Principal’s Report

A big welcome back to school for the beginning of Term 4 – always an exciting term for all. Term 4 is a very special (and frightening) time for Year 6 students and their parents. It is the beginning of the final 10 weeks of their primary schooling. They have reached a significant milestone in their lives and are about to embark on a significant journey – high school! For some parents it is the last contact they will have with their local primary school and it is often sadness that accompanies their departure. The shift to high school signifies a big change in their child’s life – growing up, the teenage years – CHANGE! We humans are not great at “change” as a rule so these shifts in our family are not always easy. My advice is to embrace the new challenge with your Year 6 children and to encourage them to grow with the new experience, to take on challenges with confidence – for it is only when we take on challenges head on, with all the confidence of youth, that we grow, mature and learn. The high school years represent a great opportunity for your child to develop new skills and to improve on their existing talents. From day one, term one 2015, our Year 6 kids have exactly 6 years to hone their academic and life skills so that they are ready for the challenges of adulthood. These years are vitally important and a time when your child needs you the most (even though they often think the opposite). So, to our current crop of Year 6 students – thoroughly enjoy this last 10 weeks of primary school. It is a time to relish being the biggest fish in this medium sized pond. Enjoy the fun and companionship of your classmates. Give your all to the end and leave with the satisfaction of having being a terrific learner – but also a decent, kind, friendly and caring student. Enjoy!

I hope and trust that all of our students return refreshed, having enjoyed sleeping in, those lazy breakfasts and way too much TV. I would like to congratulate the Tatnell family who won the tender for the sale of the replaced ride on mower. I trust that all is going well with the mower and wish the Tatnell family many years of painless ride-on mowing. The school has changed our waste removal company and have joined the “Money Tree” paper and cardboard program. At the school we now have four 660 litre paper and cardboard recycling bins (Yellow lidded bins) which we encourage you to help fill with newspaper, magazines, waste paper and cardboard. The school receives a nominal amount of money per bin emptied which – reminding us of its close proximity! Good luck to all for the final term and I hope that it will be a challenging and exciting time for the students at Orange East PS.

I am pleased to announce that the sandpit has now reached completion and was used by our students for the first time today. The two Kindergarten classes were the “lucky ducks” and were the first to build roads and castles in our washed Sydney beach sand. Mother Nature was very kind overnight and showered rain over the sand causing it to be in a perfect state for sand castle making. There was however no waves and sea to play in - but we are working on that. Many thanks to our terrific P&C Association for donating the sand – which like all things – was a costly addition (but necessary) for the sandpit!

The trees that were designated dangerous (the fenced off Gum and Liquid Amber) were removed and chipped during the first week of the holidays. I was amazed at just how large a branch could be chipped. I saw a 20 metre branch, 30 cm thick, be chipped and mulched in seconds – amazing! I was asked if we would like the wood chip mulch for the school garden beds. I agreed, but had no idea at the time, that there would be as much as 10-20 tonnes of mulch. We have a mountainous pile of mulch in the bottom playground of which I am offering trailer loads to interested parents who would like to mulch their garden beds for the growing season ahead. Please contact the school and speak to me about arranging a suitable time for entry to the playground. Either before school or after school would be ideal – when we do have any safety issues with students being present in the playground. We will work on a “first in first served basis”.

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all goes to help provide a quality education for your kids. Please feel free to send in your recyclable paper and cardboard or pop in and drop it directly into the bins provided. The Cleanaway company will be providing plastic bags for kids to take home and fill and return. These will be sent home when they arrive. Thanks for your assistance – it is much appreciated.

Steve Wilkinson
Principal

School News
NAIDOC March 2014 ~ the NAIDOC march for Orange will be held next Monday 13th October. All our Aboriginal students and student leaders will be attending. The march commences at 10.20am, leaving from Neweys Dry Cleaners and walking down Summer Street to Robertson Park. After the march the schools awards will be presented followed by the service providers day and a free sausage sizzle. Parents are welcome to attend. Notes will go home tomorrow to those students who will be involved.

Assembly ~ there will be a whole school assembly this Friday 10th October commencing at 12.40pm. All welcome to attend.

Year 6 Transition ~ students will be taking part in a two week Home Economics program at The Canobolas Rural Technology High School. The programme will take place on Wed 15th and Wed 22nd October. Students will be walking to and from TCRHS. There will be no cost involved for this program.

Pre 2 Mini Masterchef ~ The Canobolas Rural Technology High School Library Tues 14th October 1pm – 2pm. Come along and have a taste of the fine cakes cooked and decorated by students in our Pre 2 Learning Community. Entry ~ gold coin donation. Guest judges will include Kate Bracks and Merle Parish.

Tin Cans Needed ~ as part of a combined pre2 SRC activity to raise money for the Orange Ronald McDonald House we are asking for donations of lidded tins eg: Milo tins. They will be decorated in class and used as collection tins this term.

Toy Fundraiser ~ a reminder that these orders are due into the school office by Friday 17th October.

P & C News
East Orange Village Markets ~ there are no more sites available for the market day on Sunday 19th October, 2014. Volunteers urgently needed. Please find attached a Volunteer Request Form and return to the office by Tuesday 14th Oct.

Clothing Pool ~ Reminder please collect zip-up jumpers from the clothing pool asap. Clothing pool will be open this Wed- from 8.55am – 9.15am and 2.55pm to 3.15pm.

Community News
Orange Hockey ~ it’s time for summer hockey come and try it out! Starts Wednesday 22nd October 4pm -5pm under 9’s and Under 12’s. For more information please call Kate on 0447 186 494.

Dates to Remember

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Student Profile
Name –Kaylar
Class – 4/5AM
My best mates are … Brynn, Latoya, Ella, Lara
My favourite food is … Strawberries and Spaghetti Bolognaise but I wouldn’t eat – bananas if you paid me!
After school I really love to … draw
If I was down to my last $5 I would buy … lollies or stationery for school
One thing I really can’t live without is …my family
When I grow up I want to …be a paramedic-to help people and save lives
The best thing about being a grown up would be? …. driving
How old is old?.... 50
One thing I would do if I was Prime Minister for a day … ban schoolwork for a day
A handy superpower would be … to be able to fly
What is my favourite restaurant … Alfios