Principal’s Report

I was extremely proud of our four dance groups at the Eisteddfod last Friday. All four groups performed flawlessly against some very good competition. Our students looked fabulous in their costumes and danced up a storm. The large crowd were clearly impressed with our students – each group receiving a very loud cheer upon the completion of their performance. I would like to pay tribute to Mrs Amy Sweeting – our tireless dance teacher who has spent countless hours preparing our students for this eisteddfod. Mrs McNamara has been a rock of support and has assisted greatly with costume preparation. I would like to thank them both for their amazing efforts. Our Year 1 Infants group, performed in section 165 (Year 2 and under school group) and were first to perform. They earned a Highly Commended for their wonderful efforts. Our second group of students performing in the same section also earned a Highly Commended. Our third group performed in section 166 (Year 4 and under school group) and placed third following their terrific dancing. Lastly our Stage 3 group competing in section 167 (Year 6 and under) performed brilliantly placing 2nd overall. The buzz of excitement was palpable and our students grew “10 feet tall” whilst performing on stage. We have a wonderful dance program here at Orange East PS – one that we should all be immensely proud of. Well done!

Also last Friday we had a number of students participate in the Western Region Athletics Carnival. Our OEPS Junior Relay Girls (Jade Harding, Montanna McIlwain-Browne, Makaylah Pratt and Brynn Thomas) won the heat of their 4x100m relay and placed fourth in the final. Both Preston Parker and Jade Harding also made it to the finals of the 100m sprint and placed well whilst Montanna threw well in the Discus and Shotput and Max Boney did well with his 100m race. I would like to congratulate all of the Orange District competitors for their excellent efforts at the carnival.

Last Thursday I was invited to attend the annual Orange Ex-Services’ Clubs Annual Club Grants Presentation Dinner where Orange East PS and many other schools in this area received a $200 grant for the purchase of library books. There were many worthy recipients of grants for a variety of reasons throughout Orange and the surrounding districts. The club handed out over $115,000 in grants – a very generous commitment to our local and wider community. Many thanks to the Orange Ex-Services Club for their on-going commitment to our school.

NAPLAN – The NAPLAN testing results will be sent to the school sometime in the coming week. The Years 3 and 5 students sat the English and Mathematics tests earlier this year. When the results are available, we will be sending these home. If you have any questions about your child’s report, please feel free to contact the school to make an appointment.

I am pleased to report that we are heading towards Spring and the warmer weather. Monday was delightful and it gave us all a glimpse of why we all choose to live in Orange – four true seasons. Sure the winter was just freezing (and this year was particularly so), but our Spring is just wonderful. In line with our impending season change, Mr Mellis has been very busy preparing the school market garden beds. 4 metres of nutrient rich soil was delivered to the school late last week and, through the terrific efforts of Kosta Gkounelas, Ryan Whiley, Mark Selmes, Ty Pallier, Brody Gander, Leyton Frecklington and Jassu Singh, was barrowed to the various garden beds – topping up in preparation for planting. Mr Mellis has also purchased a number of plants this week and classes will be taking on the challenge of planting their gardens over the next week or two. The warm weather will see those beds grow and flourish – ready for harvest…..and cooking!

As part of our Annual School Reporting, we would like to gauge your views on our current school report. Our staff are interested in knowing how useful you find our current reporting format. We would like to know if your Semester 1 child’s
report offered you a clear and precise insight into how your child is progressing socially and academically. You will receive a survey (one per family) which will remain anonymous. If you are interested in completing the survey, please do so and place in the provided sealed envelope. There will be a box at the front office where completed forms can be deposited. Once collated, the survey result will be reported through the newsletter and the Annual School Report. We would also like to know your opinions on how you feel the school is going generally. There will be a “school life” survey attached as well, and we would appreciate your response to this survey as well. These surveys will be sent out next week (beginning of week 9) and need to be returned before the end of the school term. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – I have noticed that there are some students arriving at school without the correct uniform. I believe strongly in the whole idea of the “school uniform” and the importance of students wearing the correct clothing at school. The uniform, when worn correctly, makes the students look and feel great about their school. We have agreed as a school community to have a school uniform and I am asking us all to respect that concept and to make an extra effort to ensure your children are looking smart and well dressed for school. Thank you for your help with this. The summer uniform season begins from day one term 4. I have included the uniform list below. If you have any issues or need assistance, please have a chat with Sharlene Anderson. Sharlene is one of our hard working P&C mums who volunteers her time to help organise the uniform shop. She is available between the hours of 8.55am – 9.15am and 2.55pm to 3.15pm on a Thursday.

Girls Summer
- Maroon and white checked dress
- White socks, Black shoes
- Navy blue polar fleece jumper/jacket or vest with OEPS emblem
- Maroon bucket hat with OEPS

Boys Summer
- Grey shorts
- School blue button through collared shirt
- Grey socks, Black shoes
- Navy blue polar fleece jumper/jacket or vest with OEPS
- Maroon bucket hat with OEPS

Our PBL lesson this week will teach 'going on a message' and the booster lesson is 'following teacher instructions'. These lessons help students learn the importance of listening carefully, knowing the message or instruction, repeating the message so the teacher is sure that the message is clear and completing the task quickly and efficiently. Being able to listen attentively seems an easy thing to do – however it is actually a learned skill. Part of that skill is feeding back the message or instruction to the person speaking so that it is more easily remembered. Learning to listen carefully involves a lot of non-verbal cues too. For example, eye contact is really important, nodding the head, facing the person and smiling. Showing the other person that you are listening is also very important, and shows respect and good manners. These are the very same skills that your child will one day need to secure a job and compete with others during a job interview.

We will be having the big “$30 Voucher” draw at the final assembly of term. Students who have been and continue to be “Safe Respectful Learners” will already have, and will be able to continue to collect “bees” for terrific behaviour, trade 5 for a “bluey” and have this in the big barrel on draw day. One child from each of stages Early stage 1, stage 1, stage 2, and stage 3 will be drawn out and will have the opportunity of selecting whichever voucher they like to the value of $30. This prize serves two purposes – to encourage good behaviour throughout the term and to reward kids who have been doing the right thing – being SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS.

Steve Wilkinson
Principal

School News
Pre2 Mini Masterchef – class 5/6H are involved in the Pre2 Masterchef Challenge and will be cooking in the school kitchen with the assistance of the Nile Street café tomorrow, Wednesday 3rd September. The class will be selling cakes at recess tomorrow at a cost of 50c each. Money raised will go towards purchasing more ingredients for the challenge.

Pre2 Being, Belonging, Becoming Art Exhibition – all parents and community members are invited to attend this art exhibition, particularly of students who have work exhibited, details below:
Calare Public School Hall
Thursday 18th September!
6.30 - 8.30pm!
Come along and enjoy what promises to be a wonderful exhibition! A beautiful supper will be available for
purchase including homemade cake and slice, tea and coffee!
Entry - by gold coin donation!
Full colour programmes of all entries will be available for purchase on the night!
Presentation of awards will take place at 7.30pm.
Students in classes 1/2C and 5/6C who have completed works will also receive a specific invitation today.

School Cooking ~ class 2/3M were the first students to experience a cooking lesson in the new kitchen last week, with the assistance of parent Mrs Jenny Milton. The students made a delicious Tomato and Leek Soup, which they all enjoyed.

Assembly ~ there will be a whole school assembly this Friday 5th September commencing at 12.40pm. All welcome to attend.

Playgroup ~ at playgroup last week, the children had lots of fun developing and exploring the important lifelong skills of cooperation and empathy throughout play. Our children also explored their developing personalities via the creation of individual paper plate masks. Join us on Tuesday’s from 1.30 to 3pm in the Old Library of the school. All children aged 0-5 years welcome to attend. Please bring a piece of fruit to share. For more information phone Kelly on 6393 8600.

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 ~ clothing pool will be open this week Wed-Fri from 8.55am – 9.15am and 2.55pm to 3.15pm.

Community News
Orange Youth Arts Festival ~ will be holding a Cultural Festivity Day this Sunday 7th Sept from 10am-4pm at Canobolas Rural Technology High School, Icely Road. This day will include live music, modern and traditional dance performances, fine arts, craft, food, cultural activities, kids entertainment and lots more.

Orange District Basketball Ass’n ~ are holding basketball representative trials for the 2015 Rep Season for boys and girls in age divisions u/12-u/18 on Sunday 7th, 14th Sept and Sat 20th Sept. More info available from Orange Basketball-NSW website or email orange.basketball@hotmail.com.

NSW Sport & Rec ~ are offering kids camps for children aged 5–16 years. More info, phone 131302 or go to www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps.

Orange Cricket Club ~ are holding registration days on Sat 13th and Sun 14th Sept. Phone Jon Harris on 0409 467 712 for more info.

Dates to Remember
- Fri 5th Sept: Year 6 to Canobolas HS – Olympics Day
- Wed 10th Sept: Tee-ball gala day
- Tues 16th Sept: 2.30pm K-2 Citizenship Assembly; Stage 2 tennis afternoon
- Fri 19th Sept: 12.30pm Years 3-6 Citizenship Assembly; 1pm PBL draw
- Last day Term 3
- Tues 7th Oct: First day for staff and students for Term 4
- Mon 13th Oct-Fri 17th Oct: NAIDOC Week

Student Profile
Name – Levi
Class – 2/3M
My best mates are … Noah, Jackson, Caleb, Lochie
My favourite food is …
Golden Bowl Chinese but I wouldn’t eat – Olives if you paid me!
After school I really love to …
Watch tv show “Uncle Grandpa”
If I was down to my last $5 I would buy … lollies
One thing I really can’t live without is … my family
When I grow up I want to … be a Police Officer
The best thing about being a grown up would be? … Getting to do whatever you like
How old is old?…… 80
A good movie I’ve seen lately is? … Lego movie
One thing I would do if I was Prime Minister for a day … be nice to everyone all day long