Principal’s Report

I would like to begin this newsletter with a great big thank you to the students and staff for their extraordinary efforts with the “Are We There Yet” 2014 school performance. There is such a huge amount of work that goes into the writing, preparation, prop design, costumes, practice and overall planning. In particular I would like to recognise Amy Sweeting for her leading role in writing, producing and directing, and Fiona McNamara for her outstanding efforts in assisting with costume preparation, script writing and for her terrific support of Mrs Sweeting as she went about getting prepared. The teachers and support staff were also crucial in the development of their class performances, assisting with costume preparation and for giving their time and dedication in helping their students hone their skills on stage. Ms Gillies was a terrific help throughout the experience and on the night of the concert as was Mr Visser who quietly went about his business of getting props ready and helping with lighting on the night. A team effort indeed. The students were patient and hardworking throughout the practice period, with lines to learn and difficult dance steps to master. They were supportive of Mrs Sweeting and their teachers and I would like to acknowledge their skill and dedication too. However, a performance is only a performance if we have an audience – and this is where I would like to publicly thank you the parents/carers/grandparents and friends of our students for being such a marvellous audience. The kids thoroughly enjoyed performing for you and they strongly felt your support and adoration as they went about their various dance routines and spoke their lines. A genuine thank you from us all. Finally, thank you parents/carers for your patience with assisting with getting the various bits and bobs ready for your child. We as a staff thank you for your endless support of this school and your children.

The performance was indeed an amazing success. I was able to mingle with parents after the event and I received many compliments about the quality and excellence of the event. It was so very humbling to hear of your gratitude to the staff for a job well done, but equally pleasing to hear how much you all enjoyed the fruits of the hard work. Thank you for your feedback. I received a letter only today from a Mrs Cadwallader who expressed in words her delight and enjoyment of the experience; particularly the fact that all children played significant roles in the production.

OPEN DAY: We are all looking forward to our open day this Friday and encourage our parents, grandparents, carers and friends to come to the school, to have a look through your child’s classroom, share the joy of the experience with your kids and finish off the day with a delicious P&C Association provided BBQ. The open day is an integral aspect of Education Week where your children can showcase their hard work, and for you to see where they sit, have a look at their art work and to live, for a short brief moment, your child’s “life” at Orange East PS. The open classrooms will commence at 12 noon, from which time you are welcome to wander through our terrific school. The classrooms will be open up until 1pm where we will move outside for lunch. Please find time to wander down to the new library where our book fair is available. You are welcome to purchase a book either to take home or to donate to our library. The school receives a small commission and this is used to purchase additional books for our school library. We are all looking forward to having you in and around the school on Friday.

Positive Behaviour for Learning. This week we have a focus on “Following Instructions”. As a parent I am quite sure that you have occasionally thrown your hands in the air with exasperation due to your children not following your instructions – I know I certainly have! The reason we are looking at this lesson this week (it is actually part 2) is due to the importance of doing exactly this during the production. It seems simple enough – an instruction is given – kids follow the instruction – everyone is happy. I guess in reality, we all fall down in this regard from time to time, and it is important to have a reminder about how to go about achieving this goal. In a school with over 250 kids, there would be chaos if we didn’t have rules, procedures and instructions for the plethora of activities and experiences our students
are involved in. Our goal with this series of lessons is to make our school more functional. When we all work together in a friendly and cohesive manner, our school functions so much better.

I would like to congratulate Miss Croker, Miss Hawke and Miss Colquhoun for the outstanding effort they made with the 5/6 excursion this year. There is an enormous amount of work that goes into an excursion like this – in fact many hours of organisation and preparation take place prior to the event, not to mention the 20 hour days during the actual event. It displays true dedication to our kids and I, as the principal of this school, and no doubt you as parents, appreciate their efforts. Equally, I would like to thank the students who attended the excursion for participating in the spirit of the event. They were well behaved and represented Orange East with distinction. I sure hope that everyone gained a lot from the experience and will remember their time away for many years to come.

The DIGIED visit is fast approaching. Next Thursday 14th August, the students who have returned their note and money will be undertaking the production of a Claymation video. The kids involved will have a terrific day and will find the experience not only a lot of fun, but a true learning experience. Please remember to bring in the money if you have indicated via the note that you will be participating (if you have not done so already). I was actually quite surprised by the number of our students who were keen and willing to give the experience a try. The demand was so great we have now 64 students signed up to participate and the DIGIED people are sending two trainers for the day. DIGIED have also agreed to reduce the cost to $25 for the second group. The school offered to assist the first group, reducing the cost from $35 to $25, and when I explained that we had such large numbers, DIGIED have also agreed to reduce the cost to $25 for the second group. The school offered to assist the first group, reducing the cost from $35 to $25, and when I explained that we had such large numbers, DIGIED have also agreed to reduce the cost to $25 for the second group. DIGIED have also agreed to reduce the cost to $25 for the second group. This means that all students will enjoy the experience for $25. We still have 5 places available.

Steve Wilkinson
Principal

School News
Assembly ~ there will be a full school assembly this Friday 8th August commencing at 12.40pm.
Paul, Sophie Ash and Ashlee Hailes. Congratulations also to Felicity Hack who received her first sticker.

**Principals Awards** ~ congratulations to Lachlan Crossman, Jayden Christoff, Skye Dent and Chloe Harshman who all received a Principal’s Award last week.

**PSSA Athletics Carnival** ~ for those students involved the PSSA Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Wednesday 13th Aug at Orange High School weather permitting more information will be sent out closer to the event.

**Kinder Enrolments 2015** ~ if you have received an enrolment form for your child to commence in Kinder in 2015 and have not returned it to the office, could you please do so as soon as possible so that transition sessions can be organised.

**P & C News**

**P & C Book Fair BBQ** ~ will be held this Friday 8th August from 1pm – 2pm
Cost: Steak Sandwich $5, Sausage Sandwich $3, All drinks $2

**East Orange Village Markets** ~ there are still a few sites available for the market day on Sunday 19th October, 2014. Bookings through website at [www.eastorangevillagemarkets.com.au](http://www.eastorangevillagemarkets.com.au) or visit the facebook page facebook.com/Eastorangemarkets.

**Clothing Pool** ~ New Polar fleece vests and zip-up jackets are available to view in the school office. The jackets will be $30, vests $25. Order form is attached. Please return with payment to office by Fri 15th August. Clothing Pool will be open this week on Thursday from 8.50am–9.15am and again from 2.55pm – 3.15pm.

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**Student Profile**

Name – Felicity  
Class – KC  
*My best mates are …*  
Jasmine, Paige and Willow  
*My favourite food is …*  
Sausages & Potato but I wouldn’t eat – bananas if you paid me!  
After school I really love to play Skylander  
One thing I really can’t live without is … my baby sister Ella  
*When I grow up I want to …. be a police woman*  
If I was down to my last $5 I would buy … a toy  
I would really like to be like … my aunt  
One thing I would do if I was Prime Minister for a day…. Have a party  
The best thing about being a grown up would be?... I could drive a car  
How old is old? … 70

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**ORANGE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOTHING POOL**

I wish to purchase:

_____ (Amount) _____ (size) **Blue Polar fleece (OEPS) zip jacket at $30 each**

_____ (Amount) _____ (size) **Maroon Polar fleece (OEPS) zip jacket at $30 each**

_____ (Amount) _____ (size) **Blue only Polar fleece (OEPS) zip vest at $25 each**

for my child(ren) _______________________________ of class(es) __________.

Signed: ______________________________  Dated: ________________

(Please return to school office with payment by Friday 15th August 2014)