From the Principal
Last week we had Mr Mark Crouch and Ms Neva Pengilly here from Dare to Lead. I have mentioned previously about the “Snapshot” they were conducting. Many thanks to those parents, staff and students who assisted by participating in discussion groups as they gathered data for their report and recommendations. I look forward to receiving the final draft of this and using it for forward planning for our school.

I was in Sydney last Friday attending a Legal Standing Committee meeting at which I represent the principals of western NSW. Always an interesting experience as we try to provide information and avenues of support for our colleagues. With the advent of Local Schools Local Decisions (LSLD) principals will be making more decisions and many of these relate to finance, welfare and student management. Some are not “clear cut” and one of our roles is to determine the correct pathways for principals to follow in these areas, particularly around “contentious” matters. Another part of my role as a member of this committee is liaison with Employee Performance and Conduct (EPAC). This section of the department deals with staffing issues, predominantly around misconduct and part of our role is to work with them to ensure systems and structures in place support principals in their dealings with staff, parents and government policy compliance. It is quite an interesting role when you see some of the issues some schools, and principals, face.

The Hearing Bus will be at our school towards the end of the term conducting hearing assessments. Parents of students we consider would benefit from these free assessments will be contacted.

Our school will be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). This federal program becomes mandatory for all schools, both public and private, next year and we have opted to participate this year as a trial in preparation for when it comes in to policy. Some parents will receive a letter home if it impacts on you and your child. Please read this carefully and let us know your views.

The signing choir represented our school at the Dubbo Eisteddfod last week and the staff who took them tell me they did this in an excellent manner. I know from experience that when you spend a lot of time with a group of students in preparation for something and then they repay you by doing it in an excellent, well-mannered fashion, you understand why you became a teacher! Well done to all involved.

We have “Grandparents Day” on our school this Thursday. Family members and friends are invited to our school to spend time in the classrooms with the students. Classes will be open from 12.25pm and there will be a BBQ available for lunch.

We have a number of students who are arriving late each day. This is entirely inappropriate. Students need to be here at the commencement of the day. This “sets up” the rest of their learning for the day. If your child presents at the office without an adult you will receive an absence notification which will have to be filled in and returned to school.

Could parents ensure all students wear their school uniform please?

Craig Renneberg
Quote of the Week: “We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand” – Randy Pausch

Positive Partnership (supporting school age students on the autism spectrum)
Two day workshop for parents/carers of school age students on the autism spectrum.

Venue: Dubbo RSL
Date: Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 June 2014
Time: Day 1: 9am - 4.30pm
Day 2: 9am - 3.30pm

More information please phone 1300 881 971
The registration form can be found on our website under “permission notes”.

UNSW Science Assessment will be held tomorrow Wednesday 4 June 2014. Good luck to all students who are participating.

Book Club - book club orders were sent home last Thursday and are due back to the Library on Wednesday 4 June 2014.

NRMA Safety Day - Helmet Design Winners
Congratulations to the following winners: Ashton Osborne, Dylan Lane, Sophie Lockyer, Indiana Cleary, Olivia Hall, Ashlea Adamson, Dakota Riley, Lara Board, Trai Hedger, Hayden Mountjoy, Lara Ledsham, Mikaela Carney, Amelia Chapman, Cooper Schofield, Chloe Richards, Bhoomi Sagar, Shakita Nicholls, Ryan Boxall, Jennifer Tisdell, Taig Thomas, Macklinley Shipp.

Association of Genetic Support of Australasia
“Filling the Void—Dubbo” - Caring for the Carer Seminar
Venue: Dubbo RSL
Date: 21 & 22 June 2014
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
For more information please phone 02 9211 1462.

Teddy Bears Picnic Reminder
Thank you to those parents who have paid for this excursion. Payment due by Friday 20 June. Parent helpers are most welcome to attend.

Grandparents Day
Thursday 5 June 2014
12.30pm – 2pm

We will be holding a BBQ lunch from 1.25pm.
Sausage sandwich and drinks - $2 each.

Oakey Dokey says - Hats, hats, hats - remember NO hat children are to play in the shade.
## Term 2 - 2014 Planner

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### Congratulations to the following Award Winners

#### Honour Awards

- Indiana Cleary
- Emily O’Dea
- Taj Parkes
- Riley Chapman
- Douglas Willis
- Mackinley Shipp
- Leaum Walford

#### Distinction Awards

- Jack Brain
- Olivia Mann
- Deakin Howard

#### Bronze Award Winners

- Gold Award Winner - Dhyey Vachhani
- Silver Award Winner - Liam Lalicz
- Bronze Award Winners - Tazmine Campbell, Mason Davison, Beau Barrett, Taya Millington, Hayley Hawke, McKenna Blyton, Tyrese Newman

### P&C News

- **Monthly Meeting** – **TONIGHT** – new time of 6pm - in the staff room at Orana Heights.

### Grandparents Day BBQ

- Grandparents Day BBQ - will be happening this Thursday - notes have been sent home to give an indication of numbers for the day. Sausage sandwich and drinks will be available at a cost of $2 each.
- **Please note:** Canteen will be open at lunchtime for chips, ice blocks etc. **No** lunch orders on Thursday.

### Term 2 $5 Canteen Meal Deal

- **Monday** - Chicken Nuggets with wedges or salad
- **Tuesday** - Chicken burger
- **Wednesday** - Pizza
- **Thursday** - Hot Dog

### Canteen Helpers

- **Wednesday 4** - Kat Richards
- **Thursday 5** - Jeanagh Condon
- **Friday 6** - Donna Eveleigh & Lexie McDonald
- **Monday 9** - Long Weekend
- **Tuesday 10** - Simone Forrester
SPORT NEWS
Knockout Teams - Upcoming games:
Boys Hockey against Parkes (date to be advised).
Boys Soccer today against Dunedoo.
Girls Soccer today against Narromine.
Boys softball Thursday 12th June against Ungarie, Wellington & Dubbo South.
Boys & Girls Touch against Cobar in Cobar on Wednesday 18th June 2014.

Term Two PSSA Sport - Please remember bus money & a drink bottle each week.

District Cross Country - Congratulations to all the students who ran in Wellington last week. The sand track proved challenging. The following students have progressed onto Western: Jesse Spang, Ryan Simpson, Joseph Wark, Dane Charters, Jacob Clarke, Bailey Lacrosse, Haylee Fuller, Lachlan Wark and Charlotte Bass. All the best boys & girls!

Western Cross Country - Wednesday 11th June in Wellington.

School Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 6th August at Bob Dowling Oval.

Dubbo District Athletics Carnival - Friday 15th August.
Western Athletics Carnival - Friday 29th August.
We are giving advance notice of these two athletics carnivals as Orana Heights is rostered to run the canteen at both of these carnivals. Our school needs a minimum of 10 parent helpers (can be aunty, uncle, nan, pop or family friend). There will be between 800-900 people at each carnival. Please contact Mrs Hall at the school if you are able to help on either day.

Mrs Hall, Sports Co-ordinator

Soccer - on Sunday 25 May 2014 I travelled to Camden. I met Mr Jones at the soccer fields where I played in the Western Soccer Team. We played against Riverina in a trial game and we won 2-1.
Tuesday we had team photos taken. Our first game was against South Coast and we tied 1-1. Our second game was against Sydney West - the score was 2-0 their way. The last game of the day was against Sydney East and the score was 2-0 their way.
On Wednesday we played North Coast with the score being 0-0; the second game was against Barrier and the score was 3-0 our way. Our third game was against Sydney South West and the score was 1-0 their way.
Thursday we played Mackillop and they beat us 3-0. It was a great experience and lots of fun. Jesse Spang
OHPS Debating Team
On Friday the 30th May 2014 the Orana Heights Public School Debating Team travelled to West Dubbo Public School to debate the topic that "Australia should have a new flag". The team worked hard over the past few weeks to prepare for the debate but unfortunately were defeated by a very skilled West Dubbo team. Our next debate will be at Wellington at the end of the term.

Photo L - the Orana Heights Debating Team: Holly Darlington, Emily O’Dea, Coach: Mrs Lockyer, Liam Boon, Kady Lake and Madeleine Mann.

Road Safety Day
Kindergarten enjoyed learning about road safety at the NRMA Road Safety Day. We learnt about the importance of:

- wearing a seat belt and not distracting our parents when they are driving
- wearing a helmet correctly - 2 fingers from our eyebrow and 2 fingers under our chin
- not driving too fast when it is wet.

Here are some pictures! (left – right)
Kimberly O’Reilly demonstrating how to wear a helmet correctly
Picture 2: Caidi Fitzgerald learns about friction on the road
Picture 3: Kyran Earsman and Miss Goldsmith find out first hand how hard it is to concentrate when people are distracting you!
Picture 4: Kindergarten finding out about road safety

1M & 2K Signing Choir Recounts
Tully Pittock - 1M - On Thursday 29th May 1M and 2K went to the Eisteddfod. We performed as a signing choir. First we got on the bus with 1G. Then we put our gloves on. Miss Mackay taped our gloves on with sticky tape. We walked in our lines to the Eisteddfod. We watched some other people before it was our turn. When it was our turn we hopped on stage. We performed Octopus’s Garden and Happy. After that we had lunch in the park. Then we hopped on the bus and went back to school. It was fun!

Kailie Marshall - 1M - On Thursday 29th May 1M and 2K went to the Eisteddfod. We performed as a signing choir. First we went on the bus. Second we got off the bus and lined up. It was fun. We waited for some other people. Finally it was 1M and 2K’s turn. My gloves were glowing. Then we went to the park. I played on the equipment. It was fun.

Taya Millington - 2K - I woke up nervous on Thursday morning. I was in full school uniform and my lunch was in a plastic bag. I got to school very early. We practised our signing in the hall then we had recess. Everyone had to be back early so no one missed the bus. Mrs Mac put glitter and sparkles in everyone’s hair. Everyone got on the bus, but there were no seatbelts. When we got to the Civic Centre we had to watch others while we waited for our turn. I had the biggest butterflies in my tummy. We performed Happy and Octopuses Garden. We did not win, but we had fun. As a reward we had lunch in Victoria Park. We played on the exercise equipment. We caught the bus back to school. It was a long but exciting day.

Ryan Boxall - 2K - On Thursday we went to the Eisteddfod to perform. I was feeling very nervous. We were the 5th group to sign, the last signing choir. The other schools that we watched were really good. We came 4th. We had lunch in Victoria Park and it was lots of fun. When lunch was over we were allowed to play on the exercise equipment. We caught the bus back to school. We went into Mrs Barker’s classroom to watch a movie on our Under the Sea theme. The movie was Nemo. It was funny.