ARE WE THERE YET?
Tuesday 29th July
Tickets for the 7pm evening performance are on sale through Ticketek, tickets selling fast, don’t miss out.

Principal’s Report
A big welcome back to all our fine students. I hope that everybody had a brilliant holiday and that you were all able to have a lot of “sleep ins”. I hope you were able to keep very warm too, given the absolutely horrid weather! Weather which will no doubt continue for a little while yet, with snow forecast for Thursday.

I trust that you all received your child’s report and that you were able to learn some valuable things about your child’s learning and social development at Orange East PS. I read each and every report and I was very pleased to read the many positive things written about your child. It is my view that one of the more important parts of a report is the comments made about how your child can improve and where they need to make changes. These comments are written to help you, to help your child. Those conversations you have with your kids are the ones that help shape and grow your child. To share my own personal experience – my son’s report indicated that he was working hard and achieving but that he often showed up to class without the books/equipment he needed. We have since helped him put together a plan to help him be better organised. Have those important chats with your kids and by doing so, you will be giving them the tools to grow and develop.

The school performance is looming fast and the staff and students are working really hard to develop the production into a finely tuned and highly entertaining show. All the hard work is put in so that the children at this school can experience the dizzying heights of performing on stage, and to give something special to their parents. They are very excited about performing for you. The weeks leading up to the performance are always a little chaotic and our timetable is shunted around to accommodate practises etc. But it will be thoroughly entertaining and worth the effort. Please ensure you return your child’s permission note to attend both rehearsals on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th July, if you have not already done so.

Small changes in bell times. We have decided as a staff to move ten minutes from the lunchtime session and add this to the morning tea session. The new times are as follows: Morning learning Session 9:10—11:10; RECESS 11:10—11:40; Middle learning Session 11:40—1:10; Eating Lunch 1:10-1:20; playtime 1:20-1:50; Afternoon learning session 1:50-3:10. We have made this change as we have found that many of the behaviour issues at lunchtime occurred in the final ten minutes of play. It became clear that the lunch time session was a little long and the kids sometimes became tired and irritated as the play session wore on towards the end of lunch. Hopefully by moving the last 10 minutes of lunchtime to the recess session we will reduce the number of behaviour issues and we will have a happier and safer playground as a result.

Education week. Officially “Education Week” begins at the start of week 3 – the same week we have the big production. We have decided to move the Orange East Education week to week 4, and to have our open day and P&C BBQ on Friday 8th August. More information to follow.

Coming up in August – Digi Ed. Digi Ed provides Claymation Digital Animation Workshops for students and teachers. They teach the kids how to make “Stop Motion” videos using clay figures – a little bit like the movie “Wallace and Grommet”. It is a whole day experience. The students learn how to write a short script, how to “story board” their short movie, how to film it and how to use the software to create a movie. At the conclusion of the day their movie is converted into a film format and they are given a DVD of their movie to watch at home with their family. I have had DigiEd at my previous school and I can highly recommend this as an activity that is not
only an enormous amount of fun, but a terrific learning experience. I have booked a day for Orange East on Thursday 14th August – Week 5. The cost is $35 per student and we need a minimum of 28 kids. As it is quite costly, so the school is going to offer a $10 subsidy to make it more affordable, which will reduce the cost to $25. Students from Years 3-6 have the opportunity of attending. The first 28 students who return their permission note will be accepted to participate. The money can be paid up to a week prior to the event, but the note must be returned as soon as possible.

You can go online and have a look at what DigiEd offers by googling DIGIED or by typing the following address into your web browser: http://www.digied.com.au/schools/

The Year 5/6 school excursion is fast approaching. Leaving next Wednesday and returning on Friday. It is a very big thing leaving mum and dad and heading off on excursion. Kids and parents find this time a bit nerve-racking but exciting at the same time. I can assure you that your children will be completely safe. Teachers always err on the side of caution and they will ensure that safety is the first priority. Let your kids take their favourite teddy bear if they have one (including the boys!) or their favourite PJs – anything that will help your kids to be settled and feel “homely”. Please also have the conversation about behaviour expectations – travelling to and from the various activities and whilst at the accommodation venues. Nothing ruins a child’s excursion (or a parents week) more than bad behaviour whilst away on excursion. The kids are all representing the good name of Orange East PS so their behaviour has to be First Class. I wish every child attending the excursion a really memorable and happy experience.

I wish you all a very happy and safe term. I am delighted to announce the return of Mrs Wright – who is taking on the challenge of RFF and maths groups. I am also very happy to announce the return of a much improved Mr Mellis. I hope your term travels along particularly well, and I hope to see you this evening at the P&C meeting if you are able to make it.

Steve Wilkinson
Principal

School News
Assembly ~ there will be a full school assembly this Friday 18th July at 12.30pm.

Assembly Awards ~ congratulations to the following students who received a sticker on their award sheet Emily Drane, Caleb Large, Lachlan Carpenter. Congratulations to Ariea Forrest-Smith for completing her 50 certificate. And finally a big congratulations to Belanna Bouffler for completing her 150 certificate.

Principals Awards ~ congratulations to Jye Cave, Braedon Leach, Connor Shields and Emilee Forrest-Smith who all received a Principal’s Award last week of Term 2.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion ~ A reminder that final payments for the Stage 3 Canberra excursion are due tomorrow Wed 16th July. Reminder invoices sent today. A note with final excursion details will be sent home this week.

P & C News
Meeting ~ the P & C meeting will be held tonight at 6.30 pm in the Admin Building.

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. There will be a bulk prepaid order placed this term. 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 – Bella
Class – 1SM
My best mates are … Layla, Lilly and Ngari
My favourite food is … Lasagne but I wouldn’t eat – Spaghetti if you paid me!
After school I really love to … Watch T.V – Barbie/Dora
One thing I really can’t live without is … my little skinny babies
When I grow up I want to … be a builder – build houses
If I was down to my last $5 I would buy … a little Barbie
I would really like to be like … Mum because I love her
One thing I would do if I was Prime Minister for a day…. Say every Tuesday is a public holiday
I know it’s not fashionable but I really love? … Sitting down and being good
The best thing about being a grown up would be? … you can eat as much dinner as you like
How old is old? … 100
A good book I’ve read lately is? … Zebra book I read in Thailand

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