From the Principal

Recently the NSW Department of School Education established a number of positions based across the state as an innovative initiative to build leadership capabilities for our system. They will be working with principals and aspiring leaders, complementing the role of Directors, Public Schools NSW to help drive the transformation of public education in NSW. This initiative will be leading edge at an international level and will provide a rich resource to help lead the reforms being undertaken in NSW public education. I have been placed in one of these roles which are up to a two years secondment from our substantive positions. As a result of this Mrs Munro will become the Principal, relieving, whilst I am undertaking this role and Mrs Connolly will move in to the Deputy Principals position. As all would be aware Mrs Munro and I work very closely together and she is well placed to take on this leadership role within our school. Naturally we will continue to liaise where needed and there will be little, if any, impact on school management.

This week the school is undertaking NAIDOC celebrations. Yesterday we had the official opening and I would like to thank the family members of students from our school who participated for providing us with such a meaningful ceremony. Our school is extremely lucky in the support that families provide and this is another excellent example of the harmonious manner in which all work to provide the best opportunities for our students. Classes will be undertaking lots of activities with indigenous themes as a focus this week. Also thanks to the Dubbo College Delroy Campus dance group for providing us with their skills during this ceremony.

Many thanks to Mrs Hall for all of her hard work in organising our athletics carnival which was held last week. Many do not realise the work that goes in to organising events such as these. They are “on top of” a teacher’s normal load and having done it myself many, many times I know exactly what it takes out of you. When organising events such as this you never make everybody happy however we always focus on what is fairest for all students.

Congratulations to Xanthe Holmes who has been selected to participate in the Moorambilla creative arts program. Xanthe heads off this Saturday for a camp then again in September where she will undertake specialised activities in the creative arts area.

Ryan Simpson recently represented NSW at the Australian hockey titles where his team came third. This is a tremendous achievement and the whole school, and Ryan’s family I am sure, are extremely proud of him. Well done.

You may have seen our involvement in the Orana Mall promotion lately. Thanks to this group, and the responses our students gave we have received a significant amount of resources and had the sand in the sand pit which “got lost” replaced!

I expect to continue to see Orana Heights continue to achieve at the highest of levels during my time in my new role. I will be based out of the Dubbo schools office and will continue to keep in contact with our wonderful school.  

Craig Renneberg

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"Colour Our World"

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

Tickets available - NOW

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Stage 3 Excursion

Please note: TWO weeks until money must be paid - due by Wednesday 27 August 2014.
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**Next P&C Meeting**

Next meeting will be held Tuesday 2 September at 6pm in the staffroom.

**School Athletics Carnival Canteen** – thank you to the people who helped out at the Canteen last week. A big thank you to Danielle Miller & Greg French, Mandy & Laurie Bourke, Mel Bass, Barney Chandler, Lyn & Alex Campbell, Kel Turner, Lesley Stewart, Paul and Deanne Davis. Everyone who helped organise, set up and serve on the day do this on a voluntary basis with all profits going back into P&C Fundraising.

**District Athletics Carnivals** – is happening this Friday – would love some extra helpers – if you are in a position to do please return the note sent home by Jemma Hall last week so we can contact you. Also if you are in a position to donate a bag of onions (for District & Western). Please drop them into the school canteen - we can then cut them up and freeze them as part of the preparation. The P&C have one more carnival for the year which will be Western Region Athletics on Friday 29 August.

**5c Drive** - Our 5c drive is still going - all money raised will go toward a new item of playground equipment.

**Kindergarten Packages for 2015**

Our Kindergarten packages are now available from the front office. If you know of a child starting Kindergarten in our area in 2015 please call in and see us.

**Canteen Helpers**

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**Honour Awards**

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**Distinction Awards**

| Dane Lambert | Courtney Campbell | Patrick Gibson |

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**SPORT NEWS**

**Knockout Teams**

Upcoming games: Boys Touch this Thursday against Parkes in Dubbo. Good luck boys.

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**ORANA HEIGHTS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Last Wednesday we held our annual Yrs 2—6 Athletics Carnival at Bob Dowling Ovals.

All students are to be congratulated on their participation and sportsmanship on the day. It was great to see so many students dressed in house colours and cheering on their team mates.

A VERY big thank you to all the parents who helped in the canteen, timekeeping or at a field event. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Carnivals cannot run so smoothly without parental help.

We had three records broken on the day.

- George Munro – 11yr Boys Shot Putt – 10.49m (record held by Zac Green – 2012 – 10m)
- Kenzie MacFarlane – 11yr Girls Discus – 17.55m (record held by Kirsten Stanton - 2005 – 16.53)
- Aeddan Todhunter – Senior Boys High Jump - 1.41cm (record held by Lloyd Shepherd – 1997 – 1.40cm)

Congratulations to these students on their outstanding achievement.

**Age Champions:**

- Junior Boy Champion - Bailey Lacrosse
- Junior Girl Champion - Tatiana Peachey
- 11yr Boy Champion - Patrick Gibson
- 11yr Girl Champion - Emily O’Dea
- Senior Boy Champion - Jesse Spang
- Senior Girl Champion - Emily Stewart

**Winning House** - LAVER

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**DUBBO DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

This Friday 15th August is the Dubbo District Athletics Carnival at Bob Dolwing Ovals. 43 students have been selected to represent Orana Heights at this carnival. Permission notes went home yesterday and need to be returned as soon as possible.

Students are to wear their full sports uniform and meet Mrs Stewart under the Orana Heights green tent at 8.30am. Please see Mrs Stewart before you leave the carnival.

Mrs Hall, Miss Beach & Miss Wheeler will be acting as officials on the day.

**Mrs Hall, Sports Co-ordinator**

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**NAIDOC Celebrations**

Please come and join your child/ren in NAIDOC celebrations.

- **Wednesday 13 August 2014**
- Free BBQ 1-2pm (Parents /Caregivers welcome)
- Creative Arts 2.50 - 3pm (Parents /Caregivers welcome)

NAIDOC raffle 50c a ticket. On sale at lunch this week and play and lunch next week. Zoo tickets and NRL footy stuff are just some of the prizes.