Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been having some great sports activities on Friday mornings. There have been a variety of different sports for the children to participate in and I know that they all have fun. This is a fun and healthy initiative. Thank you to all of the teachers and students who are ensuring this program is a success.

Attention Year 5 Parents
If you have a child who is in Year 5 and who would like to apply for a place in a selective high school in Year 7, 2016 you need to apply now. Parents are encouraged to apply online at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
All students seeking placement in a selective high school will be required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test next year.

Australian Primary Principal’s Conference
Last week I attended the Australian Primary Principal’s Conference “Creating the Future Together” in Sydney. It was an amazing week of professional learning and motivation (not that I need it with your amazing children!) Some of the speakers were John Maclean OAM, Geoffrey Robertson QC, the Hon. Anna Bligh, to name a few. It was a worthwhile professional learning experience. I would like to thank Mrs Duffield for her leadership in my absence. She was well supported by all of our staff.

School Surveys
Thank you for your input into our first survey regarding our school leadership. The next survey is regarding School Satisfaction. This is a general survey requesting your input regarding some of the programs we operate at Oran Park Public School. Your views and advice are sought as we grow our school and ensure that it is the best school for your child. Our aim is to continue to improve our service to the Oran Park school community.

Kindergarten Orientation for 2015
Transition to school for our new kindergarten enrolments for 2015 will take place this term. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 28 October
Wednesday 12 November
Thursday 27 November
P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be tonight, at 6.30pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Come along and join this fun, hard working group of parents who support our school.

Staffing for 2015
We are starting to plan our staffing and classes for 2015. Please let us know if you will be moving or if your child will be changing schools next year, as this will help us to ensure we have the right number of teachers to start the year. Your assistance with this is much appreciated.

General Assistant
I am pleased to inform you that Mr Browne has been appointed as our permanent General Assistant. He was successful in gaining this position through the interview process. Mr Browne will continue to work at our school as a School Learning Support Officer.

Use of Playground after School
Now that Camp Australia operates before and after school care (OOSH) at our school, the main playground needs to be available for their use. This is especially the case in the afternoons. I request your support in leaving the school premises by 3.30pm so that the playground can be available for the OOSH children’s activities. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a great week everyone!
Donna Shevlin

Life Education
From 3rd November until 5th November the Life Education van will be visiting Oran Park Public School. Students will visit the van for lessons about Child Protection and Drug Education.

All students are expected to attend these lessons. The cost for the program will be $5.00. This is a reduced price as our P&C are covering $5.00 per student through their generous fundraising. A permission note was sent home last week and payment needs to be made by Thursday 30th October.

Mrs Treble – Organising Teacher

NRL Clinic Day
OPPS students participated in an NRL Skills Clinic on Monday 20 October 2014. Students displayed our OPPS values and had lots of fun learning new skills that they will be able to put into practice at sport time.
What an exciting two weeks we have had. Last week the children at Camp Australia have been busy making Halloween arts and crafts such as: spiders, ghosts, jack-o-lanterns (picture below) and cooking blood orange jelly combined with slime lime green jelly.

This week the theme we are looking at is space; we are giving Mr. Infinity (our recycled robot made in the first week) a space helmet, space socks and protective space gear. Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for a picture of the transformed Mr. Infinity. Themes are based on observations and interests of the children. Next week’s theme will be based around nutrition as the kids have been talking about foods they like and want to try. We will be having interactive cooking classes for the kids to cook yummy and delicious food! An upcoming theme the children have wanted to talk about is ‘weather’ and how hot it is getting. We will base our discussions on summer sports, sun protection and fun things to do in the upcoming summer holidays.

Camp Australia is committed to developing customised programs for our services. This term we will be working in partnership with Oxfam Australia. Oxfam Australia promote social justice and fights poverty and injustice by working with communities around the world. Activities the children will be taking part in during term 4 are: Awareness Raising Activities, Learning about South African culture, Presenting ‘3 things’ postcards to children in before/after school care and creating handmade gifts for the children attending Sophakama’s after school care program.

Camp Australia will be talking at Kindergarten Orientation on 12 November, we are excited to meet new faces and encourage families to join Camp Australia.
Keep smiling 😊

Brooke and Elle
Contact information:
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Camp Australia Hotline: 1300 105 343
**PSSA Gala Day - Oztag**

Our Oztag PSSA gala teams were very successful. All the students showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Our Junior team won their division and our Senior came very close. Congratulations to all involved!

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**Are you leaving or return late in 2015?**

The end of the 2014 school year is fast approaching and we are now beginning to look at our enrolment numbers for 2015. We are asking parents/carers to complete the slip below if their children are not returning to Oran Park Public School next year. Can you please also advise what school they will be attending in 2015.

Should your child be returning to school after the start of the school year (28\textsuperscript{th} January 2015) due to family holidays etc. can you please complete the slip with the date of return and the reason for the absence.

This information assists us greatly in planning for the coming year.

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**Students not returning in 2015 or returning after 28\textsuperscript{th} January 2015**

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________

☐ Will not be returning in 2015

Name of school student/s will be attending in 2015 ___________________________

☐ Will be returning on ______________________

Reason: ___________________________
This week, (Week 4), our PBL focus is:
• Speaking and listening appropriately and respectfully
• Being organised for learning

The value focus is: Be Organised, Proud, Productive and Safe

We are learning this because:
- We should speak appropriately and say nice things. We would like these things to be said to us
- We should be ready to learn
- We should show that we are kind and caring to all people by listening
- Everyone has the right to feel happy and safe
- It is expected that everyone is respected and important at Oran Park PS

When we speak positively:
• Good things will happen to you!
• You will have lots of friends because you are safe and trusted
• You will be respecting your parents, teachers and friends
• You will be seen as a kind person
• You will be happier because you will be thinking happy thoughts
• You can have a go because you believe in yourself

Did you know?.....
• We are never to eat in the play areas at break time.
• This means we must sit under the COLA to eat canteen snacks or food that we didn’t finish in eating time.
• We are now having a short eating time at recess.
• The teachers on duty will be supervising.
• Students will sit in their class lines and eat recess
• After five minutes, we will be allowed to play. If we have not finished our food, we must stay under the COLA.