Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends,

Quote of the Week: "The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn".
John Lubbock

Many Thanks - It is always difficult to start a line of thanks as one is always concerned someone will be missed. I will however thank all the staff at Orana Heights for their hard work and dedication to your children. Special thanks go to Mrs Gorrie and Mrs Duncan who have been members of the executive team during the year. 2015 sees a number of new staff joining our school, including two new Assistant Principals. Ms Connolly is returning to her class position as the Assistant Principal - Special Education. Her love of teaching draws her back to the class environment but not without recognition of the commitment, sincerity and conscientious support she has offered in the Deputy Principal role since August this year. The person to relieve in the Deputy Principal role will be announced in 2015. Many thanks to our very supportive parents, caregivers and friends who generously give of their time and support whenever the call goes out.

Police Liaison - In the past few weeks Constable Marty Paice has been to visit our school. Constable Paice is the school’s police liaison officer and whilst at times he visits our school with an aim to speak to certain students, it is also his role to develop rapport with the school community. Last week some kindergarten classes were lucky to have a surprise visit and hear a story read to them by a man in uniform. We appreciated the support Constable Paice offers our school.

Year Six Farewell - Last Thursday afternoon and evening the school held the Year Six farewell. Ms Mestrom put together a fun and activity filled afternoon with dinner and dance. Year Six are to be congratulated for their conduct throughout the evening and thanks goes to staff for supervising and assisting with all events. All feedback has been positive and it would appear Year Six certainly enjoyed their special time. The evening ended with a Year Six video. There have been many requests for copies of this video however due to the use of baby photos and permission for publicity, we are not able to provide this outside the school environment.

For those who leave our Orana Heights school community, we wish only the best for you and your children. To Year Six; be the best you can be. Enjoy your festive season with your families and friends. Be safe in your travels and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Annie Munro, Principal (R)

Orana Heights Public School – Medal Winners

Congratulations to Jaydie Marshall, Tori Kleing, Aeddan Todhunter, Jesse Spang & Mackinley Shipp who received their medal at our last assembly. This is the highest welfare award received at Orana Heights Public School.
**Congratulations to the following Award Winners**

**Honour Awards**
- Jessica Towns
- Ethan Young
- Mia Fisher
- Joshua Nissen x 3
- Brooke Stiles x 2
- Matthew Bridges
- Charlotte Bass
- Malayah Hurst
- Jacob Wirth
- Shyneaka Clarke x 2
- Paris Marshall
- Amelia Sanders

**Distinction Award**
- Mackenzie Roworth
- Broc Brimley
- Eli Perkins
- Asha Lake

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**Term 1 - 2015 Planner**

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**Movember Fundraiser**

**OHPS Tribute to Phillip Hughes**

**Yr 6 to Yr 7 Transition**

**Year 6 Farewell**

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*We wish all our families a very Merry Christmas & all the best for 2015. Have a safe and relaxing holiday.*