Principal’s Report
The PBL lesson this week is about respecting all adults. This is an important part of growing up, and we all remember being told to respect our elders. Every generation of adults feels strongly about this and our generation is no different. The adults in our children’s lives include teachers, scripture teachers, doctors, family friends, visitors to our homes and our work colleagues. Each adult plays an important role in helping our kids grow into successful adults and productive members of our great nation. Showing respect is important as this demonstrates the importance and value placed on those relationships. Teachers (and casual teachers) can have a profound impact on the growth and development of your child. We can all remember the teachers who were patient, kind, caring and led us in directions we had not even thought of. It is no secret that a class full of respectful students will certainly learn significantly more than a class of disrespectful students. Teachers need time to teach. The more time they spend on class discipline, the less they spend on teaching time. So respect and preparedness to give it will mean better and more productive learning time. It is really important that all kids hear about the importance of respect from their parents. All students need to grow up hearing about how respect towards others, and especially their teachers will have an impact on their learning and futures. I speak to both of my children regularly about showing respect to their teachers, as I want all of their time in class to be about learning. Parents will often choose a school on their reputation for good student behaviour as they know intuitively that their kids won’t learn in schools where behaviour (lack of respect) is a major problem. Respect is important. It matters.

We are in the final stages of the top playground regeneration project. I am very pleased with the progress we have made thus far. The ground has been completely cultivated and we have added 90 square metres of turf underlay (special potting mix) which will add greatly to the structure of the top soil and provide organic food in which the grass roots will thrive and help the lawn to establish quickly. The irrigation installation was completed fully last week and is now connected to an automatic controller. We will be having a working bee tomorrow to do the final rake and preparation. We need to remove any old roots, sticks, rocks and clumps of old grass. I am pleased with the levelling job, so there is not too much “smoothing out” to be done. If you are available from 9 am we would love to have your help and assistance. If you are able to bring a rake, shovel to scoop up rubbish - and even a wheelbarrow, that would be a great help. It is a large area so the more people we have the better. The 90 metres of turf underlay organic material we added comes with a warning because of the organic nature of the product (similar to potting mix). It has been added to the existing earth and is largely mixed into the existing topsoil – so the issue is reduced significantly. Regardless, we will have dust masks and rubber gloves for any helpers who would like to take additional precautions. Any of the 5/6 students participating will need to wear the protective equipment as a rule. (Schools are always over precautious). Years 5/6 students bringing rakes must be dropped to school as we consider walking to school, riding bikes, catching buses too hazardous with a rake in hand. Please make sure your name/child’s name is on the rake. I appreciate the response we have had from the 5/6 kids and look forward to working with them tomorrow. Hope to see you there.

Today the students had their final scripture lesson – which took the form of a Christmas Concert. There were stories told and songs sung. I would like to thank the scripture teachers for their wonderful commitment to the students at OEPS. Scripture teaching is a voluntary job, and it is not always the easiest of jobs. I commend them for their commitment and their service to our school. I wish them all a very safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing them again in the coming year.
The parent helpers / volunteers morning tea will be held on Wednesday 10th December at recess – 11 am. Invitations have been sent out to the myriad of parents who contribute in all kinds of ways to our terrific local school – OEPS. I am always gladdened by the huge support we receive from the parent body. The work you do, the support you give is highly regarded by all the teaching and non-teaching staff at the school and the morning tea is our way of thanking you for all you do. We are a great community and everyone adds and contributes in their own way to make our school great. Thanks! Hope to see you at the morning tea.

On Tuesday 9th of December, the Year 6 students will be having a fundraiser to help raise money for their “Year 6 gift to the school”. They will be hosting a “mufti day” and sausage sizzle lunch. The cost will be $5.00 per child for both the mufti and lunch/drink. A permission note with order form will be sent home shortly. I encourage all children to participate, as the proceeds will be put directly back into the school with the purchase and installation of sports goal posts for the new playground.

The teachers are busily writing school reports at the moment. The reports are a very important component of our reporting process and they take a significant amount of time to write. The teachers have been spending weekends/evenings writing and preparing. It is a very big commitment and these are mostly prepared in personal time. I would like to publicly thank our teachers for their commitment and for their good will in producing reports during their personal time. I have encouraged the teachers to report everything, from the wonderful achievements of students, to areas where they can improve “warts and all”. Constructive criticisms are really important, and help you as parents to have those chats to help improve, correct and advance your child’s social and educational development. Everything written in the reports is designed to either celebrate your child’s achievements or to assist with change–and that is how I recommend you read the reports. If your family is planning a move and your children will not be here in 2015, could you please let the staff in the office know as soon as is practical so that we can plan effectively for 2015. Thanks.

Steve Wilkinson
Principal

School News
Assembly ~ There will be a whole school assembly this Friday 28th November commencing at 2.30pm in the school hall. PLEASE NOTE change of time for the next two weeks, 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!

Class 3/4N ~ will screen their twisted fairy tale “Cheetah and the Sloth” at this week’s assembly. Parents are more than welcome to attend, as they may have missed out on buying tickets for the cinema screening.

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

Orange Buslines ~ if your child catches a bus, and you have changed your address, please ensure that the school and Orange Buslines are aware of this, so that when passes are sent out over the holidays, they go to the correct address. If your child is entering Year 3 or going to Year 7, a new form is to be completed.

Assembly Awards ~ congratulations to the following students who received a sticker on their award sheet ~ Charley Christoff, Lachlan Ash, Sophie Ash, Kale Morgan, Antonia Van Doorn, Reagan Allan, Jacob Dalziel, Stephanie Sladek, Levi Forrest-Smith, Gemma Apps, Lucas Carr, Belanna Bouffler and Felicity Hack. Congratulations to Keira Morrison for receiving her first sticker. Congratulations also to Kurtis Forrest, Dennis Wilson and Skye Lane for completing their 50 certificates and to Mitchell Crossman for completing his 150 certificate. And finally, congratulations to Hayley Apps for completing her 100 certificate.

Principal Awards ~ congratulations to Justin Cook, Zaylee Quinn, Kaylar Forrest and Cruz Macdouall who all received a Principals Award.

Home Reading ~ congratulations to Phoebe Child, Lylah Maunder, Reagan Allan and Isabel Tinson who completed 100 reads AND to Nevaeh Graham, Rachael Anderson, Brock Anderson and Felicity Hack for completing 200 reads.

P & C News
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.

**Playgroup** ~ at playgroup last Tuesday. Our Mums and Rachel enjoyed time creating wonderful Christmas Angels out of paper plates with the children. If you would like a free cuppa and chat with other 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. The last playgroup session for the year will be Tues 2nd December.

**Community News**

**Garden Party & Market Fair** ~ will be held at the Orange Botanic Gardens on Friday 5th December from 10am-3pm. Gold Coin Entry. A variety of market stalls including shoes, clothes, plants, wines, treats baked by Borenore Public School and Molong Early Learning Centre plus kids entertainment. Further enquiries call Kate on 0487 807 060.

**Interrelate** ~ will be holding a Positive Parenting seminar next Monday 1st December from 10am-1pm. Bookings phone 6363 3650.

**Central West Libraries** ~ are holding a Summer Reading Club. Packs available through Orange Library.

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**Student Profile**

Name – Hannah
Class – 2P

**My best mates are …**
Brandon and Rachael

**My favourite food is …**
Chocolate ice cream
but I wouldn’t eat – peanut butter *if you paid me!*

After school I really love to … *read books*

If I was down to my last $5 I would buy … *art paint brushes*

One thing I really can’t live without is … *my sister and brother*

**When I grow up I want to …**
be a *Art teacher*

I would really like to be like … *my Aunty Claire*
because …. *She is really playful*

The best thing about being a grown up would be?
…. *being able to do anything you want*

How old is old?…. 100

One thing I would do if I was Prime Minister for a day … *make a pyjama day every Tuesday of November*

A good book I’ve read lately is? … Rainbow Fairies and the Far Away Tree

A handy superpower would be …. *Flying*