**Principal’s Report**

One week to go before our school production and all systems are GO! There is a flurry of activity and the performance practice sessions are going very well. I would like to thank all the parents for their efforts in helping to get costumes etc together and for your support over the last few weeks during the preparation phase. The teachers and support staff have worked tirelessly – but none more so than Mrs Sweeting, who has been the creative driving force behind this huge part of our learning curriculum this term – and last. The students are really looking forward to performing next week and I am sure that you are all going to enjoy watching your children shine on that glittering stage. What a wonderful experience and one which will live with them for years to come.

The PBL lesson this week is all about looking after the environment – the environment around our school and our wider environment. It is so important for us, as a society to value and protect our wonderful environment. Our quality of life sure depends upon it! Living in the country – having fresh unpolluted air to breathe, beautiful landscapes to admire and enjoy, and space! I was in Korea a few years ago – a country roughly the size of Tasmania with approximately 65 million people. The shock of so many people, so many high rise buildings and limited space was confronting. I remember driving home and enjoying the amazing “space”! Our environment is so important.

The brick stairs on the Nile St end of the March St infants building are to be repaired very shortly. The brick balustrade has a large and elongated crack along its length. This has rendered the stairs unsafe. The brick balustrade is to be demolished to the crack, and new brick work will be undertaken to rebuild the stairwell. The stairwell will be out of bounds for the duration of the repair with the exception of an emergency. Outside of an emergency, these stairs will remain out of bounds.

The Department have also agreed to spend $75,000 on the March St building to renovate the leaky roof and to replace the gutters and downpipes. This will really make a terrific difference to the building and prevent the damp and mould which has been an issue for some time now. These works will take place during the school holidays – either the term 3 or term 4 break. There are issues of heritage which need to be addressed which may slow the process initially – the work will however be completed prior to the start of 2015.

The Department of Education and Training have agreed to build a safety fence along the elevated area of the top playground adjacent to the undercover assembly area and up along the side of the playground equipment. This work will be undertaken over the next few months. This will make the area safer and prevent students leaping over the wall from the playground into the assembly area. The P&C Association are planning to excavate the corner, build a surrounding border with sleepers and fill the area with clean sand so that the students will have a safe area to play in a sandpit. We will ensure the area is covered each day to prevent the cats from using the area as a large kitty litter tray!

Steve Wilkinson
Principal

**School News**

**Assembly** ~ there will be NO school assembly this Friday 25th July, as most students from Years 5/6 will be on their excursion. Please note a change of time for assemblies from Fri 1st August – assembly will commence at 12.40pm.

**Production** ~ final information notes are attached today for each family regarding hair, makeup and final details for the evening performance, together with a pizza order note for Monday.
Get ready to catch the reading bug at the Scholastic Book Fair Garden! Explore the coolest array of new books that are just waiting for you to dig into. New titles and continuing series are popping up all over the place!

**Where:** School library  
**When:** Week 4 (4th – 8th August)

Just visit the Fair with your family and you go in the draw to win FREE BOOKS!

### Production DVD’s
We are fortunate to have KEA Video record our production. They are offering DVD’s at a cost of $20 each. Envelopes for these are being sent home today. If you wish to purchase a DVD, please complete and return with money to the school by Friday 8th August.

### Assembly Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received a sticker on their award sheet Reagan Allan and Chloe Parish.

### Principals Awards
Congratulations to Mia Ferris, Cooper Smith, Jayden Leahey and Courtney Harcombe who all received a Principal’s Award.

### Home Reading
Congratulations to Zahra Barber who received a book for completing 100 reads.

### P & C News
**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. 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.

### Community News
**Sporting Sessions** ~ the Hockey sessions being held at Margaret Stevenson Oval each Tuesday, will cease this week, before the next sport of commences.

**City of Orange Junior Touch Football** ~ are holding their sign on day at Waratahs Sports Club on Wednesday 6th August from 4pm-6pm. Further info will be on their website and Facebook page from tomorrow, Wed 23rd July, or call Tracee Honeyman on 0403 641 059.

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### Student Profile

Name – Lachlan  
Class – 3/4N  
My best mates are … Connor, Jayden and Kale  
My favourite food is … Spaghetti Bol but I wouldn’t eat – vegetables if you paid me!  
After school I really love to … play video games – Wii sports in particular on the Wii and Ipod  
One thing I really can’t live without is …my bed-I have new covers  
When I grow up I want to …. be a footy player for the Eels  
If I was down to my last $5 I would buy … lollies  
I would really like to be like … Jared Hayne  
One thing I would do if I was Prime Minister for a day…. I would tell everyone to clean my office  
The best thing about being a grown up would be?… you get to tell people what to do  
How old is old? … 100