Principal’s Report
I would like to start this week’s newsletter with a thank you to all students, staff, parents and friends of OEPS who supported the annual Meet & Greet/Family BBQ last Tuesday. The event was well attended and showed the importance that our school community places on the partnership around our students’ learning. I would also like to acknowledge the work of our school P&C in coordinating the activities for the children and running the BBQ and the organisation of the staff for their ‘Expo’ in the hall. Congratulations to the Leahey family who won the lucky door prize for the $30 canteen voucher.

District Swimming Carnival ~ last Thursday nineteen Orange East students attended the Orange District Swimming Carnival. All the kids had a fantastic day with many personal bests being recorded. A big congratulations to Tanisha Symons who came first in her 50m Freestyle event and will be attending the Western Area Carnival this Friday. Good luck Tanisha! Congratulations also to Jack Morrison who came third in his 50m Freestyle event and to all of our swimmers for the great way they represented OEPS on the day. Thank you to the parents of our swimmers for taking them to the carnival and supporting our team. I would also like to acknowledge Mrs McNamara, Mr Neal and Ms Frecklington for their work at the District Carnival.

4/5SM class ~ Over the past weeks I have been reviewing the class arrangements around Year 4/5SM for 2015. This term the class has been taught by Miss Scott and Mrs MacLean. After some careful planning and rearranging of future timetables we have managed to secure this arrangement for the remainder of the year. The primary reasons for this continuation are to give maximum continuity of programs for this class but also allow Mrs Sweeting greater flexibility around the delivery of the school dance program on her return from maternity leave in Term 2. This arrangement will also allow us to avoid dance classes occurring through the core Literacy block each morning. Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any inquiries.

Glen Bourke
Principal

School News
Gates ~ all gates, with the exception of the Spring Street gate, are locked each morning at approximately 9.15am. If by chance a gate is closed, but unlocked, you can gain access throughout the day, however, please close it behind you. This is for safety reasons, because we have a child at the school who can abscond. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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. Thanks to the Hamels family for their generous donation 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 started last 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.
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.

**Student Profile**

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Class – 4/5SM  
My best mates are … Kale, Jayden, Caleb, Lochie  
My favourite food is … oranges and Mum’s cookings but I wouldn’t eat – zucchini if you paid me!  
After school I really love to … play my playstation  
If I was down to my last $5 I would buy … a halo grenade with a person inside it  
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A handy superpower would be … to turn invisible  
One thing I would do if I was Prime Minister for a day … I’d let people have everything for free

Colour City Running Festival ~ we have received a report that five students from OEPS participated in the 5km event on Sunday. They all finished and received a medal.

Congratulations to Darius Thurtell, Cooper Smith, Isabel Tinson, Noah and Mia Warren.

**Assembly Awards** ~ congratulations to the following students who received a sticker on their award sheet ~ Josh Frecklington, Paige Quinn, Lucas Carr, Olivia Stinson, Lillian Lear, Isabel Tinson, Brynn Thomas, Robert Taylor, Chloe Waters, Emily Drane, Lachlan Crossman, Hannah Thornberry, Jack Morrison and Felicity Hack. Congratulations also to Zaylee Quinn, Ben Milton and Ngari Gordon for completing their 50 certificates. And a special congratulations to Ella Thomas and Skye Dent for completing their 100 certificates.

**Principal Awards** ~ congratulations to Kaleb Boney, Levi Forrest-Smith, Lacey Browne, Tanisha Symons, Nathan Hewitt, Ella Barrett, Jack Morrison, Ashlee Hailes, Ashton van der Velde, Keely Ford and Chase Carnie who all received a Principals Award.

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

**P & C News**

Clothing Pool ~ 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

Occasional Care Cottage & Family Day Care ~ are holding an open day this Saturday 7th March from 10am-1pm at 85 Kite Street Orange – entry via Woolworths Car Park. Free Sausage Sizzle, meet the staff, child activities, look around the centre, information about child care available.

Bloomfield JRLFC ~ are holding final registrations tomorrow, Wed 4th March from 4pm-5pm at Wade Park

Orange Council After School Sport ~ is being held next Tues 10th March at Glenroi Oval from 4pm-5pm. Children will play basketball with Rock the Rim Coaches. If children are under 8, they must be accompanied by an adult. They will need to wear enclosed shoes, bring a hat and a drink bottle with water.

**Dates to Remember**

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