From the Principal

The before and after school care team have been working away on having their new rooms completed and are nearly there. I must congratulate the leadership team/committee on their efforts on behalf of this organisation as there has been talk for over ten years on obtaining a building of their own and this group has made this a reality! Well done, this will make their operation, and ours, a lot more effective and efficient. To any of the businesses in town who have supported this group, many thanks.

The executive were discussing uniform at our weekly meeting this morning. We strongly encourage the wearing of uniform for the many reasons I have indicated before. When children attend school in a mismatched track suit, meaning top and bottom were bought separately, a non-school hat and new brand name runners we figured out that it would cost, at a minimum, $200/$250. When this is justified by the “they will grow out of their school uniform” I question that. Does this mean they won’t grow out of their “brand name attire”? School uniform from our P & C run shop would be considerably cheaper than this as well as show respect towards their peers and the school.

You may have seen in the media that the Wallabies will be in Dubbo on 4th August. I will be in Mudgee on the 4th and 5th of August supporting Cudgegong Public School in a Dare to Lead Snapshot. Therefore Mrs Munro will take a group of students, who we have identified as being involved in rugby, down for the fans session. These students will get a note in relation to this. Parents of any other students who would like to take their children down can do so after school. The training session doesn’t finish till 3.45pm when the players will meet with fans.

I have mentioned car park rules and behaviour before. If you park in the wrong area, that is your choice. But expect the fines that come with it!

Our school is highly sort after for practicum and intern placements by students training to be teachers. There are a number of reasons for this, the primary one being that we are a good school. It is part of our professional and social responsibilities to support teachers training however we do this in a very organised and systematic manner. Your child’s class may have a prac student on it but be aware that the lessons, content and delivery is all overseen by the class teacher and would be what they would do on that given day. The class teacher is present and responsible at all times for the learning program. Craig Renneberg

Quote of the Week: “To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing”. Elbert Hubbard

This Thursday - Annual Book Fair

This Thursday is our annual book sale extravaganza! Books will be on sale at a variety of prices...some at well below cost! Prices start at $1 and go up to $23. A number of pencils, pens, erasers, posters and pointers are also for sale. Students wanting to purchase books will be coming to the library throughout the day on a rostered basis.

Parents are welcome to assist their students in their purchases at lunchtime (1.25-2.00pm) or after school till 4pm.

Any leftover books will be on sale during Friday break times.

See you there! Donna Thomas

Book Week/Education Week Celebrations

Pencil into your diaries - Thursday 31st July 2014. Yr 6 students are presenting activities for the rest of the school to enjoy and learn. All students will be placed into groups to visit five different Yr 6 activities during Thursday morning.

Parents, carers, and community members are invited to join the celebrations beginning at 9.20am - 12noon. Visitors will accompany their children’s group/s throughout the activities.

At recess, visitors will be able to purchase morning tea in the Auditorium and then enjoy the break with their children.

After recess there will be one last activity to experience, then all students return to their own class and parents leave to go about the rest of their day.

Students are encouraged to dress in their school uniform then add a hat, mask, wig, cape, glasses, beak, nose, colour or creation to their shoulders and above, to become a book character, either fictional or real. There will be prizes drawn out for participation.

See you there! Donna Thomas

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to six more students, Sophie Lockyer, Noah Milson, Dillan Roberts, Harvey Moore, Connor Clarke and Emily Clarke, who have successfully completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014. There are now 10 avid readers who will receive this wonderful award at the end of Term 4. The Challenge will end on 26th August so there is still plenty of time for students to keep reading and register their books.

Year 1 parents who are keeping a list of books read at home will be asked to send the sheet once completed to Mrs Thomas so their child’s efforts can be validated. Well done readers!

Stage 3 Excursion

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

Orana Heights School Performance

“Colour Our World”

Tickets available on Monday 28 July 2014

Wednesday 27 August 2014 - 11.30 am - matinee in the OHPS Auditorium (limited tickets).
Wednesday 27 August 2014 - 6.30pm - night performance at Dubbo College Senior Campus
### Canteen Term 3 $5 Meal Deal

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### Term 3 - 2014 Planner

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### Silver Award Winners
- Sophie Lockyer, Bhoomi Sagar, Julia Delos Reyes, Dhuyey Vachhani, Lucy Stiles.

### Bronze Award Winners
- Eligh Hing, Tazmine Campbell x 2, Corey Binks, Bhoomi Sagar, Julia Delos Reyes x 2, Dhuyey Vachhani x 3, Taya Millington, Hallie Bourke, Jack Byrne, Brianna Knox, Joshua Lees, McKenna Blyton, Angus Keller, Mia Fisher.

### Congratulations to the following Award Winners

**Honour Awards**
- Mackinley Shipp
- Ruby Warwarek
- Noah Milson
- Taj Parkes
- Stephanie Sepping
- Cooper Tidyman
- Katiya Johnson
- Joel Boge
- Kailie Marshall
- Sophie Lockyer
- Dhyey Vachhani
- Julia Delos Reyes
- Taya Millington
- Hallie Bourke
- Jack Byrne
- Brianna Knox
- Joshua Lees
- McKenna Blyton
- Angus Keller
- Mia Fisher

**Distinction Awards**
- Jack Byrne
- Kailie Marshall

### 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.*
Fun Family Activities to do at home

- Have a picnic inside.
- Have another family over for dinner – this is way cheaper than eating out.
- Start your garden seeds inside – Use this as an opportunity to teach your children about patience, responsibility and how things grow.
- Movie night – grab a movie off your shelf that you haven’t watched in a while and make some homemade microwave popcorn.
- Have a theme night/day – Mexican, Italian, pirate…the list goes on. Plan dinners and activities around your theme.
- Have a craft night – paint, sew, draw…etc.
- Head to your local library – stock up on reading material or even sit in on story time.
- Have a game night – pull out those board games and cards.
- Unplug – Turn off the mobile phone, TV, computer and just reconnect with your wonderful family.
- Go bird watching – see how many different types of birds you can spot. Maybe bring along a bird book from the library.
- Build an indoor fort – camp out in it or have a picnic in it.

Boys and Girls Gala Soccer Day
The boys and girls teams played well and represented the school with commitment and enthusiasm. The girls improved with every game and improved their skills and game knowledge. The boys were unlucky to lose their Round 5 match in the last seconds of the game. Thank you to the parents who provided transport and moral support for the teams on the day. Mr Jones

Information Evening for Parents of Year 6 Students Attending Dubbo College in 2015.

Date: Wednesday 30 July 2014
Venue: Dubbo College Senior Campus (Cafeteria), Tony McGrane Place.
Time: 6-7pm

The information will be delivered relating to the transition of your child to Yr 7 in 2015. An overview of the Yr 7 curriculum, sport, final enrolment procedures and transition activities for Term 4 will be outlined.

Oakey Dokey says...
- Sun safety is all year around- please wear brimmed hats at school

FOR SALE
School hats are available for purchase from the canteen for $10 each.
SPORT NEWS

Knockout Teams
Upcoming games: Boys Softball in Mudgee on Wednesday 30th July.

Boys Touch - Last Thursday the Senior Girls and Boys Touch Knockout Teams travelled to Cobar to compete in the first round of the knockout competition. The girls went down in a drop off 5-4 and the boys won 11-3. All students demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and made some new friendships along the way. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped with transport. It was a long day but a great day and parent support was much appreciated. The boys will now play Parkes in Dubbo. Mrs Wells and Miss Prout (team coaches)

State Cross Country
Jacob Clarke represented western NSW at the state cross country in Sydney last week. Jacob came 71/90 in the 11yr boys division. Well done Jacob pictured (R).

State Boys Touch Football Carnival - Matt Dawson will be part of the Western NSW boys touch team competing at the state carnival in Ulladulla this week.

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 for shot put, discus & long jump started at school this week. High jump will be run as a straight final at school. Students will need to wear their sports uniform this Thursday and Friday and next Thursday and Friday for the try outs. Permission notes & bus money need to be returned to classroom teachers.

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 able to help on either day.

Mrs Hall, Sports Co-ordinator

State Boys Hockey Carnival - Ryan Simpson represented Western NSW at the state boys hockey carnival in Canberra at the end of Term 2. The team won their 3 pool games 7-0, 4-0 & 6-0. The team made it to the semis going down to Hunter. Western came 3rd overall. Three boys from the Western Team were selected in the NSW team. Congratulations Ryan Simpson on your selection in this team. The NSW Team will play in Hobart in Week 4 this term.

Go Ryan! Go NSW!