Dear Parents and Carers,

I write this letter in front of a warm and toasty log fire - this is it, the last week of Term Two, our winter holiday approaches. I wish everyone a happy holiday, relax you’ve all earned it. It has been a busy and productive term. Rest up, because Term Three doesn’t slow down. The big events coming up are Education Week, Principal for a Day, Student for a Day, Athletics Carnival, Showcase Concert at Elizabeth Macarthur High School and the Book Parade! So renew your energy and come back ready for a fun term.

Term 3

This Friday is our last school day for Term 2. School will resume on Tuesday 15th July, 9.10am - 3.10pm. Term 3 is a ten week term. The last school day in Term 3 is Friday, 19th September, 2014. We hope that you all have a wonderful holiday, and that you rest and relax. You have all worked hard this term and you have well and truly earned a holiday!

Parent Teacher Interviews This Week

Please take the opportunity this week to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss your child’s progress. If you are unable to attend the interview times advertised, please call the office and rearrange the time. Teachers are more than happy to meet with you early next term if that suits. Alternatively they would be happy to arrange a phone interview if required. Apologies to 3/4T families and thank you for your understanding. Unfortunately, Mrs Treble is unwell and will not return to school until next term. Interviews will be rescheduled for early Term 3.

Whole School Drumming Performance this Friday

I would like to invite you all to the whole school drumming performance at assembly, this Friday, 27th June at 2.15pm. All of the students who participated in the drumming will entertain you with their wonderful drumming talents! Please come along and celebrate their achievements this term.

OOSHC Service

Our OOSHC service (Out of school hours care) is expected to begin in
mid-August, approximately week 5 of next term. Camp Australia was successful in gaining this tender. This is a company with 500 centres throughout Australia. Their rates are reasonable and rebates from Centrelink are available. There will be a Before and After School Care service, Vacation Care and Staff Development Days will also be catered for. I am very happy about this service being provided at our school. Students can remain at the one site and parents can feel secure in the knowledge that their children are safe at school. The expected hours of operation are 7am-8.40am and 3.10pm-6pm, all school holidays and Staff Development Days. I will have more information regarding this next term.

**Enrolment Area**

Please check with our office staff for specific details of the boundaries for our enrolment area. We are currently only taking enrolments for those living within the catchment area for our school.

If you have children at home who are eligible to begin Kindergarten in 2015 please contact the school office to begin the process of enrolment. Also if you have neighbours who are within our school boundaries, please advise them of the same. This will enable us to plan for effective transition for all of our new kindergarten students and ensure a successful beginning for students and parents.

Thank you all for your wonderful partnership with us in Semester One. Have a great and VERY safe holiday! I look forward to catching up with everyone next term.

*Donna Shevlin*

**Rugby League**

Our under 10 boy’s rugby league team competed at the Legends Grand Final Carnival at Campbelltown Stadium on 19th June. The competition on this day was extremely tough and we won one of our three games. Our boys displayed true sportsmanship throughout the day and represented our school proudly. A big thank you to Solarspan a part of the Bondor Group for donating the jerseys for our Rugby League team. The whole team looked great wearing our school colours! We would like to once again thank Mrs Bailey and Mr Browne for coaching the team and the parents who transported the boys and to and from the venue on the day.
Cross Country

Lachlan and Matthew represented our school and the Razorback Zone at the Regional Carnival. Both boys ran extremely well finishing 5th and 4th respectively. They now will represent Sydney South West PSSA at the State Carnival on July 18th. Good luck boys!

Library News

Register for the Premier’s Reading challenge!
The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten-Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

To register go to https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html
Students logon using their DEC portal username and password and enter the books they read into an online Student Reading Record.

Come and see Mrs MacDiarmid during the second break on Thursday or Friday to help with this process.

Thank you!
A big thank you to everyone that has been involved in stamping, taping and covering our library books. We are getting more and more books onto our shelves and students will begin borrowing during next term. Library bags will be available for sale from the library on Thursday and Fridays for $5.00.

There will be more opportunities for parent helper Friday’s next term and will let you know when the first for Term 3 will be held.

Lost Property

There are a number of sloppy joes and plastic containers that have been lost by students. These are located in the lost property container at the front office. Please come and have a look if your child is missing an item.

Just a reminder to parents to label all of your child’s belongings that come to school. It is wise to check them from time to time also as they will fade with washing. Having items labelled makes it easier to return them to their rightful owner.

The Great Aussie Bush Camp – Year 4, 5 and 6

Just a reminder for parents/carers who are following the camp payment plan. Your first instalment of $60 should have been paid last week. These payments can be paid by cash, Eftpos or credit card. The camp is officially booked, so it is important that payments are made on time.

Further information will be sent home regarding activities, medical, packing and dietary information, as it gets closer to the event.
Responsible Pet Care

On Tuesday the 17th of June, students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 received a special visit from Vicki who runs the Responsible Pet Program. Vicki brought along her dog Montana and spoke to the children about responsible pet ownership and being safe around dogs.

She showed the children the appropriate way to approach a dog and strategies to keep safe around an angry dog.

It was a great program for the children to be involved in.

For more information on this topic you can visit: [www.pets.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pets.nsw.gov.au)
PBL - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Last week (Week 8), our PBL focus was “Hands, feet and objects to ourselves.”

The value focus was; **Be Safe, Be Proud**

These lessons focused on what it means to keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves.

At Oran Park PS it is expected that we do not; Hit, Kick, Pinch, Push, Throw objects, etc. **Teachers and Parents care about our students and want everyone to be safe and happy at school.**

We also talked about the importance of never retaliating. This only makes a situation worse. We follow our 2 step plan if someone hurts us.

This week (Week 9), our PBL focus is “Resilience and taking responsibility for our actions.”

The value focus is; **Be Productive, Be Proud**

**We are revising these behaviours as we are still developing in this area.**

**Code of Conduct**

We are introducing Oran Park Public School’s code of conduct to ensure that all students, parents and spectators agree to follow DEC guidelines on appropriate behaviour at all inside and outside school events. All parents and students will be required to sign and agree to the code. It will also be included as a reminder on the back of all excursion/camp/event notifications. A sample of this Code of Conduct is on the next 3 pages of the newsletter.

The Code of Conduct will be sent home early next term to be signed by all students and parents. The code is very important and works to uphold our core values of Be Organised, Proud, Productive and Safe.
Code of conduct for all school events.

1. You have made a decision to be part of team/group/excursion/camp. You are expected to commit yourself for the entirety of the event. Your group and school are counting on you.

2. Behaviour at school will be taken into consideration if you are to be part of a special event where you are representing the school. If your behaviour is not up to standard, you may be withdrawn from the event.

3. All participants are expected to follow all instructions, display team spirit and good sportsmanship, show resilience and respect at all times. It is expected that you encourage others and applaud effort.

4. You are required to participate in all meetings/practices and trainings.

5. If your school attendance and/or attendance at meetings/trainings are low, your participation in events will be reviewed.

6. Everyone at our school will be given equal opportunities. No one will be left out unless they are sick or hurt. It is good to win, but it is more important to make positive choices, be a good sport and have a good time.

7. You must wear the appropriate uniform and bring the appropriate equipment to events including a school hat.
Oran Park Public School
Code of conduct for all school events

Organised
• Bring equipment and be prepared;
• Be on time for events/excursions;
• Read notes carefully to learn all of the important information you will need to know.

Proud
• Use positive language, make no criticism by word or gesture;
• Be a good sport and encourage others;
• Display a positive and respectful attitude;
• Wear the appropriate school uniform required;
• Respect the decisions of teachers and officiators and be resilient.

Productive
• Make positive choices;
• Work hard and apply yourself;
• Do your best;
• Cooperate with teachers, coaches, team mates and opponents
• Think then act. Control your temper;
• Dispose of all litter in the appropriate place.

Safe
• Follow teacher instructions at all times;
• Stay in the correct area;
• Wear a hat and apply sunscreen for outdoor activity;
• Wear appropriate and safe clothes and shoes;
• Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.

I have read the above information and agree to follow the 'Code of Conduct for all school events. This code applies both inside and outside the school, for every event.

Students name: ________________________ Signed_____________________ Date:___________

I have read the above information and have discussed the importance of following the 'Code of Conduct for all school events, with my child.

Parent/Carer's name: __________________ Signed_____________________ Date: ___________
Oran Park Public School
Spectator/Parent
Code of conduct for all school events

Organised

• Be on time for events/excursions;
• Read notes carefully to learn all of the important information you will need to know.

Proud

• Speak politely to players, teachers, convenors and other parents;
• Make new parents feel welcome;
• Demonstrate respect for other school staff and their students;
• Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty with generous applause.

Productive

• Let officials conduct events without interference;
• Model resilience by celebrating the achievements of others;
• Encourage students to enjoy themselves.

Safe

• Follow teacher/coaches instructions;
• Follow School Sport Australia’s and DEC policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment.

I have read the above information and agree to follow the ‘Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct for all school events’. This code applies both inside and outside the school, for every event.

Parent/Carer’s name: ________________________ Signed________________ Date:___________