Dear Parents and Carers,

**Presentation Day**
The staff at Oran Park Public School believe that it is important to recognise the growth and achievement of our students. On **Tuesday 9th December at 9.45am**, we will be holding our Presentation Day. This special event will be held at the Oran Park Podium, level one. As you are aware we have no hall to use, due to building rectifications. We are lucky to have the support of the Centre Manager, Damien. He has kindly agreed to the provision of a room for our use.

Students performing well in areas of curriculum, citizenship and sport are awarded with medallions and/or certificates. We are proud of each and every one of our students here at Oran Park. Parents and family are invited to attend this special presentation of your child’s efforts and achievement throughout the year.

This will be an annual event, when we acknowledge and celebrate our student’s achievements. Our teachers at Oran Park Public School have assessed each child’s efforts and performance throughout the year to select students to publicly recognise for their achievement at Presentation Day. This is a difficult task because our students are well behaved, polite and try their best every day!

In deciding who should receive a class award, teachers analyse assessment records and reflect on each student’s achievements and effort. There is no requirement to give an award for excellence in each KLA. Teachers determine the reason for their class awards based on the individual achievements they want to acknowledge in their class.

**Parent/Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea**
At the end of the year the staff of Oran Park Public School will hold a special “Thank You Morning Tea”. This is to show appreciation to all of those people who have supported our school during the year. The P&C, Scripture teachers, volunteers, classroom helpers and community members who have donated time and resources to our school, are all invited to join us.

We would like to invite all of our wonderful helpers to the Library on Tuesday 9th December, directly after our Presentation Day. To assist us with catering, please advise our administration staff if you are able to
We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

**Grandparents Day**
Everyone enjoyed our Grandparents Day held recently. It was lovely to see our student’s grandparents here at our beautiful school. Our teachers prepared some activities to be shared with grandparents who attended. Our grandparents also joined our students for lunch. We welcome all grandparents to our school!

**Planning for 2015**
In Term 4 we begin planning for the next year. If you are planning on moving from the area and your child will not be returning to Oran Park Public School next year, please let the office know. It is also helpful to let us know if your child will not be returning to school at the start of Term 1, 2015 because of an extended holiday. To formalise classes we need to be certain of our student numbers.

Currently we are in discussions regarding the formation of classes for 2015. In regards to our class formations, these have yet to be decided. This is due to the ongoing influx of enrolments. All students and parents will be informed of the final class groupings in early Term 1, 2015. At this stage we have 65 children enrolled for kindergarten. We have a large cohort in the early stages and a smaller cohort in the upper stages. This makes planning difficult, as we have to keep the K-2 class sizes smaller. So again we have to arrange composite classes throughout the school to abide by these mandatory class sizes. Also due to the ongoing increase in enrolments we cannot determine the composition of these classes. For the first week next year children will remain in their current class formations until we can form new classes based on current enrolments as of February next year.

**Kindergarten 2015**
Next year our kindergarten classes will use the 6 rooms within the fenced area, near the Administration block. These classes are large, the playground is smaller and fenced and the class groups will all be near one another for team teaching opportunities. For most of first term the children will play together in the smaller playground and then transition, with the support of Stage Three buddies to our larger playground. Due to the fact that our school will grow so quickly, combined with transport pick up and drop off issues, we thought this would be a safer option. Our Autism and IM class will remain in the other classrooms in the main school. This will provide a more seamless integration process for these students.

**Kindergarten Orientation for 2015**
Transition to school for our new kindergarten students for 2015 has already begun. The remaining date is: Thursday 27 November

Have a great week everyone!
*Donna Shevlin*

**PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning**
This week in PBL students, staff and the P&C looked at completing a Parent’s Matrix that will be implemented in the school in 2015. This will assist our families in understanding the expectations of the school.
Camp Australia – OOSH
CAMP AUSTRALIA – Before and after school care
Brooke is away on leave from Thursday 20th Nov and returning on the 8th December. Kaylee will be taking over the coordinator role; she is familiar with the routine and known to all the children. She loves visiting Oran Park and is excited to work for the two weeks Brooke is away. Our new location of the library is great, the children enjoy having a quiet area to read books and use all the facilities of the library. We have full use of the kitchen so we can make pancakes, cupcakes and much more yummy food. We also have access to the library computers for educational games and homework help. All the children have adapted well and are very excited to be located in the library.

We have been learning about nutrition and food, the children wanted to become master chefs and participate in cooking classes. We made 3D food plates to display and a favourite food menu. Cooking turned into a science experiment, as the children were so curious to learn the steps involved and how to come to the end product. Their favourite thing about cooking classes was they got to eat all the yummy food they cooked.

There is not long left of the school term now until the summer holidays. Don’t forget Camp Australia hosts holiday club. Log onto www.campaustralia.com.au to book your child in and have a look at the fun activities on offer, or phone the Camp Australia hotline on 1300 105 343. We offer fun activities for the children to be involved in and excursions to fun places. Even if you want to book your children in for one day or everyday your child is guaranteed to have a smile on their face 😊

We make kids smile!!
Contact information:
Oran Park Phone: 0406 934 095
Camp Australia Hotline: 1300 105 343
www.campaustralia.com.au

Recycled Uniform Shop
The Oran Park Public School P & C Committee is looking to start a recycled uniform shop. Do you have any uniforms that your children have outgrown that you can no longer use?

Please consider donating them to the school, allowing us to provide affordable second hand uniforms to families whilst raising funds for the school. Money raised will go towards providing much needed resources for the school. Uniform donations can be left at the School Office.

Thank You
Oran Park Public School P & C Association
Oran Park Skate Facility – The Draft Concept Design has been prepared!
The Oran Park development team is excited to announce that the draft concept design for the Oran Park skate facility has been prepared! The draft design was finalised by skate park design company, Convic, following design workshops with class 4/5/6S, other local school groups and the community. We are inviting students, parents and community members to have their say about the draft design at two upcoming events and the Oran Park Youth Hub online forum:

- **Community Ideas Hub**
  Oran Park Markets, Oran Park Podium, Oran Park Town
  23 November 10 am – 12 pm

- **Free skate clinic and workshop**
  Kirkham Skate Park
  29 November 10 am – 12 pm


Not a skater? We’d still like to hear your ideas about social spaces and public art as part of this exciting facility!

The next stage for the team is to prepare the final concept design and invite community feedback in February next year. Until then, we would love to continue to hear your ideas and comments on our online forum ([www.oranparkyouthhub.com.au](http://www.oranparkyouthhub.com.au)) and don’t forget to follow us on our Instagram, @oranparkyouthhub.

Cobbitty Village Market
Cobbitty Village Market is a vibrant well-known country-style craft market that has been run by local community volunteers since May 1982. It provides quality unique crafts and produce, drawing large crowds of visitors from local and wider Sydney/NSW areas. As a non-profit organisation, the market also functions as an important fundraiser, typically raising $40-50,000 each year that is distributed to local community groups, charities and the disadvantages.

The markets are held on Cobbitty Public School grounds on the first Saturday of each month except for January and February, and are open to the public from 8am – 1pm. There are a large variety of stalls providing predominately homemade art and craft, delicious food and beverages to take home or eat at the markets; some of which are provided by local groups including Lion’s Club, School P&C, and Scouts, for their own fundraising. There is also entertainment, including local bands and groups. There is parking for 1,000 cars behind the school/along Cobbitty Road. We warmly welcome all visitors to our market, and encourage anyone interested in joining our volunteer market committee to contact us.