Principal’s Report

This week during Positive Behaviour for Learning classes, the students will be learning about how to get properly prepared for canteen and learning to look after our school environment. Being prepared for the canteen is based around function – getting organised, depositing orders on time, collecting lunches etc. Our looking after the environment lesson is about showing respect for our school and one another by placing the litter and rubbish into the bins. Lately, the staff have noticed a lot of loose rubbish lying around the playground – so our focus is to teach our students the value of a clean and tidy playground. We all want to live in a town, and more broadly, a country that is clean, tidy and beautiful. It is sad to drive along country roads and to see rubbish literally thrown from motor vehicle windows, creating ugly landscapes along our highways. Learning to respect our environment comes from home, and is reinforced at school. Let’s all make that extra effort to change that horrible practice of tossing rubbish.

Our school gardens are about to undergo a seasonal re-vamp. Additional garden mix is being delivered this week to the school to “top-up” and fill an empty garden bed. A large number of vegetable and herb plants are to be purchased ready for the coming spring season. Each class has been allotted a garden bed and will choose the types of vegetables and herbs to plant. Hopefully our garden will soon be overflowing with produce ready for our market day and for use in our newly completed kitchen. I know that Mr Mellis and all the teachers are keen to exercise their green thumbs and to involve our students in the joy of planting. It is fascinating for children to watch a small delicate plant flourish into edible food. It will be even more exciting for our kids to learn how to prepare their produce ready for cooking and then to eat the fruits of their labour.

Speaking of the kitchen – with the help of Mrs Erin Child and Miss Hawke, we have been stocking the kitchen with a myriad of appliances and kitchen “gear” so that our kitchen can be used as intended. It really is amazing just how many doo-dads and gadgets we need to make a kitchen functional. From the frypan to the potato peeler – we now have a very well stocked kitchen – all equipment washed and ready for use. I know that the P&C are organising to take each class into our new kitchen for a “baking expedition” for a very special up-coming event. SSHHHHHH it’s a secret!

We have recently been contacted by the tree removal service that they will be visiting our school to remove certain trees that have been deemed a hazard for the students at this school. There are three large gum trees (The three closest to Nile St, beside the new library which are currently fenced off), that need to be removed. The fourth gum tree will be staying. The small tree at the bottom of the garden (Nile St end) has rot throughout and needs to go, and the one fenced on March St. The large tree fenced off beside the boy’s toilets will have all the dead braches removed but will remain standing) During the removal, all students will be kept at a very safe
distance. There will be some unavoidable noise associated with the removal and I apologise in advance to our neighbours.

I would like to wish our dance group, and our fabulous dance teacher Mrs Sweeting, all the very best for this Friday’s Orange Eisteddfod. I have seen the amazing costumes and the terrific practice sessions – and I look forward to seeing the performance in person. Yesterday I had a troop of superheroes march through my office and I have never felt safer! So many superheroes in one school and all ready to take on any villain who dared show their face! If the costumes are anything to go by, the performance will be simply stunning. Good luck.

I am sure that I wouldn’t find any argument that regular school attendance is essential for your child’s educational growth. Did you realise that if your child misses even 8 days per term that this equates to missing 3/5 of a term. If they miss 10 days per term they miss 80% of a whole term during the year. If your child misses 10 days per term over the lifetime of their schooling this equates to 520 school days or 104 school weeks or over two years of school. I know as a parent myself that kids do get sick and will need time off school, and this is perfectly reasonable. Please just be careful that this doesn’t become a habit or occur at the same times each week etc. It is often a tough judgement call for parents to decide if our kids are sick enough for time off – and only you can make that call. Please ensure that when your child is sick and away from school that you follow the procedures as required by law - all absences need to be explained within 7 days - either via a note, filling in an absence slip (from booklets that were sent home earlier in year) or a phone call to the school/ talking to a teacher or office staff. We as a school are required by law to follow up on all absences. If you receive a note or call we are fulfilling our legal obligations. Miss Croker is our attendance officer and may contact you at some point if there are unexplained absences.

Next Friday 5th September, all Year 6 students are invited to Canobolas High School for an Olympic Sports fun day, with a provided BBQ lunch. This is part of the transition program for kids moving from primary school to high school. The day offers students the opportunity of meeting other kids who will be at their high school in 2015 and helps students make the mighty move from a relatively small primary school to a much larger high school. The students will be walking to and from the high school with Miss Croker and Miss Hawke. It should be a terrifically fun day and I wish all of the students a really positive and fun experience.

Steve Wilkinson
Principal

School News

Dance Eisteddfod ~ is on this Friday 29th August. Your child’s fees need to be paid prior to your child participating on the day.

Touch Football - Last Wednesday our senior Girls’ and Boys’ touch football teams played in a carnival organised by Touch NSW at Sir Jack Brabham Oval. The students performed exceptionally well on the day, winning most of their games and played all their matches sportingly. A big thank you must go to Mark Waters, Naomi Barrett, Terri Henderson and Ellen Goodlock who helped transport students to and from the event. An additional thank you must also go to Terri who kindly washed the team jerseys.

Assembly Awards ~ congratulations to the following students who received a sticker on their award sheet ~ Macey Paul, Melina Randall, Lachlan Ash, Sophie Thornberry, Felicity Hack, Lacey Browne, Tanisha Symons, Caleb Large, Isabel Tinson, Ngari Gordon, Chloe Marsh, Levi Forrest-Smith, Ebony Rawlinson, Lillianne Lear, Blair Morris, Georgie Barrett, Jasmine Doyle, Bianca Griffiths, Linley van der Velde, Joseph Hathaway, Ashton van der Velde, Samara Baker, Kayne Baker, Kayla Goodacre. Congratulations also to Christopher Davis, Tully Browne, Lachlan van der Velde and Anna Yool who received their first sticker and Dakota Randall, Tyler Gow, Ben Field, Heath Ellery-White and Reagan Allan for completing their 50 certificate.
Principal Awards ~ congratulations to Jessica Field, Bianca Griffiths, Ellie Bargwanna, and Jack Gold who all received a Principal Award.

Playgroup ~ at playgroup last week, the children developed important social skills and also had fun painting pictures of tigers. One of the mums kindly brought in some very delicious doughnut muffins for us to share for her daughter’s birthday. Join us on Tuesday’s from 1.30 to 3pm in the Old Library of the school, for playgroup. All children aged 0-5 years welcome to attend. Please bring a drink for your child and a piece of fruit to share. For more information phone Kelly on 6393 8600.

Assembly ~ there will be NO assembly this Friday 29th August due to Dance Eisteddfod.

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 or visit the facebook page facebook.com/Eastorangemarkets.
Clothing Pool ~ Vests/Jumpers will be available for collection this Wednesday to Friday 8.55am – 9.15am and 2.55pm to 3.15pm.

Community News
Rotary Club of Orange ~ School Kitchen Garden Tour – visiting Glenroi Heights, Orange East, Calare, Orange Anglican Schools Sat 15th Sept 2pm to 5pm.
Cycle Cinema- Orange PCYC, Movie to be shown “The education of Little Tree” -Sun 14th Sept starting at 3pm
Enquiries for both events please call Nick King 0490 087 424.
The Cystic Fibrosis Great Escape 2014 ~ entries are now open please contact Terry Stewart on 0413 704 104 for more information.

Student Profile
Name – Isabel
Class – 1/2C
My best mates are …
Kayla, Emily T, Emily D, Anna
My favourite food is …
Chicken Nuggets – McDonalds
but I wouldn’t eat - chilli
if you paid me!
After school I really love to …
play with IPAD - minecraft
If I was down to my last $5 I would buy … a doll
One thing I really can’t live without is …my sister
- Paige
When I grow up I want to …. be a chef
I would really like to be like … Mum
because … I like her alot
The best thing about being a grown up would be?
…. cooking
How old is old?.... 100
A good book I’ve read lately is? … Humpty Dumpty

Dates to Remember

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