School News

We have reached the conclusion to the 2014 school year – and what a year it has been. The students and teachers and all the support and office staff would like to thank our loyal and caring community. It has been heartening to experience the terrific community that is Orange East Public School and I would like to wish you all a very safe, happy and joyous holiday break, Christmas and New Year. I am mighty thankful to all of the staff here at OEPS who have contributed “heart and soul” to make sure the students experience a quality education. If I was to list all of the activities that we have been involved with this year, I would run out of space – but suffice to say that there have been numerous fun and exciting aspects to the children’s learning that has helped us build well-rounded students who have been the recipients of some wonderful educational and social experiences.

I am pleased to report that the turf was laid over the past two days and we have possibly the greenest lawn of any school in Orange. We are watering madly to ensure the roots take to the soil and we are hoping for some heavy, soaking and torrential rain – please perform whichever rain dance you think will open the heavens! I am recommending the students have access to the top playground sometime during the first two weeks back – depending on the type of summer we have. With significant rain, the grass will be ready from day one.

If rain is not forthcoming – maybe by week 3. Let’s all pray for rain, and lots of it! I wish our students an amazing amount of fun – running and playing on soft cool grass. May it remain so for many years to come.

I would like to congratulate all of our award recipients at last Thursday’s presentation day. It is lovely to see the many smiling faces climb the stairs to receive their awards. It is as gratifying to see the parents beam and glow with pride. I wish our new student leadership team, led by Jack and Ella, all the very best for the new school year and I am sure that it will be yet another instalment of fun and adventure. My best to all our fine teachers, school counsellor, teachers’ aides, office staff, canteen leader, cleaner and GA. You have a special school with terrific kids and caring staff.

I will certainly miss being the Principal at this fine school. I have thoroughly enjoyed each and every challenge. I have had fun getting to know the children and have enjoyed the myriad of conversations I have had with them over the past three terms. I have had the pleasure of getting to know many of the parents and I have always felt welcomed and part of this vibrant school community. Having worked with the P&C Association, I have discovered just what a dedicated and caring group of parents they are and I have really appreciated their support in helping to fund the various ideas I have had. May the markets continue to be the amazing success they have been this year.

Thank you and farewell.

Steve Wilkinson
Principal

Classes 2015 ~ at this stage, the class structure for 2015 is as follows:
KR-Mr Dan Rae; KS-Ms Kerry Stokes; K/1P-Mrs Tracey Press; 1C-Mrs Alison Carrigan; 2WK-Mrs Bree Wright and Mrs Sarah Kable; 2M-Mr Andrew Mellis; 3/4C-Mr Peter Cook; 3/4M-Mr James Meares; 4/5SM-Miss Emily Scott, Mrs Amy Sweeting and Mrs Toni MacLean; 5/6C-Miss Alison Croker; 5/6N-Mr Adam Neal.

Discos ~ a reminder that K-2 disco will be held tonight from 5pm-6pm and Years 3-4 will be held from 6.15pm-7.30pm. The P & C will be running a barbeque with sausage and steak sandwiches and drinks between each disco.
Year 7 2015 ~ Canobolas Rural Technology High School wish to advise that the start date for year 7 students is Wednesday 28\textsuperscript{th} January. All students are to assemble in school hall wearing full high school uniform and have equipment ready to begin lessons. After the students have been welcomed, parents will then go to the Health Building with either the Principal or one of the Deputies, for a short talk about high school.

P & C News

Clothing Pool ~ thanks to those parents who purchased the new school bags for their children, which have been handed out today. A further order was placed today ready for Term 1. At this stage, the price will remain at $40. If you have any items of clothing that no longer fit your child, the clothing pool would be very grateful for the donation. Sharlene Anderson would like to thank everyone for supporting the clothing pool through 2014.

Community News

Central West Gymnastics ~ are running a “come and try day” on Friday 16\textsuperscript{th} January at 3 Barrett Court Orange. Bookings essential by phoning Madeleine on 0407 936 507 or go to the facebook page.

Saturdays Space Racing ~ introduces children to orienteering in a safe environment. Parents and carers also welcome. Events in January are 10\textsuperscript{th}, 17\textsuperscript{th} and 24\textsuperscript{th}. Contact Organiser Jean Baldwin on 6366 5131.

Dates to Remember

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Merry Christmas to all our families.
Have a wonderful break and see you in 2015.