Principal’s Report

Top Playground Project ~ I am pleased to be able to report terrific progress on the top playground regeneration project. The ground, rock hard, has been ripped open. The addition of the rain over the weekend made the job this week much easier. The professionals from Midwest Irrigation arrived Monday and have been trenching through the playground and laying irrigation PVC pipes and attaching sprinkler heads. The install of the irrigation should be completed by Friday. Further ground works, including levelling, will take place next week. There is always a need to do a final rake to smooth things out ready for the turf to be laid. We will be having a working bee on Wednesday 26th November next week and we are hoping that parents might be free to assist. The more rakes we have, the quicker the job will be. If you happen to have a rake and would be prepared to give us a couple of hours of your time, please show up at the school with rake (if you have one) at 9 am. Thanks.

The Years 5/6 students are being offered the opportunity of helping out with this working bee, however they must be able to be dropped off to school on the morning of the working bee, with a rake. We will provide rubber gloves and a dust mask. If you would like your child to help out, they must have a permission note signed as well. The reason for the dust mask and gloves is due to the fact that the turf underlay, like potting mix, is an organic material and as such we are required to take precautions. The risk of inhaling any dangerous organism is very low, but we need to offer the protection regardless. We will have dust masks and gloves for any parent helpers who would like this safety equipment too.

Philmac Project - We have entered a competition organised by Philmac and we have an opportunity to win a $5000 grant to assist with the costs of completing the top lawn regeneration project. In fact, this amount of money would go a long way to completing a bore installation. It is very simple, we have logged our project with Philmac and the school/community group with the most number of VOTES will win. All we need our friends to do is to go onto their FACEBOOK page, search for PHILMAC, click on the MORE TAB, select PHILMAC PROJECT, click on the CLICKHERETO GO TO THE COMPETITION, click on ENTRIES and find the OEPS one which is named, REPLACING THE “DIRT CONCRETE” PLAYGROUND, and VOTE for us. We would be very grateful if you could send this onto any of your FACEBOOK friends and ask them to vote for us.

The project with the most number of votes so far is at 279 – and surely we can beat that. We have 3 weeks and a couple of days left to vote.

PBL – Using the right words – This week in PBL we have as a focus “using the right words”, which simply means using words which are respectful and polite. It is very important that we all speak using words that are appropriate and give respect to the person we are speaking to – especially during those times when we are under stress or dealing with conflict. I especially advocate using the words “please” and “thank you” when asking for or receiving something. They are small words but they have a powerful meaning, and when used sincerely, make our school work so much better. Another of my favourites is; when being asked how you are, that the response always has a “thank you” after the reply. Often I walk through the playground and ask kids, “How are you today?” Sometimes the response is, “GOOD”. I usually give the advice to kids that the words, “thanks for asking”, makes a big difference. How we speak to each other matters and the words we use count.

Steve Wilkinson
Principal

School News

Assembly ~. There will be a whole school assembly this Friday 21st November commencing at 12.40pm in the school hall.
**PLEASE NOTE** that the assemblies for Fri 28th Nov and Fri 5th Dec will be held at 2.30pm, due to the Learn to Swim program being held. All welcome to attend. Friday 5th December will be the LAST full assembly for the year!

**Bathurst Sheep & Cattle Drome ~** Stage 1 students enjoyed their excursion last Friday, with some hands on experience for some of the students.

**Lost Property ~** there is a large amount of lost property in the office. These items will be sent to the recess assembly on Monday 24th November. Any unnamed/unclaimed items after that will go to clothing pool.

**Helpers Needed ~** for Stage 1 sport on Fridays at 10.10am to 11.10am to help run our sports skills program. Please see Peter Cook ASAP.

**Bookclub ~** orders are due into the school office by Friday 28th November.

**P & C News**

**P & C Meeting ~** the next P & C Meeting will be held tonight commencing 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.

**Canteen ~** please note that Banana Mooves are no longer available at the canteen.

parents of children aged birth to 5 years then playgroup is for you. Find us on Tuesday afternoon in the old library from 1.30 to 3.00pm. Please bring a piece of fruit for the children’s afternoon tea.

**Community News**

**Vacation Care ~** Orange City Council are running this program from 5th to 23rd Jan and Tues 27th Jan at Calare Public School. Bookings open on Monday 1st – Fri 19th Dec from 11am to 4pm at the Community Information and Services Centre, 79-81 Kite Street Orange. Phone 63938600 or email mstanford@orange.nsw.gov.au.

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**Learn to Swim Yr 1 to 6**

**Bookclub orders due; School assembly commences at 2.30pm**

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**Parents helpers morning tea**

**Presentation Day**

**Yr 6 Presentation**

**Yr 6 dinner & disco**

**Stg 1 & 2 Disco**

**Last day of term for Students**

**Student Profile**

**Name – Oscar**

**Class – 5/6H**

**My best mates are …** Mitch, Lachlan, Ben, Preston

**My favourite food is …** Nachos Karate Chop but I wouldn’t eat – brussels sprouts if you paid me!

After school I really love to … ride my motorbike

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

One thing I really can’t live without is …my family

When I grow up I want to … famous footy player

I would really like to be like … Ben Robinson

The best thing about being a grown up would be? … being able to drive and have a family

How old is old?… 70

One thing I would do if I was Prime Minister for a day … get people to pay their bills

A good book I’ve read lately is? … The Boy in the Striped PJ’s