Principal’s Report

Staff and students are looking forward to the Meet & Greet/Family BBQ this evening. The information sessions start in the hall at 5-6pm with a lucky door prize of a $30 canteen voucher on offer for every person who comes into the hall. The BBQ will be operating from 5:45pm with teachers mingling with families from 6-7pm. There will be a free jumping castle operating on the COLA throughout the evening as well as snow cones, fairy floss and tattoos at a cost of $4 each. As teachers will not be supervising the playground area, we ask that all students are accompanied by an adult if planning to attend the evening. Students without adult supervision will not be permitted to stay. The evening has been a great success over the last few years and a great opportunity to meet teachers and other families in an informal setting. Please note, regardless of the weather this event will go ahead.

The Orange East PS Parent Cooking Club had its first session yesterday with Mrs Corby and Mrs Livingstone cooking up a Mexican treat with parents – Quesadillas! There are still three remaining places left for any interested parents. The club runs every Monday, from 9:30 to 12pm down in the student kitchen. It’s free and Mrs Corby is on hand to do activities and occupy any young children that come along. Please enquire at the office to book your place.

While on the topic of the kitchen, it has been fantastic to see a number of classes enjoying cooking sessions down in the student kitchen over the past few weeks. From delicious fried rice to ice cold berry smoothies – staff and students are certainly putting the facility to good use. Check out the milk moustaches below!

Year 5/6 students had a great time last week with the visiting Canobolas Rural Technology High School Roadshow. Our Stage 3 students attended the Roadshow from 11:50am to 3pm enjoying sessions run by a number of CRTHS staff. It was an excellent opportunity for our students to experience some high school curriculum areas and make connections with future teachers all in the comfort of their own school.

A couple of weeks back there was some information in the newsletter in regards to
procedures for students diagnosed with severe/anaphylactic allergies. Basically we asked that parents label student belongings (particularly lunch boxes and drink bottles), discourage children from sharing food and, where possible, to pack an alternative sandwich spread to peanut butter. I would like to thank the school community for their support and understanding in following these procedures, which will assist in making our school a safer environment for these students. You may have noticed around the school some signage about ‘Being an Allergy M.A.T.E.’. These signs are designed so that children recognise some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction and understand that if this occurs they are to seek adult help immediately. We are also promoting five key messages to students through the signs:

1. Take food allergy seriously. Don’t make jokes about them.
2. Never share food with friends.
3. Always wash your hands after eating.
4. Ask what your friend is allergic to and help them avoid it.
5. Get help immediately if a friend with a food allergy gets sick after eating.

A reminder please that the section of Spring St that runs adjacent with the top playground is a no parking zone reserved for buses from 8:00 – 9:30am and 2:30 – 4:00pm each school day. It is important that unauthorised vehicles do not use this bay at these times as potential traffic incidents also put students and staff at risk whilst boarding buses and supervising this area. I have asked that police patrol the bus zone to ensure the safety of all involved. Thank you in anticipation of your support regarding this matter.

Lastly, a quick reminder about returning Student Information Sheets for 2015 and the attached permission slips, particularly the e-Student Privacy Agreement. The prompt return of this information is vital to the school and teachers. Also, please ensure that all sections are completed and signed. **We only have 20 outstanding**, which is a great effort! Also, if any family details change throughout the year, please ensure that you advise the school office.

Glen Bourke  
Principal

**School News**

**Kinder finish time** ~ will remain at 2.30pm until this Friday 27th February. From next Monday, 2nd March, the finish time for Kinder students will be the same as the rest of the school – 3.10pm.

**Parent Helpers for KS** ~ Ms Stokes would like parent and community helpers to assist with L3 Reading Groups in KS on Monday 9:15-10:15am, Tuesday 9:45-10:30am and Wednesday 9:15-10:15am. If you are able to help please contact Ms Stokes and join in the fun!

**Book Donations** ~ if any families have books at home for students in K-Year 6, and they are no longer needed, we would appreciate them being donated to our school for various reading programs. A **VERY** big thanks to Cara Crowley in Year 5 and her Mum Justeene Cleary for their generous donation of 3 large boxes of books.

**Parent Volunteers** ~ are needed to cover reading books that have been donated to the school. If you are able to assist with this, please come to the office.

**Dance** ~ 2015 Dance Program will be starting this Thursday. Notes have gone home last week to each child in Years 1-6. If you wish your child to participate, please return note and money as soon as possible. Only children who have brought in notes will be allowed to attend on Thursday. **ALSO**, Mrs Sweeting will be holding auditions for School Spectacular this coming Wednesday – details as follows:

**When** - Wednesday 25th February 2015 **LUNCH**  
**Where** - OEPS School Hall  
**Who** - Students from Years 4-6 who are enrolled in OEPS dance with a signed permission note  

**General Selection criteria**  
Students Must;

- Be enrolled in dance at OEPS
- Have high attendance rates  
- Display a strong commitment to being a Safe Respectful Learner

**Audition Process**  
Students will audition in groups following choreography that Mrs Sweeting will set that day. Students will learn the moves as one group and then will be split into small groups to perform the routine to the selection panel. They DO NOT need to prepare anything. Mrs Sweeting and Mrs
McNamara and a third staff member will then select the 16 students who show the most potential and a reserve list will be created. The successful students will be notified at the Thursday Morning Assembly.

**Maths** ~ invoices were sent home a few weeks ago. This fee includes the Mathletics fee for 2015. Please attend to payment as soon as possible.

**Bookclub** ~ orders are due into the office by this Wednesday 25th February.

**Assembly Awards** ~ congratulations to the following students who received a sticker on their award sheet ~ Evelyn Parkes, Jasmine Doyle, Ashlee Hailes, Emilee Forrest-Smith, Medea Ferris, Caiden Parkes, Mitchell Milton, Madison Everingham, Shane Everingham, Tully Browne, Hayleigh Patrick and Montanna McIlwain-Browne. Congratulations also to Mia Ferris, Anuska Panth, Jessica Field and Evan Kennedy for completing their 50 certificates. And a special congratulations to Ellie Barnes and Layla Barrett for completing their 100 certificates.

**Principal Awards** ~ congratulations to Claire Anlezark, Layla Barrett, Sophie Kennedy and Cameron Rogers who all received a Principals Award.

**Canteen** ~ the school canteen is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**P & C News**

**Clothing Pool** ~ A huge thanks for all uniform donations – they are greatly appreciated – especially the girls dresses. These donations help raise money for your child’s school – please keep them coming in. Currently we have a range of size 6 dresses and jumpers available. Clothing pool will be open each Wednesday from 8.55am – 9.15am and 2.55pm to 3.15pm. There are still some new school bags available for purchase at a cost of $40.

**Ties** ~ OEPS ties are now available for purchase at Orange Clothing only at a cost of $25.95. Although not a compulsory part of school uniform we are encouraging students, particularly senior and school leaders, to wear these items.

**Community News**

**Bowen After School Activities ~ the Firies are coming!** Thurs 26th Feb at the Carriage Cottage starting 4pm to discuss Home Fire Safety for the whole family. For more information please contact Paula on 6362 8584.

**Orange City Council ~ Orange Migrant Support Service** invites you to the Women’s Sewing Circle. Free weaving workshop also presentations on Tai Chi, women’s health and gentle exercise. Friday 27th Feb 10.30 till 2.00 Senior Citizen’s Centre Anson Street carpark. For more information contact Anni on 6393 8625.

**Healthy Living Positive Thinking Workshop ~** to be held at 79 Kite Street, Mon 9th March 5.30-7.30pm for more information contact Anni on 63938625.

**Dates to Remember**

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**Student Profile**

**Name** – Kayla

**Class** – 2WK

*My best mates are* … Darius, Emily & Isabel

*My favourite food is* … meat pie or potato pie with tomato sauce but I wouldn’t eat – brussels spouts and zucchini if you paid me!

After school I really love to … go to my friend’s house

If I was down to my last $5 I would buy … Hubba Bubba

One thing I really can’t live without is …my Mum and Dad

When I grow up I want to … be a horse rider

I would really like to be like … my aunty Jess because … she’s a horse rider

How old is old?.... 39

A handy superpower would be … to make ice

The best thing about being a grown up would be … boss kids around!!!