Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends,

Quote of the Week: “LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE— make time for what you love, for the little joys that bring sunshine to your soul” - Adele Basheer

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter for 2015. Please be aware that the newsletter is published on a weekly basis throughout the four school terms of the calendar year. All families receive a printed version for the next two weeks and a soft copy is posted on the school website each week as well as being available on the school APP. Please complete the note below stating how you would like to receive future parent newsletters.

We had a great day at the pool last Friday with kind weather and lots of enthusiastic students. Thanks to those parents who volunteered their time and to the staff who organised this annual event. We look forward to cheering on our students who will compete in the District Swimming Carnival next week.

Thank you all for working with us to ensure that our returning students in Years One to Six and our new students in Kindergarten have transitioned into the 2015 school year so smoothly. We understand that this time of year is more challenging for some students than others. Communication between home and school is a vital part of education. If the case arises that you wish to discuss anything about your child’s schooling, it is asked you firstly contact the class teacher. The class teacher works with your child daily and our teachers are committed to the whole development of their students. Should you require further discussions the process is to make a time to see the Assistant Principal in that stage. Following this process ensures communication is open and benefits your child.

It gives me pleasure to inform you about the finalised class structure for 2015. As some of you may be aware our actual numbers are submitted to the Department this week and this then calculates our class structure. Our “anticipated” numbers is what we use as a guide to develop our staffing plan and our “actuals” then dictate our final plan. We will not need to have any class shuffles this year.

Please be mindful of safety around our school parking areas. We ask that you walk to your children to and from your car. We have had students walking in front of buses to parents at the end of the day. This is of a grave concern. The gate entries from the eastern staff car park are for staff only except for those accessing the disabled car parks. Side gates are locked at 9.00am for student safety.

Annie Munro, Principal (R)

P&C News

First Meeting for 2015 - Our first P&C meeting will be held TONIGHT 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.

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.

Jaanimili Playgroup

The group provides assistance and guidance in the following areas: Gross/fine motor development, Social/emotional development, Problem solving: conflict and resolution. Transport and morning tea provided.

Date: Commencing 30 January 2015 (weekly)
Time: 10am – 12pm
Location: UnitingCare Burnside Child and Family Team Office, 128 Erskine Street, Dubbo

For more information please contact: Kellie Williams 6885 2353.

Welcome to Orana Heights Public School

We would like to welcome our new families to our school. Our school newsletter is distributed each Tuesday.

We encourage you to download the Orana Heights Public School APP for smartphones (see instructions on the next page) or alternatively, saving the website into your “favourites” to access the newsletter this way. If you would like the newsletter sent via email or a hard copy please indicate on the note below. If this slip is not returned by the date below we will presume that you will access the newsletter via our web page.

Notes are to be returned no later than Friday 20 February 2015.

I would like a HARD COPY of the newsletter: Child’s name:…………………………………………………………………………….. Class: …………

I would like the NEWSLETTER EMAILED - email address:……………………………………………………………………………………………… (please print clearly)
## Term 1 - 2015 Planner

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### Road Safety - Dubbo City, Gilgandra Shire & Wellington Councils

Keeping Kids Safe in School Zones

A few tips for those new to school life or those who have been attending school for many years.

School zones are extremely busy places (between 8.00 am and 9.30 am and 2.30 pm and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday) with all modes of transport and pedestrians moving within the area at once. Please be aware, alert and think about your actions when in a school zone especially at these times.

- Ensure all passengers exit or enter your vehicle from the ‘safe side’ i.e. the doors on the kerb side of the vehicle. It is extremely dangerous to allow passengers to exit from the roadside (or driver’s side) of the vehicle where buses, trucks, cars, motorcyclists and cyclists are travelling.
- It’s a good idea to talk to younger children about the ‘safe side’ of the car and encourage them to use it every time they exit or enter your car.
- Please also remember to stay off mobile phones especially in a school zone. Mobile phones are a distraction to the driver. If you are dropping off or collecting children from school you need to be alert to the busy surroundings and talking on a mobile phone can distract you from overseeing the safe entry or exit of your passengers.
- Ensure all children are correctly seated in the appropriate child restraint and all other seatbelts are worn correctly before moving your vehicle.

For information please contact Jayne Bleechmore, Council’s Road Safety Officer

### For Your Information

- In the past “Exemptions” for absences from school have been granted whilst families take a holiday during the term.
- The rules have now changed and such exemptions can no longer take place.
- Please direct any questions to class teachers.
- We encourage all families to keep our school free from nuts and nut products.
- Nuts and nut products will not be used in any teaching and learning activities at OHPS.

### SPORT NEWS

#### Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival was held last Friday. All students are to be congratulated on their sportsmanship and enthusiasm on the day. A special thank you to the parents who helped time keep on the day.

There will be a special sport assembly on a date to be advised to present House Captains & Vice Captains with their badges and hats and age champion certificates and ribbons from the swimming carnival. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

#### Dubbo District Swimming Carnival

The Dubbo District Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 27th February starting at 4.15pm. Students who have qualified for district will get a permission note this week. Please return notes to the gold box in the library.

#### Knockout Teams

At present staff are busy selecting and coaching a variety of knockout teams. Orana Heights enters 15 teams each year in the NSW Primary Schools Knockout Competition. Students from Yr 5 & Yr 6 are encouraged to try out for these teams. Throughout the competition parent/caregivers support is needed with transport to keep the cost to a minimum. Your support is greatly appreciated. If any parent/carer is interested in helping coach a team please contact Mrs Hall.

Teams with upcoming games are: Girls & Boys Basketball. Permission notes for these teams will go home very shortly.

Mrs Hall & Mr Jones, Sports Co-ordinators

### Canteen News

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### Canteen Helpers

Kelly Turner & Kat Richards

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School Photos are on Wednesday 25 February 2015
Envelopes will be sent home soon