From the Principal

The P & C will be holding a special AGM on Tuesday 18th March in the school library. There is further information about this elsewhere in this newsletter but the P & C is the peak parent body in the school who do a wonderful job supporting all children. It would be nice to see a few more people provide support to this organisation.

I have mentioned before about the on line learning programs Mathletics and Reading Eggs and our making these available for the students. The school has subsidised these extensively however there are a number of families who have not contributed to the costs. It would be appreciated if you could do so.

♦ School photos will be taken on Wednesday 26th March. Order forms for these have gone out.

The first school disco of the year will be held on Thursday 27th March. Information about this will be out in various formats prior to this date. Please remember that students who cannot follow our PBL values of Respect, Responsibility and Safety will not be able to participate in this extra curricula activity.

As most of you would be aware each year we hold a monster Easter raffle to raise funds to purchase consumables throughout the school. I think last year we had nearly 40 prizes! Donations are sought at the moment to go towards this prize pool and I would like to thank those who have already contributed. Tickets for this raffle will be sent home with students today.

♦ As I think I mentioned last week, head lice are making their presence felt at the moment. It always happens at this time of year. I can still remember the fun of it with three daughters with long, blonde, curly hair! Please keep an eye on your child’s hair and take the appropriate action if need be.

I have employed an irrigation specialist to look at our sprinkler system with a view to upgrading it. At present, as all can see, it is not effective and the cost for water is extremely high. The company involved has attended the school once to look at it and guess what, it rained! They planned to visit again and guess what? The forecast was 100% chance of rain so they cancelled. Hopefully this will occur in the not to distant future!

Craig Renneberg

Library News

Book Club orders are due back this Wednesday. Late orders will still be processed though they will arrive well after the first order. Please feel free to use the payment facility on the order form which allows you to pay over the phone. Then, send along the order form completed with receipt number and other details.

Year 1 parents, please keep your eyes out for the Premier’s Reading Challenge note being sent home this week.

If your child has lost their library tag we can replace them. A $2 donation would be appreciated to cover administration expenses. Students must have a library bag to borrow books for home. Keep up the reading. Mrs Donna Thomas

K-2 Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets are going home with your child today. There are 15 tickets per booklet 50c each or 3 for $1, if you sell your tickets and would like some more they are available from the front office. Thank you to those families who have already donated some Easter items for our raffle. Donations of Easter eggs can be left at the office or given to your child’s class teacher – last year we had close to 40 prizes.

Mathletics Award Winners

Silver Award Winners - Keely Howard, Joseph Flyger, Patrick Clarke

Top tips for a Healthy Lunch Box
- Always include fresh fruit and vegetables. Vary the selection to keep it interesting.
- Offer a variety of whole grain breads, rolls, pita bread and flat breads.
- Use avocado as a spread instead of butter or margarine.
- Use reduced fat dairy foods. Cheese and yoghurt are ideal.
- Kids need a serve of protein at lunchtime. Ensure you include lean meat, egg, chickpeas or tuna.
- Add a chilled bottle of water and limit juice.

Notes Home
- Premiers Reading Challenge - Year One Students - Grey note
- Great Galaxies Performance - Whole school - Purple note
- Easter Raffle Tickets
- Stewart House Envelopes

NB: Notes home can also be accessed from our website.

Kindergarten Home Reading

Thank you to the mums who have offered to help with Home Reading this year. We will start on Monday 24th March (Week 9). We will let you know what to do when you get here. If there are more mums or dads who would like to help between 9.00am-9.30am each week day, please let the class teacher know. We are grateful for any help during those times. Thank you, Vada Gorrie

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**Congratulations to the following Award Winners**

**Oakley Dokey Achievers**

Shyneaka Clarke  
Charlotte Hall  
Kate Allen  
Shakitia Nichols  
Mahalia Leslie  
Paris Marshall  
Tilly Smith  
Preston Wallace  
Ziggy Blyton  
Lucy Stiles  
Ryan Boxall  
Emma Allen  
Tazmine Campbell  
Emily Foran  
Izak Bennett  
Brook Stiles  
Madison McKeon  
Jaiden Pearce x2  
Dhvey Vachhani  
Hayden Marshall  
Taj Parkes  
Ava Forrester  
Gabrielle Dowling  
River Christy  
Lucy Pobje x2  
Zahara Fritz  
Rusty Hannifey  
Joel Cook  
Isaac Luckie  
Chloe Richards  
Bridie Maslen  
Caitlin Dudgeon  
Layla Docherty  
Shoniquah Pope  
Sebastian Thwaita  
Maddison Bramley  
Cooper Schofield  
Imogen Taylor  
Mikaele Perese x2  
Leah Wallace  
Belinda Owers  
Eligh Hing  
Ava Lane  
Jacob Beetsen  
 Zienna Wathen-Romans

**Caitlin Williams**  
Michael Harper  
Bailey Lacrosse  
Dillan Roberts  
Seth Nicholson  
Nicholas Taylor  
Lachlan Day  
Eloise Mules  
Caleb Barker  
Taya Millington  
Liam Madgwick  
James Doick  
Samuel Gilholme-Hodgson  
Bronte Cunningham

**Honour Awards**

Brianna Sayer  
Jack Dalton  
Joshua Nissen  
Bailey Callaghan  
Amelia Sanders  
Ziggy Blyton  
Taya Millington  
Leah Wallace  
Lachlan Mealey  
Katie Nissen  
Ava Lane  
Khynan Roworth x2

**Distinction Awards**

Joshua Nissen

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**School Dance - Theme: “Come as an Aussie”**

**Thursday 27 March 2014**

**K-2: 4.30—6pm**  
**Yrs 3-6: 6.15 - 7.45pm**

Cost: $4 includes entry, drink & snack

NB: Students whose behaviour is deemed unsuitable at school will not be invited to attend
SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY
THE ORANA HEIGHTS PARENTS & CITIZENS (P&C) ASSOCIATION IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF PEOPLE TO BECOME INVOLVED.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) which was to be held last Tuesday 11 March did not go ahead due to lack of numbers to enable the meeting to run.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held next Tuesday 18 March at 5.00pm in the School Library. If there are not sufficient numbers to run at this meeting the Executive in consultation with Craig Renneberg as the School Principal will need to meet to work out the future of the P&C.

So we really need you to come along and be present. Coming to the meeting does not mean you need to take on a role but you may decide to become a member. Membership is $2 and you will be asked to complete a membership details form. This gives you voting rights at the meetings as well as ensures you receive the minutes of the meetings via email and other information as it comes up.

As everyone would be aware the more people involved the more the load can be shared. The P&C also run the Uniform Shop, School Canteen and have a Canteen Sub-Committee.

At this meeting the following positions will be declared vacant and we will be seeking nominations for President, Vice President x 2, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator, Canteen Liaison Officer and Uniform Shop Coordinator.

Several people are hoping to stand down from some of the roles on the committee. Those currently on the P&C are more than willing to mentor and nurture people who are coming in to new positions. If we need to we can look at breaking the roles into smaller duties to share the load and the responsibilities.

Following is an idea of what the job of the current Executive involves:

- **Executive Committee**, which shall be constituted of the Officers of the Association and up to six other members who shall carry out the decisions of the Association. Members of the Executive Committee shall not receive any remuneration or other material benefit by reason of their position in the Association.
- **Officers** shall consist of President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- **President** shall preside at all meetings except that in the absence of the President one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside and in the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the Committee shall elect a Chairperson.
- **Secretary** shall attend meetings and keep a record of all business conducted. The Secretary currently is the Convenor of the Canteen Sub Committee and in conjunction with others on the Executive Committee organises the P&C News for the School Newsletter.
- **Treasurer** shall receive and deposit monies, maintain records, draw cheques and present accounts to each General Meeting and present all records for auditing each year. This includes the Canteen and Uniform Shop. This position is also a Member of the Canteen Sub-Committee.

Other positions that are elected at the Annual General Meeting include:

- **Fundraising Coordinator** is the key organiser for fundraising events. This position has been shared at different times and can be done so again. Dates for all fundraising for 2014 have been set and in the past we have welcomed as many people as possible to assist with the different events.
- **Canteen Liaison Officer** is the main point of contact between the Canteen Supervisor and the P&C. This position is also a Member of the Canteen Sub-Committee.
- **Uniform Shop Coordinator** takes on overall responsibility for the operations of the Uniform Shop. This includes ordering stock, maintaining supplies, doing a stock take and coordinating the roster of volunteers who open the shop as well as check the order forms daily.

If you would like to know more about:-
- Any of the positions
- Directions on where to go
- How it all works
- Want to be involved but can’t be there
- Know of someone who may be interested

Please contact the Secretary - Deanne Davis on paul@ravos.net.au or call on 0407 418 511.

Thanks and hope to see you there.
Deanne Davis, Secretary
Orana Heights P&C

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**First Holy Communion**

Parent information evening will be held on Tuesday 18 March at St Brigid’s Catholic Church, Brisbane St, Dubbo.

All students who are in Years 3 & 4 are welcome to participate in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

For further information please phone 6882 4233.
Canteen – Meal Deals for March - $5

Mondays
Chicken burger + Popper + Choice (water ice block, fruit or cookie)

Tuesdays
Pasta Bolognase + Popper + Choice (water ice block, fruit or cookie)

Wednesdays
Hot dog with sauce + Popper + Choice (water ice block, fruit or cookie)

Canteen Volunteers

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2K’s Clever Catalogue Poem Writing

Reading and writing poems can be lots of fun. In 2K, we have been learning to write Catalogue poems. We had to use adjectives and verbs to describe a noun in these poems. Here are some of the poems we wrote.

**Colourful**
Hard, bouncy
Shooting, playing, throwing
Makes me feel strong
Netball
By Lucy Stiles

**Blue**
Spikey, slow
Sleeping, eating, protecting
Makes me feel fast
Hedgehog
By Nate Parkes

**Yellow**
Yummy, healthy
Eating, chewing, peeling
Makes me feel healthy
Banana
By Oliver Luckie

**Colourful**
Fun, safe
Learning, laughing, reading
Makes me feel happy
School
By Sovanah Doherty

Basketball Knockout

On Tuesday 4th March 2014, there was a gala day held for both Boys and Girls PSSA Knockout Basketball. Girls played one game and unfortunately lost to Gilgandra who won the comp overall. The girls did an amazing job defending Gilgandra’s talented players.

The boys played two games and were beaten by one point against Gilgandra in their first game and then excelled and showed amazing team work to beat South Dubbo P.S in the second game.

On Wednesday 5th March 2014, a number of our girls and boys attended trials for the PSSA District Team. OHPS were lucky to have seven players selected. These students will represent the district team in Cowra later this term. Mrs Carroll and Miss Fernando would like to thank team members for showing great sportsmanship and always attending training.

*Mrs Carroll and Miss Fernando, Basketball Coaches*
Western Area Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to our Senior Boys Relay Team (Campbell Stewart, Anthony Charters, Dane Charters and Jacob Clarke) who swam at Western last Friday. They were the second last race of the day and swam extremely well. We are very proud of your achievement.

Girls Knockout Cricket Report
On the 5/03/14 the girls knockout cricket team attended the first round of knockout cricket at the Riverbank oval against Dubbo Public. The score was 133 to 101. We were narrowly defeated by Dubbo Public. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr French. Written by Kady Lake

Other upcoming games are Mixed Tennis, Netball & AFL.

Dubbo District 11’s & Opens Rugby League Trials
Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Dubbo District 11’s Rugby League Team: Bailey Lacrosse, Jacob French and Kobe Ley –Andrews.
Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Dubbo District Opens Rugby League Team: Jamal Wells, Cyle Wood, Jack Foran & Joseph Wark. Those boys need to return their permission note to Mrs Hall.

Dubbo District Girls & Boys Basketball Trials
Congratulations to the following students who were selected to trial for a spot in the Western Area Basketball Teams in Cowra on Thursday 20 March. Paycee Cubby, Dayne Hawke, Aeddan Todhunter, Ryan Simpson, Mack Shipp & Patrick Gibson. Please return your permission note to Mrs Hall.

Term Two PSSA Sport
Term Two sport is organised to give all children a variety of winter sports to take part in. We are particularly fortunate in Dubbo to have this worthwhile activity which provides our children with opportunities they may not otherwise have. As you would be aware it takes a great deal of organisation to make this important school activity operate effectively. In this regard it is not always possible to give children their first preference. We thank parents and children for their understanding in this matter.

- Term Two PSSA Sport begins on Friday 2nd May and continues through to Friday 20th June.
- Buses depart school at 11.20am and return at approximately 1pm. The fare is $3.50 per week.
- Children are to wear their sports uniform (navy & white long socks), hat, joggers and bring a drink bottle.
- Parents are most welcome to come along as spectators on Fridays.

Several sports are on offer for Term Two PSSA (see last weeks newsletter). Please discuss with your child/ren their 1st and 2nd preference. Teachers will ask for preferences next week. Junior is Yr 3 & Yr 4 and Senior is Yr 5 & Yr 6.
League Tag is a new sport being introduced this year. It is a mixture of Touch and Oz Tag. Ms Winters from Orana Heights will be convening this sport.
There are very limited spots in junior & senior netball. We can only take 30 juniors and 30 seniors.

Mrs Hall, Sport Co-ordinator