From the Principal
I hope everyone had a lovely break and are ready for what is going to be a very busy Term 3. Personally I was away for the holidays up in the Northern Territory and coming back to the frost and cold has been a “reality check”!

We have the excursions for Y 5 and Y 6 this term. As you would be aware the organisation of these is extremely complex with many entries, service providers and travel components. Most of the companies involved in excursions do not provide refunds and we therefore need to be exact with our numbers. Final payment for students attending needs to be in by Wednesday 27th August. All students have been informed of expectations in relation to the excursion and if these are not met, they will not be attending. Excursions are a privilege, not a right.

We will be holding our school performance this term. It will be “Colour Our World” and all students will be involved. We will be holding a matinee and a night performance on Wednesday 27th August. The matinee will be held in our school hall and the night performance will be held in the Senior Campus hall on Yarrandale Road.

Just a prior notice that the swimming scheme for Year 2 will be held from 24 – 29 November. The cost for this will be approximately $60.

We are after some board games for the quiet area of our playground, where children who do not wish to run around can sit and do quiet activities. If you have any of these which your children have out grown or no longer use, or have doubles of, they would be appreciated. We are after predominately games which can be played during lunch eg drafts, Connect 4, chess etc. Games such as Monopoly take a bit long so we are after those which can be completed in a shorter time frame. Many thanks if you can help, just send them in to the front office.

We have our school athletics carnival on 6th August. Mrs Hall has been extremely busy organising this. Due to our numbers the field events will be contested at school with the finals for these held on the day. High jump will be completed at school. Western Athletics will be held on 29th August.

Marketown is coming to our school! You will receive information about this very soon. A great way to help the school, help the Royal Far West and help yourself to some bargains!

Dale Carneige says; “Any fool can criticise, condemn and complain and most fools do. But it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving.”

Thursday Frenzy! 24 July - Annual Book Fair
To help celebrate Book Week and maintain our focus on literacy, an opportunity to buy some affordable new books or to buy and donate a book for the Library, will be held this week on Thursday 24 July, in the Library. A wide selection of books at a variety of prices is available and can be purchased or ordered on the day.

There are also some very affordable books available for $3, $4 and $5, which have been a special purchase and will be sold separately from the Scholastic Book Fair. The fair will be timetabled for every class.

Parents may purchase at lunchtime or after school till 4pm. 
Hoping to see you there, Donna Thomas

UNSW Competition and Assessment for Students.
Students sitting for these assessments will complete these on the following dates:
English - Tuesday 29 July
Mathematics - Tuesday 12 August
Good luck to all these students. Mrs Hill

Stage 3 Excursion
Thank you to those families who are continuing to payoff this excursion.

Please note: All money must be paid by Wednesday 27 August 2014.

Save the Date
Orana Heights School Performance
“Colour Our World”
Wednesday 27 August 2014 - Matinee in the OHPS Auditorium (limited tickets).
Wednesday 27 August 2014 - night performance at Dubbo College Senior Campus and tickets are available as from Week 3 this term.

Kindergarten Packages for 2015
Our Kindergarten packages are now available from the front office. If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2015 please call in and see us.

Notes Home
Yr 2 Athletics Carnival note - on Green
Yrs 3-6 Athletics Carnival Note - on Yellow
Week 3: Book Week/Education Week

Due to the success of last year’s Education Week/Book Week activities our school will again provide an opportunity for parents and those interested to become an audience to some wonderful peer teaching.

This year the theme of Book Week is “Connect to Reading”. As a great way to celebrate, Orana Heights students are being encouraged to use their imagination and create a mask, wig, hat or hairdo to represent a character they have encountered in a book. This means they could consider coming as a fictional or real character. The students will still come in their school uniform with their shoulders and above being “decorated”.

As part of the activities, all the students will be going on a guided tour of five activities at school prepared by our Year 6 students. These activities are an opportunity to showcase our fabulous senior students’ skills as part of our Open Day Education Week activities. The Year 6 students have prepared mini presentations on a topic area with which they really connect and will have 20 minutes to present their efforts to each visiting group. There will be four rotations in the morning session and one last activity after recess.

Later in the day each student will be asked to tell their class something they learned from the Year 6 activities.

Parents, carers and visitors are invited to join their children in their rotations around the classrooms. Parents, wishing to join their children, should be ready to line up at 9.30 with the rest of the students and join their children for recess (recess is from 11-11.20am).

Parents are also invited to stay for recess and enjoy a cuppa and a bite to eat with their children. There will be one last rotation after playtime and parents can then slip away as students return to their own classes shortly before playtime. Normal classes will resume after playtime.

When: Thursday 31st July (9.30-12.00)
Where: Orana Heights Public School, starting at the northern side of the auditorium
Who: All students, staff, parents and guests.
Why: Fun learning and celebrating Book Week/Education Week

Donna Thomas

Dubbo Stampede

Welcome back to Term 3! With the new term comes a wonderful opportunity to sign up for the 2014 Dubbo Stampede to be held at the Taronga Western Plains Zoo on Sunday 7 September! Many of you have been part of The Stampede in the past, helping to make it a wonderful community experience and we would love for you to take part again or perhaps participate for the first time.

The event that often appeals to families is the 5.5km Dingo Dash; a walk, jog or run that loops past animals from all around the world. However, the 10km Cheetah Chase, the 21.1km Zebra Zoom and the 42.2km Rhino Ramble are also alternatives.

Details regarding events, times, pricing, merchandise and the registration process are available at: www.dubbostampede.com.au. An event like The Dubbo Stampede also requires many, many enthusiastic volunteers. If you think that encouraging walkers and runners or helping out is something you or your family would like to be part of, we would love to hear from you via contact@dubbostampede.com.au

We look forward to seeing as many of our local families (and your friends and families!) as we can on Sunday 7 September.

Sarah Strahorn – Marketing Committee
www.dubbostampede.com.au

SPORT NEWS

Knockout Teams

Upcoming games:

Boys & Girls Touch against Cobar in Cobar on Thursday 17 July.
Boys Softball in Mudgee on Wednesday 30th July.

State Cross Country

Jacob Clarke will be part of Western NSW Team competing at State Cross Country in Sydney this Friday. All the best Jacob!

State Boys Touch Football Carnival

Matt Dawson will be part of the Western NSW boys touch team competing at the state carnival in Ulladulla next week. We wish Matt and the team all the best.

School Athletics Carnival

Date: Wednesday 6th August
Time: 9am-3pm
Venue: Bob Dowling Oval
Attending: Year 2 students turning 8 this year and all primary students.

Try outs will be held for shot put, discs & long jump at school starting next week. High jump will be run as a straight final at school.

House meetings will be this Friday 18 July where students will nominate which track events (100m, 200m & 800m) they would like to participate in, please discuss this with your child.

Notes have been sent home with this newsletter today.

Dubbo District Athletics Carnival - Friday 15th August.
Western Athletics Carnival - Friday 29th August.

We are giving advance notice of these 2 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 to able to help on either day.

Mrs Hall, Sports Co-ordinator

Autism Spectrum Australia

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is pleased to announce we will be running our renowned Recipe for Success-A Positive Behavior Support Workshop in Dubbo 12, 13 and 14 August 2014. It is a practical three day workshop for families of children with autism spectrum disorders and challenging behaviour that runs from 9.30am – 2.30pm. If you have any families and/or professionals you think would like to attend, please pass on the attached flyer. Register on our website www.autism spectrum.org.au

The workshop is funded by the NSW Government and is free for families.

Thank you for your support in promoting the workshop for families in your community. If you have any questions about the workshop please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Jodi Woodward.
Congratulations to Jamal Wells of Orana Heights Public School who competed as part of the Western team in the NSW PSSA Opens Rugby League carnival, held June 17-19 at Kingscliff on the North Coast. Western found themselves in what turned out to be the hardest side of the draw having to play both eventual winners Sydney West and runners up, MacKillop holding both teams to narrow losses as well as North Coast, Hunter, South Coast and Riverina. A very unlucky 6-4 defeat to Hunter and then 10-6 win over the fancied South Coast team and then a 22-0 victory over Riverina topped off a great Carnival.

In all of his games Jamal worked hard and showed a positive attitude in each and every game and should be commended and congratulated on his efforts throughout the carnival.

Thanks and congratulations should also go to all of the parents who not only took time from work and arranged for transport, but also cheered and supported the team each game, adding to the good nature of the carnival.

*Paul Faulkner, Team Manager.*
**P&C NEWS**

**Fundraising**
- We kick off term 3 with our 5c drive. A money box is located in each classroom for 5c pieces. The class with the most at the end of the term wins a class prize!

**Canteen**
- Please remember, no foreign currency – our bank does not accept it!

As an incentive to get the kids eating more fresh fruit and veg, we have “Muncher Cruncher” cards available from the canteen. Simply purchase a piece of fruit, fruit salad or vegetable sticks, and have your card stamped. After six stamps, the card will be placed in a draw to win a meal deal. Happy munching!

**Uniform Shop**
- is only open on Wednesdays from 2.30pm until 3.30pm. Completed order forms and payment may be left at the office every day, where volunteers check and pack orders and deliver them to your child’s class.

- Polar fleeces have increased in price to $27 each (excluding size 4, which will remain at $24 until current stock is depleted).

- Hats are available from the canteen for $10 each.

**P&C Meeting**
- Mark it on your calendar - the next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST at 6PM in the STAFF ROOM. We would love to see some new faces and have some fresh input. Hope to see you there.

**Position Vacant**
- A vacancy exists for the position of casual CANTEEN SUPERVISOR at Orana Heights Public School (initially 6.5 hours per fortnight)

**Selection Criteria**
- Ability to work well with others;
- Effective leadership, communication and organisational skills;
- Experience in food preparation and handling;
- Successful completion of a relevant TAFE food handling course or the willingness to undertake the next available course;
- Be able to comply with health regulations and promote the sale of nutritious food;
- Experience in cash handling, stock ordering and maintenance of stock;
- Current working with children check.

To receive an information package please contact Deanne Davis (P&C Secretary) via email at paul@ravos.net.au or leave your name, email address / home address and contact number at the school office and Deanne will contact you.

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**Year 5 excursion to Dubbo City Council and the Old Dubbo Gaol.**

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**Kindergarten’s Teddy Bears Picnic.**

Students went out to Wambangalang to learn about the secret of “PAWS” and about how teddy bears survived when they lived in the wild.

Although the weather was freezing, this did not impact upon the excitement of the students and their parent helpers. All students had a wonderful time and can now proudly call themselves qualified Teddy Bear Guardians.

The very hungry Kindergarten students returned to the Wambangalang classroom at lunch time, only to find that their lunches and teddy bears were no longer there! The students had to apply their knowledge of PAWS, and with their parent helpers, follow a series of clues which led them to the Teddy Bears’ Picnic!