Principal’s Report
The East Orange Market Day was a spectacular success. The weather could only be described as glorious and, in being so, brought thousands of Orange residents through the gates. The day went by without a single hitch with stall holders arriving in good time, setting up and raring to go for the 9 am start. The crowds coursed through our gates – happily tossing a gold coin donation in the bucket, and meandering around the plethora of interesting stalls. There was such a terrific variety on hand and entertainment to boot! – Something for everyone. If you were one of the many hundreds of visitors to our school on Sunday, I would like to thank you on behalf of our teachers, parents and students for supporting this very worthy fundraising venture. The money raised will be used to add variety and value to the education of the students at this school. One of the projects the P&C Association are looking to direct some of the raised funds is in the regeneration of our top playground, providing a safe and very comfortable playground for the students at Orange East PS. The funds raised, including the collection of stall holder fees, totalled in excess of $18,000 – an impressive amount indeed!

The Market day planning had been in train for many months, with a dedicated group of P&C members coordinating the event. The school P&C Association spent countless hours in the careful organisation of this huge undertaking. The seamless success of an event like this doesn’t happen by chance, rather, it was the co-ordination of hundreds of factors which led to the day being the success it was. I would therefore like to make mention of the leadership group who toiled relentlessly in the pursuit of a successful markets. We salute you all for your wonderful efforts.

I would also like to thank the many members of the P&C who helped out prior to the event and over the course of the day - on Saturday with the set-up, and throughout the market day on Sunday. The team directing traffic before and after the event spent hours carefully monitoring and moving traffic safely through the school. The BBQ itself was a monumental task and I would like to thank the team who toiled all day cooking and serving. The manning of the gates, selling of P&C Raffle tickets, the massive clean-up at the end, and all of the incidental jobs that were completed successfully enabling the running of a wonderful market day. To all those who gave up their time – THANK YOU. I would also like to thank and make mention of our dedicated teaching staff who gave up their Sunday to assist serving on stalls raising money for school projects; and to the staff who patiently collected donations at the gate. It is indeed a lucky group of students to have teachers willing to give their time to help improve the lot of the children in their care. Lastly, there was a terrific group of Orange East students who also contributed greatly in the lead up to and on market day – thank you to the kids for their help.

The school raffle was a great success. I would like to thank Electrolux of Orange for their kind donation of a 420 Litre refrigerator as first prize. The winner of the Raffle was Rob McGregor. The second Prize was a beautiful quilt hand crafted by Karen Crouch which was won by Gwen Bennett. The third prize was donated by Trike Adventures and was 2 free tickets for 3 people to join “Trike Adventures” for a 10 minute tour around Orange – this was won by Peter Cook and Louise Whythes. Fourth prize was donated by Price Attack Orange and was a voucher for a ½ price colour won by Dorothy Arnold. Congratulations to the winners. Lastly I would like to thank the various business and organisations who helped us out during the day. The Clifton Grove Rural Fire Volunteer service donated their time to assist with the parking at Newman Park and with provision of first aid services. Kennards Hire donated the 24 hour hiring of a Dingo Machine to assist us in the clean-up of the mulch and helped advertise our event using their portable digital sign. Visit Orange – an online social media site advertised our event for free throughout the day and in the lead up to the markets. Elliot the DJ Dinosaur...
attended our markets and gave his services and 600 plaster of Paris models for us to sell. Anytime Skips kindly donated the use of a skip for rubbish removal. Orange City Council kindly donated the use of bunting and picket posts. Bunnings, Orange Credit Union and First Choice Credit Union donated the use of their marques. Lastly, Allan Brown helped us out enormously with the lending of a PA amplifier. Our gratitude to you all for your help.

NAIDOC was a wonderful celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. We had a terrific week starting with the NAIDOC week awards ceremony, at which Tia and Max received the award for Orange East PS. The Girri Girri games where our Year 5/6 participated in a fun day of sporting activity, and our memorable assembly with the Orange High boys aboriginal dance group and the Canobolas RTHS girls Aboriginal dance groups - both impressing with a mix of traditional and modern dance – with themes around the remembrance of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and women who fought and sometimes died in the various theatres of war over the past century. I would also like to make mention and thank Kylee Wright for her culinary expertise in the preparation of some traditional Aboriginal food for our students to taste and enjoy. Thank you to all those who participated and contributed to this week of terrific celebrations.

The Royal Far West (Manly Based, not for profit organisation) have a health and wellbeing program where they travel around the state delivering important information to country kids. The Royal Far West team have offered our school a visit, and they will be attending the school next Wednesday, during which time each class will have the opportunity to participate in one of their specially designed programs including: oral health, ear health, nutrition and exercise and health & emotional wellbeing. Their focus is on preventative education and the encouragement of healthy lifestyle decisions. Royal Far West has designed their programs around the needs of schools with a particular focus on the learning outcomes identified in Personal Health, Development and Physical Exercise Syllabus. There is no cost associated with this visit.

Cultural day – It is my view that we are very lucky to be living in a country, where a mix of people from a variety of countries, live together in relative harmony – respecting one another’s traditions and cultural/religious practices. Australians are a tolerant, peace loving people, who have largely accepted that multiculturalism is a positive part that has helped create the “rich tapestry” that is our nation. From the way we dress to the foods we enjoy – we are an eclectic and diverse group. I know personally, every time I sit down to a Thai curry, I am ever so grateful for our multicultural society. We will be celebrating “Cultural Day” on Wednesday, 29th October. The students will be learning about three separate countries over the day and will have the opportunity to enjoy a visiting show in the afternoon called, “From half-way around the World”. All the information about this special day will be included in a note going home today. It looks like a terrific day and I would like to thank Mrs McKay for organising this day and the teachers for preparing a really interesting lesson on their country of choice. Our PBL focus for this week is ‘The School Garden’. The students are learning how to help in our vegetable garden in a safe and respectful way.

Steve Wilkinson
Principal

School News
Assembly ~ There will be a full school assembly this Friday 25th October commencing at 12.40pm

Year 6 Transition ~ a reminder that students will be taking part in a Home Economics program at The Canobolas Rural Technology High School this Wed 22nd October. Students will be walking to and from TCRHS. There will be no cost involved for this program.

Head Lice ~ There have been a number of head lice cases throughout the school. Please regularly check your child’s head and treat as necessary. Child can return to school once treated.
**Student Profile**

**Name** – Max  
**Class** – 5/6H

*My best mates are… Ashton, Jack, Jed, Lachlan, Chase*

*My favourite food is … Lasagne – tasty and delicious but I wouldn’t eat – apricots if you paid me!*

*After school I really love to … Play with my brother Trae - Football*

*If I was down to my last $5 I would buy … ice cream *

*One thing I really can’t live without is … Mum and Dad*

*When I grow up I want to … be a Footy star - Centre*

*The best thing about being a grown up would be? …. Being RICH*

*How old is old?…. 53*

*One thing I would do if I was Prime Minister for a day … take care of people who are sick*

*A handy superpower would be … Invisibility*

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**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.

**Learn to Swim** ~ there are still about 10 places available, please return permission note and money if you wish your child to participate.

**Assembly Awards** ~ congratulations to the following students who received a sticker on their award sheet ~ Tyrone Yates, Teagan Patrick, Leilani Thomson, Jackson Sladek, Caisey Gow, Jessica Healey. Congratulations also to Ellie Bargwanna and Corey Moss who received their first sticker and Sophie Ash and Lachlan Crossman for completing their 50 certificate.

**Principal Awards** ~ congratulations to Abby Johnson, Heath Ellery-White, Shaniqua Boney and Oscar Ward who all received a Principals Award.

**P & C News**

**Meeting** ~ the P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday 28th October at 6.30pm. All welcome to attend.

**Clothing Pool** ~ Clothing pool will be open this Wednesday from 8.55am – 9.15am and 2.55pm to 3.15pm. If you have any items of clothing that no longer fit your child, the clothing pool would be very grateful for the donation.

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