the first week back next term.

Unfortunately a small number of parents continue to attempt to talk to teachers about their children when the teacher is on class or supervising their students. Please remember that if you wish to speak to a teacher you need to arrange an interview at a mutually convenient time. It is not acceptable that you attempt to talk to them when they are on class or preparing for their classes. It is not fair to the children in the class and impacts on their rights. I have instructed staff to inform me of anyone doing this. I will be in contact with these people to clarify what I consider acceptable behaviour. C Renneberg

“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet”. Aristotle

Easter Raffle—Drawn Tomorrow Wednesday
The Easter raffle draw will take place tomorrow Wednesday 27 March 2013. Again thank you for your support and good luck.
K-2 Teachers

1M Class Blog
This year 1M has a class blog called ‘Magnificent 1M’. A blog is an online diary which follows 1M’s learning journey throughout the year. Mrs McTiernan and Miss Mackay post information/photos on the blog about what 1M are learning and doing in the classroom each week. Last week we had Family Blogging Week, where we encouraged all family members to jump on and make a comment. We were absolutely overwhelmed with the response! We had over 500 visits to our blog last week, Wow! Mums, dads, cousins, grandparents and even Samuel and Georgia’s Aunty Leanne from New Zealand made a comment on the blog. We would like to say a huge big thank-you to the supportive families in 1M who made Family Blogging Week such a success.

Stage 3 Sydney Excursion
As part of our studies, Stage 3 will be visiting Sydney during September. The excursion is excellent value offering an experience the children will never forget.

YEAR 5: Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th September 2013
YEAR 6: Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th September 2013

Payment Details: Total Cost $370.00
Payments or instalments can be paid from now. Next term a detailed note will be sent home and a deposit will be required. Thank You, Stage Three Teachers.
Out of Uniform Day - SRC first fundraiser
When: Thursday 11 April 2013
Cost: A gold coin donation

School Dance
When: Wednesday 10 April
Where: Orana Heights Public School Auditorium
Time: K-2 4.30 - 6pm Y3-Y6 6.15 - 7.45pm
Theme: Rock & Roll
Cost: $3 (includes a drink, packet of chips and lots of dancing - money raised goes towards the Hearing Bus Fund)

Kindergarten News - Wanted - parent helpers for home reading. If you have a spare 30-45 minutes in the morning at 9am to listen to Kinders read and change their “Home Reading” books please let your child’s class teacher know. Your help is greatly appreciated - just once or twice a week would be helpful. ES1 Teachers.

NALAG Centre for Loss & Grief - Seasons for Growth program is a program that works with children and adults to help them understand and express their experiences of change. For more information please phone NALAG on 6882 9222.

Special Religious Education - For the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St Brigid's Parish & St Laurence’s Church Dubbo, a parent’s information evening on Tuesday 2 April at 7pm will be held. For more information please phone 6882 4233.

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Please note - Term 2 starts for students on Wednesday 1 May 2013.

Canteen Donation Drive – Term 1
The P&C and the Canteen are organising a donation drive for the remainder of Term 1. All donations will be used in the canteen and will be gratefully appreciated.
We are seeking long life products and paper goods. Examples include— tin beetroot sliced, tin pineapple sliced, long life vanilla custard, long life milk, cordial (lemon, lime, orange, raspberry), jelly crystals, sugar, icing sugar, vanilla and butter cake mix, sprinkles, pikelet mix, mayonnaise, vegemite, strawberry jam, honey; milo, hot chocolate mix, 2 minute noodles (chicken & beef), serviettes, foam cups, plastic forks, plastic tea spoons, baking paper, gladwrap, foil, muffin papers, patty cake papers, hand wash, detergent, fly spray, canola oil. A Donation Box will be set up at the canteen to drop your donation in. Once again, thank you very much for your support.

Next Monthly Meeting – Tuesday 2 April
The next meeting of the P&C will be held next week on Tuesday 2 April at 7.00pm in the staff room. The results and recommendations from the recent survey will not be tabled until the May meeting due to the time it is taking to collate and summarise the responses. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey.

Uniform Shop
We will not be open during the school holidays. If you require winter uniforms, please call in to see us for the remainder of the term. As usual, a completed order form can be left at the front office. The order will be filled and delivered to your child’s class. We accept payment by cash or cheque only – sorry, no EFTPOS facilities available for the P&C.
Oakey Dokey Award Winners

Kane McFarlane    Ryan Nissen    Liam Mitchell
Ciara Beetson     Khynan Roworth  Eligh Hing
Kasey Allen       Mitchell Ashford Rosa Gharibi
Emma Allen        Kyden Cheeseman

App of the week: Balloon Pop Challenge
A mathematics app for all students K-6. Pop balloons for your answers. It covers colours, odd/evens, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, multiples and factors.

Congratulations!
to the following Award Winners

Honour
Hallie Bourke    Lewis Gardoll

Pictures below are of our teams who have represented our school.

Boys Basketball Team NSWPSSA Basketball Divisional
Girls Basketball Team NSWPSSA Basketball Divisional
Boys Cricket Team played in the State Knockout
Mixed Netball Team who played in the NSW Netball Cup
Sport News

Term Two PSSA Sport
Term two PSSA Sport begins on Friday 3rd May and continues through to Friday 21st June. Buses depart school at 11.15am and return at approximately 1pm. The fare is $3.50 per week or $28 for the term. Children are to wear their sports uniform (sports shirts, sports shorts and sport socks are available through the school uniform shop), hat, joggers and bring a drink bottle.
Parents are most welcome to come along as spectators on Fridays.
Students have selected their sports and permission notes went home on Friday. Please return these notes to team coaches ASAP. Parents are to purchase the compulsory equipment for their children.

WESTERN AREA BOYS CRICKET
Congratulations Mitchell Ashford on your selection in the Western Area Boys Cricket Team. I hear you can make the ball spin. Well done!

DUBBO DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS
Congratulations Aiden Lake, Kenny Bell, Sam Bass, Rhys French and Jackson Pearson-Miller on your selection in the opens Dubbo District Rugby League Team and Harold Fuller, Dane Charters and Jamal Wells on your selection in the 11yrs Dubbo District Rugby League Team. The boys have training each week leading up to the Western Area Rugby League Day on Thursday 1st April.

WESTERN AREA BASKETBALL
Congratulations to Taneka Todhunter on selection in the Western Area Girls Basketball Team. We are very proud of your achievement. Taneka will train with the team and they play in Menai in Week 6, Term 2.

KNOCKOUT NETBALL
Our Orana Heights Netball team has their first round game against Condobolin Public School this Thursday at 10am. The game will be played on our netball court and parents are welcome to watch. Parents are asked to send in a plate for morning tea for the girls to share. Thank you Mrs McIntosh and Mrs Comerford for training the girls. Good luck girls!

DUBBO DISTRICT BOYS SOCCER
Congratulations Jesse Spang and Josh Tomas on your selection in the Dubbo District Boys Soccer Team. The boys will play on Friday 5th April where they will vie for a spot in the Western Area Boys Soccer Team.

DUBBO DISTRICT RUGBY UNION TRIALS
We have 6 boys representing Orana Heights at the Dubbo District Union Trials tomorrow at Apex Oval. Good luck Ryhs French, George Munro, Jed Chandler, Kenny Bell, Brandon Dennis and Harold Fuller.

DUBBO DISTRICT GIRLS SOCCER TRIALS
This afternoon we have 8 girls vying for a position in the Dubbo District Girls Soccer Team. Good luck Sarah Boon, Zara Wawarek, Ashleigh Mitchell, Kaeisha Clarke-Russo, Emily Stewart, Taneka Todhunter, Tyra Todhunter and Zoe-Anne Walker.
Mrs Hall

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