Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to our Grandparents Day this week. It will be lovely to see our student’s grandparents here at our beautiful school. Our teachers have prepared some activities to be shared with our grandparents who attend. We welcome all grandparents to our school!

School Uniform

Thank you to those parents who have made every effort to ensure that our students attend school in the full school uniform. Your support is appreciated and very welcome! We want to encourage our students to have pride in their school and in their achievements. By wearing full school uniform our students are showing respect and a commitment to our whole school values. The uniform ensures that students are not made to feel different and to ensure that parents aren’t badgered to buy the latest trends.

Please note the school sports shirt has grey stripes and is to be worn on Fridays (Sport Day). The white stripes are to be worn during the week Monday to Thursday.

Recently not all of the children have been wearing the correct school shoes. All students should wear black shoes/black joggers (no coloured laces) and white socks with their school uniform. Students can wear joggers on Fridays for sport. Your support and assistance with this is required and appreciated.

Students who do not wear our full school uniform will not be able to take on Student Leadership positions or represent our school at outside events.

If you are having difficulties in supplying the full school uniform please contact me so that I can assist. We have a small amount of funding to assist families in such cases.

No Hat, No Play Policy

All students need to wear the wide brimmed hat with our school logo to school. Our school has a No Hat, No Play policy. This means that if children come to school without a hat they will have to play in the shade during break times and will not be able to play in the unshaded areas. Students are not to wear caps to school. There is limited shade at our
school and caps are not sun safe. There are plain maroon wide brimmed hats available for sale at our front office for $6.50.

Please remember to write your child’s name on every item of clothing in permanent ink. Too many items are being misplaced, those that are found invariably do not have a student name on them.

**Kindergarten Orientation for 2015**
Transition to school for our new kindergarten students for 2015 has already begun. The remaining dates are as follows:

**Wednesday 12 November**

**Thursday 27 November**

**Thank You P&C**
Thank you to our very generous P&C. This wonderful group of parent volunteers recently hosted a fun Shopping Bus Trip. Parents, friends and staff had a fun day of shopping, spending money and having a laugh. The end result was that money raised from the day will contribute towards the further air conditioning of our new classes opening in 2015. What a fun way to raise money to support our students. All of our students will benefit from cooler classrooms this summer. The P&C also contributed 50% of the cost for each student who participated in the recent Life Education Program. P&C - your hard work and generosity is appreciated. Thanks!

**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.

Already we have had three new staff appointed to begin at Oran Park Public School in the new school year. Two Assistant Principals, Mrs Cleary and Mrs Ritherdon, will join Mrs Duffield as part of our executive team. Mrs Selakovic has also been appointed as a classroom teacher. I look forward to them joining our teaching staff. All of our new teaching staff are very experienced and have a great deal to offer our growing school.

**Recent Classroom Teacher Interview**
I am pleased to inform you that a new teacher, Mr Betts has been appointed as a permanent classroom teacher at Oran Park Public School. He was successful in gaining this position through the interview process. Mr Betts will commence work at our school in 2015. He is an experienced teacher with a passion for soccer, iPads and skipping!

**Road Use on South Circuit**
We often receive calls about dangerous practices on South Circuit, when drivers are picking up and setting down children in the school zones. Our school community is committed to safety around the school.

I am asking that you help us to keep all of our children safe. If you are driving your child to school, please do not put yours or other’s children at risk. Please familiarise yourselves with the simple road rules that apply around schools.

Please note:
- It is a School Zone. This means it is illegal and unsafe to drive more than 40km per hour.
- There are no U Turns permitted on this road, it is illegal and a very unsafe practice.
There are ‘School Penalty Infringements’ which apply to picking up and dropping off children within the school zone. Irresponsible or dangerous driving or parking by drivers around schools does not keep our children safe. Please help us to reduce the risk to our children and help stop those few putting the many at risk.

Have a safe week everyone!

Donna Shevlin

PBL-Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week, (Week 6), our PBL focus is;

▸ To use technology appropriately
▸ Cyberbullying
▸ Our new expectations for climbing stairs

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

• Use the stairs sensibly, following the safe stairs expectations
• If something mean or inappropriate is sent to you by phone or internet, tell your parent, carer or a teacher.

We are learning this because:

• Some people are not aware of how to use technology appropriately, respectfully and safely.
• We may be tempted to write things on-line, which we would not normally say to someone in person.
• Some people use the internet to bully others and to say inappropriate things. THIS IS ILLEGAL.
• Stairs are very dangerous, if they are not used correctly
• We have many stairs in our school
• Students will be moving upstairs in the next couple of years
• We want you to be safe and help others to be safe

Here are some government links to help families understand safety on the internet and the safe use of mobile phones. These sites teach children how to be Cyber-smart. They may even help grown-ups too.


http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Kids/Get%20the%20facts/Cyberbullying.aspx (Site and Game)
Need a hand with your homework?  
Mum and Dad busy?

Camden Council Library Service offers a free online tutoring service to all local students from Year 4 to Year 6 with a Camden Council library card number.

Expert tutors are online and waiting to help on Monday through to Friday from 4pm – 8pm!

All you need is a library card to connect from the library or from home at:


If you have any questions you can contact the library on 4645 5039 or Email: nlNlibrary@camden.nsw.gov.au