**Principal’s Message**

Quote of the Week: “Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.” ~ Albert Einstein

**Dear Parents**

At present staff have been undergoing extensive training in a system for improving learning “Instructional Rounds”. This system for improving how learners are learning is being embedded across the school. Teachers have all identified what is called a “Problem of Practice” and now look at ways to explicitly address this for improvement. Across the school we are targeting writing. Classes have visual prompts to support student learning and creativity is flowing.

Attached to this week’s newsletter is a revised Positive Behaviour flowchart. This system has been discussed at length by the whole staff. Since the introduction of the Oakey Dokey Awards, we need to revise the system to ensure our overall awards tie in with this. Please discuss this with your child and if you need to clarify see the class teacher.

The annual Easter raffle is well underway of being organised. Already there have been donations of Easter items for this raffle. Further donations are appreciated and can be taken to your child’s class teacher. Thank you in advance for supporting this event which will see money raised go directly to the school.

Tonight is our AGM P&C meeting. We look forward to all those who can come along and be a part of this important school committee. It would be great to see many faces as “many hands make light work”. Even if you can only do a little of something, your time will be noticed by your child and appreciated by the school. I look forward to seeing you all there. Annie Munro, Principal (R)

**Kinder Home Reading** - Parents and Caregivers will receive a note asking for “helpers” to listen to students read and to change books. We do this between 9-9.30am approximately each day. If you would like to help in this way please return the bottom part of the note to your child’s teacher. Thank you, Kinder Teachers

**Moorambilla Voices with Michelle Leonard.**

Free workshop for primary students years 3-6.

Date: Wednesday 18 March 2015

Time: 4-5.15pm

Venue: Macquarie Conservatorium, Dubbo

For more information please contact Gaylene Barker at school.

**Easter Raffle** - Raffle tickets are being sent home today. Tickets are $1 each. There are 10 tickets per booklet - if you sell your tickets and would like some more they are available from the front office. Thank you to those families who have already donated some Easter items for our raffle. Donations of Easter eggs can be left with your child’s teacher or delivered to Mr Moran’s room (B Block). All money raised from this raffle goes directly to resources for the school. Thank you again for your support with this fundraiser.

**Jordan Moran**

**Free Child Restraint Checking Day**

Free Child Restraint Checking Day is happening in the Dubbo City Council car park this Saturday 14 March 2015 from 9.00 am to 12 noon.

**Easter Hat Parade**

Orana Heights Public School will be holding a K-6 Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday 31st March 2015. Students are asked to create a hat and bring it to school on this date.

The Easter Raffle will also be drawn at this time!

Date: Tuesday 31 March 2015

Time: 9.15am

Venue: Basketball Court

**What to bring:** Your own Easter Hat creation

The staff are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful hats that the students create. Gaylene Barker

**Tips for making H20 the everyday drink for kids**

- Have your own individual water bottle that goes with you everywhere, decorate it to your own personal style.
- 300 - 500ml bottles are best for kids.
- Sip the day away - take a sip whenever you spot the bottle, even if it is out of the corner of your eye.
- Have your water icy cold! Freeze half the bottle and fill half the bottle, that way when you fill it up in the morning it is chilled, ready to go.
- At home, keep a jug or bottle of cold water in the fridge.
- Try a taste sensation by floating a slice of lemon, orange or some strawberries in iced water.

**Expression of Interest for position: Norta Norta tutor at OHPS.**

**Vacancy type:** temporary/part time position, four days per week (Monday to Thursday), 9.30 am to 1.30 pm daily.

This position will start as soon as a suitable applicant is selected.

**Desirable:** An Aboriginal person, with experience having previously worked with students aged 10 and 12.

**Duties include:**

- provide support to targeted Aboriginal students to improve literacy and/or numeracy achievements
- work closely with the teacher to ensure the support provided is relevant to learning needs
- assist students to develop skills and understanding that enable them to independently participate in class activities.

**Written expressions of interest can be mailed to:**

- The Principal, Orana Heights Public School, Oak Street, Dubbo. 2830.
- Emailed to: oranahts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**Closing date:** Friday 20th March, 2015.
## Term 1 - 2015 Planner

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### Congratulations to the following Award Winners

#### Honour Awards

- Toby Pay
- Aden Lambert
- Lara Ireland
- Alize Perese
- Lachlan Suey
- Sophie Lockyer
- Tamaryn Alchin Wheeler x2
- Kady Lake
- Jasmine Slade
- Brianna Knox
- Blair Davidson
- Brodie Alchin Wheeler
- Raifah Zaman
- Mehregan Gharibi
- Montanna McNair
- Sovanah Doherty
- Cambelle Shipp
- Hunter Ross
- Aden Lambert
- Lara Ireland
- Jasmine Slade
- Madeleine Mann
- Charlotte Bass
- Maggie McTiernan
- Cooper Bourke
- Nicholas Adkins
- Belinda Owens
- Tom McTiernan
- Cooper Donovan
- Kobi Mules
- Olivia Hall
- Sovanah Doherty
- Graycen Shipp
- Maggie McTiernan
- Belinda Owens
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- Sophie Lockyer
- Tamaryn Alchin Wheeler x2

#### Distinction

- Madeleine Mann
- Lara Ireland
- Jasmine Slade
- Taya Millington
- Olivia Hall
- Sovanah Doherty
- Shayanah Doherty
- Maggie McTiernan
- Belinda Owens

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the P&C will be held **TONIGHT** at 6pm in the Staff Room. All new and interested people are very welcome. At this meeting the following positions will be declared vacant and we will be seeking nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising / Publicity Coordinator, Canteen Liaison Officer and Uniform Shop Coordinator. It also provides a time where you can officially join – membership is $2 and you will be asked to complete a membership details form. Several people are standing down from some of the key roles on the committee so the P&C are really needing people to take on a role and get involved where possible. If you would like to just come and check it all out please feel free - there is no obligation to join. If you would like to know more about the meeting, any of the positions, 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.

### Canteen

For catering purposes, the Aussie Meal Deals are due back this Friday 13th March. The cost of these is $5.50 (NOT $5). If your child did not receive a Meal Deal bag or it has been misplaced, pop in to see Debbie in the canteen. Alternatively, fill in a bag with your child’s name, class, “Aussie Meal Deal” and your preference between a pie or sausage roll!

### Uniforms

**Does your child need a new polo shirt for school photos?** Simply write your child’s name, class and shirt size on an envelope. Enclose payment ($22 each shirt). Leave at the front office and your order will be delivered to the class!

**Sports socks** – a new style has been ordered. They are navy with a jade green turn-over top. They will be available for purchase early in Term 2. You will only need to purchase the socks if your child is participating in a PSSA sport that requires shin pads to be worn (e.g. soccer, hockey). If you still have the navy/white socks, please wear them until they need to be replaced.
AECG Meeting - Our Junior AECG Representatives, Chelsea Edwards and Tyrese Newman, attended their first meeting for 2015 last week at Wambangalang. Both students delivered speeches about the events that have happened in our school over the last month. They are looking forward to attending many more meetings throughout the year.

(Pictured R)

Stage One Community Workers
Western Swimming Carnival - On Friday 6 March Kate Davis and Campbell Stewart represented Orana Heights at the Western Swimming Carnival in Dubbo. Kate and Campbell swam extremely well and should be very proud of their achievement.

Rugby League 1, 2, 3 - On Thursday 12 & Thursday 19 March 2015 K-2 students will be participating in ball skills clinics run by the NRL. These clinics support our fundamental movement lessons.

Western Tennis Team - Congratulations Amelia Day on your selection in the Western Tennis Team. Amelia will compete at the State carnival in Rockdale in Week 2 Term 2.

Term Two PSSA Sport - Term Two sport is organised to give all children a variety of winter sports to take part in. We are particularly fortunate in Dubbo to have this worthwhile activity which provides our children with opportunities they may not otherwise have. As you would be aware it takes a great deal of organisation to make this important school activity operate effectively. In this regard it is not always possible to give children their first preference. We thank parents and children for their understanding in this matter.

Term Two PSSA Sport begins on Friday 24th April and continues through to Friday 19th June.

Buses depart school at 11.20am and return at approximately 1pm. The fare is $3.50 per week.

Children are to wear their sports uniform (navy & white long socks), hat, joggers and bring a drink bottle. Parents are most welcome to come along as spectators on Fridays.

Below are the sports on offer for Term Two PSSA Sport. Please discuss with your child/ren their 1st and 2nd preference. Teachers will ask for preferences this week.

Junior is Yr 3 & Yr 4 and Senior is Yr 5 & Yr 6.

League Tag is a new sport being introduced this year. It is a mixture of touch and oz tag. Ms Winters from Orana Heights will be convening this sport.

There are very limited spots in junior & senior netball. We can only take 30 juniors and 30 seniors.

Boys Cricket - Unlucky to our Boys Cricket side who travelled to Narromine last Wednesday to play in the first round of the state-wide knockout. Unfortunately we went down by 20 runs. Narromine batted first and made 4/71 thanks to a classy 36 from a Narromine batsman. Our best bowlers were Jacob French (2/12), Sam Thomas (1/9) and Campbell Stewart (1/1). In reply we could only manage 51 thanks to a solid 10no from Jacob French and a well-made 6 from Patrick Gibson. Well done boys and you should all be proud of how spirited you played.

Teams with upcoming games are:

Girls Cricket on Friday 20th March against Dubbo Public.

Mixed Tennis. Date to be advised.

Girls Netball on Thursday 19th March against Gilgandra.

Annual Cathy Peachey Indigenous Athletics Carnival

Date: Sunday 22nd March
Time: 10am
Registration: 8:30-9:30am
Venue: Barden Park Athletics Centre, Dubbo
Ages: 6 to 14 years
Cost FREE - What to bring: Participant will need to bring their own lunch, hat and sunscreen. A canteen will be available.

If you are interested please see your classroom teacher or office staff for an enrolment form.
Acknowledging Positive Behaviour

1. **Achievement Award**
   - PBL- Oakey Dokey Award
   - Class Awards
   - Star of the Week K-2
   - Premier’s Reading Challenge K-2
   - Eisteddfod
   - Debating Team- one award per round
   - School Sporting Representative- District & Western
   - Knock Out Teams-one award per round
   - K-2 Sports Day- one award for all ribbons
   - Five Athletics & Swimming Carnival ribbons (equivalent)
   - School Athletic/ Swimming Champion (equivalent)

2. **Honour Award**
   - Premier’s Reading Challenge Years 3 to 6 Certificate (equivalent)
   - Five Achievement Awards
   - Presentation Day Award (equivalent)
   - State Representative Sport

3. **Distinction Award**
   - Five Honour Awards

4. **School Banner**
   - Five Distinction Awards

5. **School Medal**
   - Five Distinction Awards and a School Banner