Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends,

Quote of the Week: “If you are too busy to laugh, you are too busy” Proverb

Welcome to the start of the school year for 2015 at Orana Heights Public School. Not only do we see the return of many students but we also welcome many new families. We hope that you find our school a warm and friendly place where every child’s learning needs are paramount in our daily care. Teachers encourage communication with parents. Please feel you can make a time to see them and discuss your child. Home and school is an important partnership in your child’s education.

With the arrival of new families we also have a number of new staff at our school. As pictured below we welcome: Mr Brent Eather whom is relieving in the Deputy Principal role, Mrs Lisa Neave is the Assistant Principal in Early Stage One (Kindergarten), Mr Jordan Moran is the Assistant Principal in Stage Two (Years 3 & 4), Miss Teagan Keed is teaching Year Two and Mr Jacob Barnes is teaching Year Six. Already they are finding their way around the school and meeting our students. Mr Renneberg continues in his role out of the school as a Principal Leader for all of 2015 thus I will continue in the role as the relieving principal.

Today Kindergarten had their first full day at school. During the past week the new students have had their “Best Start” assessment which allows teachers to discover more about the students and their learning. No doubt there will be some tired little bodies tonight. Teachers and students!

This Friday is the school’s Swimming Carnival for primary students. We look forward to seeing all students attend the day as it is a compulsory school event. Mrs Hall and Mr Jones are preparing the day and appreciate those parents who are able to volunteer some time to assist on the day. Please ensure student notes are returned to class teachers by Thursday.

Annie Munro, Principal (R)

Stage One Homework and Home Reading

Year 1 & Year 2 homework and home reading will commence in Week 3.

Notes will be sent home next Monday explaining homework and a note asking for home reading helpers.

We look forward to a great response, Stage One Teachers.

Welcome to our new staff: (L – R)

Mrs Lisa Neave, Mr Jordan Moran, Mr Brent Eather, Mr Jacob Barnes and Miss Teagan Keed.

We hope that you enjoy your time at OHPS.
## Term 1 - 2015 Planner

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### P&C News

- Welcome to 2015 and a special welcome to all the new parents to Orana Heights.

### First Meeting for 2015

- Our first P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday 10th February at 6pm in the staff room. All new and interested people are very welcome. If you would like to know more about the meeting, directions on where to go and how it all works please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary - Deanne Davis on deanne.davis16@gmail.com or call on 0407 418 511.

### Annual General Meeting

- The Annual General Meeting for the P&C will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 6pm in the staff room. More information will follow especially the week prior to the meeting about what this meeting involves. Essentially we have reports for the last year as well as election of new office bearers and members for the year ahead. This year we have several people that are current office bearers and have been involved for many years stepping down from positions. We are keen to see some new faces and would be more than happy to talk to anyone who is interested in taking on any of the office bearer positions.

### School Canteen

- For those who may not be aware the School Canteen is run by the P&C. This means that the P&C are responsible for the overall operations of the Canteen and employ our current Canteen Supervisor – Debbie Biles. The P&C would like to acknowledge the amazing work that Debbie does in running the canteen and for all her effort and hard work in 2014.

- The Summer Menu is attached to the newsletter and is also available on the school website. Please note this will be effective from next Monday and there are a couple of price changes. Each day of the week there are special Meal Deals – these will be mentioned in the newsletter and on the Canteen Notice Board – they run for the Term.

### Uniform Shop

- The Uniform Shop is also run by the P&C and stocked and staffed by volunteers. The opening times are listed in the newsletter. At other times we encourage you to use the current uniform order form (which can be found on the school website under the P&C tab, or obtained from the front office or the uniform shop). Orders are checked every morning, filled and delivered to your child’s class. Please note, we only accept payment by cash or cheque (payable to Orana Heights Public School P&C). WE DO NOT HAVE EFTPOS FACILITIES.

### School Hats

- these will be available for purchase from the Canteen up until 2.30pm. Cost is $10

### Volunteers are urgently needed

- The P&C is responsible for running both the canteen and uniform shop, together with various fundraising activities undertaken during the year. We are seeking volunteers to help in each of these areas in various roles. If you are interested in helping please leave your name and contact number with the ladies in the front office. We need people to serve, sort, stack, stamp raffle books, stalls (just to name a few!).

### Orana Heights Public School APP for Smartphones.

- Great News! Our school now has a mobile phone app. The app will give you the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, send in a sick note while you stand outside the school because you forgot to write a paper note and receive reminders about school activities!

- To get started, download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for ORANA HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL. Once you have found it press install or download. We will be sharing other features with you over the coming weeks.
Ability Links Dubbo

Our program, Ability Links, is designed to increase community participation and support social inclusion for people with a disability, health issue or other barrier/challenge in their lives. We support people aged from 9 to 64 as well as family members (siblings etc.) and parents/ carers. We aim to enable people to form real connection to their communities and live lives of quality according to their own personal goals and dreams.

When: Thursday 12 March 2015
Venue: Victoria Park - Rotunda
Time: 4 - 6.30pm

For more information please phone Melissa McWilliam 6882 7839.

Canteen News

$5 Meal Deals Everyday

Monday - Chicken Noodles
Tuesday - Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt (optional)
Wednesday - Hot Dog
Thursday - Chicken Burger
Friday - Savoury Bun + Lettuce & Tomato (optional)

All Meal Deals include a Popper and your choice of (1) Fruit or Ice block Water or Cookie.

Swimming Carnival - Friday 6 February 2015

Date: Friday 6 February 2015.
Time: 9am to 2.30pm.
Venue: Dubbo Aquatic Centre
Cost: $3.50 for bus and $3.00 pool entry
Spectators: $2.00

Students are asked to bring a packed recess, lunch, water and plenty of sunscreen. No COMMERCIAL FOOD OR DRINK IS TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE POOL. The canteen will be open with hot and cold food available throughout the day.

House coloured clothes and thongs can be worn. For sun safety please consider appropriate clothing. Parents and children are reminded that NO zinc, hairspray, face paint or crepe paper is allowed at the pool.

House colours are:
Laver – Blue  Bradman – Red  Cuthbert – Orange  Spears - Green

N.B.
♦ Children who are being taken to the pool by their parents must pay their pool entry at the gate.
♦ As the carnival is being held during school hours student attendance is compulsory. Students who do not attend will require an absence note from their parent/caregiver.

We would appreciate any extra parents who could assist with timing at Friday’s swimming carnival. If you are able to help please complete and return the form below.

Swimming Carnival Parent Helper – Time Keeping

I am able to assist at the Swimming Carnival on Friday 6 February 2015.

Name: _____________________________ (parent helper)
Phone Number: _________________________
Child’s Name: __________________________ Class: _____________