Oran Park Public School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so proud of our Stage Two and Stage Three students who represented us last week in the Rugby League games. I am pleased to report that both of our squads did really well. Our Stage Two team have made it through to the Grand Final! They will play against Thirlmere Public School on Friday 16 May at Campbelltown Stadium. This is a great result considering how small our school is. All I can say is, Bring it on!!

OPPS Core Values - Whole school focus

We have developed our school Core Values that we will continue to promote around the school. When some of us attended school we would have referred to these as RULES! Remember “NO. NO. NO!”? Well it’s NO, no longer! Instead we aim to teach our students appropriate social behaviours in a positive way, through promoting our values. These values are applicable to us all. Each week we will be focusing on a different value and what it means. We encourage your support with this.

Oran Park Public School has four core values that underpin all school programs and interactions. They help support and encourage discipline and promote and inspire a love of learning. The four core values are:

Organised: Come to school, prepared and ready to learn • strive to be your best at all times

Proud: Of appearance, achievements and your school • of the achievements of others, students and staff • respect and support the efforts of students, teachers and other community members

Productive: Be responsible, follow all school rules and stay on task • develop and model fairness and respect • build positive relationships with the school community

Safe: Take care of everyone and everything • act thoughtfully and carefully towards ourselves and others • foster a safe and secure environment for all • be aware of and reinforce safe behaviours.

The Oran Park Award System

The Oran Park Award system encourages and rewards students for
appropriate classroom, playground, sporting and social behaviour and effort. There are ongoing positive merit awards for student achievements in curriculum and sport, including wearing correct school uniform and following the four core school values.

10 Merit Awards = Assistant Principal Award  
2 Assistant Principal Awards = 1 Principal’s Award  
3 Principal’s Awards = Principal’s Medallion

**Merit Awards**
Each week class teachers award 2 Merit Certificates to individual students for work in class. Merit Awards are also presented to individual students for achievements and effort in Sport.

**Assistant Principal’s Award**
When individual students receive 10 Merit Awards they receive an Assistant Principal's Award.

**Principal’s Award**
When individual students receive 2 Assistant Principal’s Awards they receive a Principal’s Award. (20 Merits)

**Principal’s Medallion**
When individual students receive 3 Principal’s Awards (60 Merits) they receive a Principal’s Medallion. Students have their photo taken and displayed in the school Administration Office. They also have morning tea with the Principal. This event will be held once each semester.

In total, students need to earn 60 awards to be eligible for a medallion. These awards are cumulative – they do not stop at the end of the school year, it doesn’t matter how long it takes for a student to earn these awards. Subsequently it is achievable for every student to achieve at least one medallion by the time they reach Year 6. Please do not hesitate to call me if you seek further clarification. Your positive support and input to our welfare direction is imperative.

**P&C AGM this Week – Tuesday 18th March**
Tonight we will hold our P&C Annual General Meeting starting at 6.30pm in the library. All positions currently are vacant and nominations will be taken on the night for new Executive Positions. Come on, don’t be shy, your input is important and valuable. After the AGM, we will discuss the Canteen Tender process and Fundraising initiatives. I am also happy to discuss our developing Student Welfare initiatives.

**School Cross Country**
The School Cross Country will be held on **Friday 2 May** (weather permitting) at Oran Park Public School. This event will include all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The alternative day for this event, in case of rain, will be Friday 9 May, the following week. Parent helpers will be welcomed with open arms! Please advise the administration staff of your availability to assist us on the day.

**School Photos Thursday 10th April**
MSP photographers will visit our school on Thursday 10th April 2014. Order envelopes will be sent home later this week. Parents wishing to purchase these photos are asked to return the envelopes with payment before photo day.

**Please ensure that children wear correct full summer school uniform on this day.**

Please note class photos will have names of children as they appear in the photo. If you do not wish your child to be included in the class photo or to have their name included, please send a note to the
office detailing these wishes as soon as possible. These will be memorable photos and will be on display, as they are our very first Oran Park photos, history in the making!

Lunchbox Inspiration
It’s easy to fall back on the same tried and tested school lunches, but why not try something new, tasty, easy and healthy? Quick and scrumptious school lunchbox ideas are available at School A to Z website www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes and the Heart Foundation website, www.heartfoundation.org.au/recipes which also offers a wealth of information about maintaining a healthy body weight and, of course, heart health.

Have a great week and let’s hope the sun keeps shining!
Donna Shevlin

NRL Legends Gala Day
Boys in Years 3/4 and 5/6 competed in a NRL Legends 7-a-side Gala Day on the 11th March. The boys were very successful with the 5/6 team winning 2 from 4. Our 3/4 team are undefeated and will participate in a Grand Final day to be held at Campbelltown Stadium in term 2. Mr Browne and Miss Beames would like to congratulate all the boys on their efforts and are proud on the sportsmanship they each displayed throughout the day.

NRL Legends by Symphony
On Tuesday 11th March, Oran Park Public School participated in the NRL Legends 7-a-side Rugby League Gala Day. Boys in years 3/4 and 5/6 competed. Being a small school at this stage we had no reserves and some boys played for both teams on the hot day without much of a break. Oran Park teams showed outstanding sportsmanship and behaviour on the day. Years 5/6 won 3 out of 4 games playing against teams who had much bigger and older boys. Years 3/4 won all 4 games, which led them to also win the semi-final. They will be going on to complete in the Grand Final. Such a tremendous achievement for our small school!
Harmony Day

This Friday we are celebrating Harmony Day and the message of the day is Everyone Belongs. Students will be participating in a number of activities in their classrooms that promote the ideals behind Harmony Day.

Students can wear orange mufti clothes and bring a gold coin donation. As this is also a sport day please wear appropriate footwear, no thongs or open toe shoes. Students should also not wear singlet or midriff tops.

OSHC Start Up School Survey

A survey was sent home recently to gauge interest in families that would utilise an Out of School Hours service if it was located on the school grounds. If you have not returned this form can you please complete it and send it to the school office this week. We need to have forms returned by majority of our families so we can see whether it is a viable option to have an OSHC service at the school.

Book Fair

Our school will be having a Book Fair beginning Thursday 27 March. A Book Fair enables children, parents, teachers and community members to purchase quality books and classroom materials at reasonable prices. The school receives commission from all sales and this will be put towards getting even more resources for our growing library! More information about the Book Fair will be sent home this week.

Winter Uniform

We have been advised by Lowes at Narellan Town Centre that they have stock of our winter uniform. The microfiber jacket is the only item not in stock at present. There are prices lists available at the front office.
Neighbour Day
Friday 28 March 2014

4pm to 7pm
Bridge Park
Ambrose Street
Oran Park Town

Craft - Face painting - Jumping castle
Games for kids & adults - Free BBQ dinner!

Let’s celebrate our wonderful community this Neighbour Day. Bring your picnic blanket and join in the free activities! Spend an afternoon getting to know your neighbours and say “Welcome” to our newer members of the community!

Nominate your neighbour for the OPT Neighbour Competition!
Share with us a story about your neighbour and you could both win a hamper of goodies.
Send your story to jroccisano@oranparktown.com.au or drop your entry in to the Sales Office. Competition closes 4 April 2014.

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