Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing holiday and that you are ready for a very busy and eventful third term. Term Three is very busy due to a number of special events. We have Education Week activities as well as Principal for a Day, Student for a Day, Athletics Carnival, Showcase Concert at Elizabeth Macarthur High School and the Book Parade! We are also beginning our After School Care program later this term with Camp Australia. So welcome back everyone and enjoy an action-packed term with your amazing children!

**OOSHC Service Information Night Wednesday 6pm**

Tomorrow evening at 6pm in our school library, there will be an information session facilitated by Camp Australia, our OOSHC service providers. Our OOSHC service (Out of school hours care) is expected to begin in mid August in our hall. There will be a Before and After School Care service, Vacation Care and Staff Development Days will also be catered for. The expected hours of operation are 7am-8.40am and 3.10pm-6pm, all school holidays and Staff Development Days. Please come along to the information meeting to register your interest and ask any questions.

**Assembly Week 1**

There will be **no assembly** this Friday, 18th July, due to the PSSA Gala Day.

**Education Week Celebrations!**

Thursday 31st July is the date for our annual Open Day and Family Picnic in celebration of Education Week. We will have open class rooms from 1.00pm until 1.40pm. You will be invited to participate in a maths lesson or library lesson, depending on your child’s timetable. From 1.40pm until 2.10pm you can join your children for lunch in the playground. You are all invited to bring a picnic lunch. At 2.20pm we will hold our weekly assembly. At this assembly our choir and dance group will entertain you. Weekly awards will also be presented at this fun assembly. Please feel free to sit in on a lesson in your child’s class. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and extended family are more than welcome to come and celebrate your child’s education at Oran Park Public School. Please note that there will be no assembly on Friday 1st August.
On Tuesday 29th July, two students will have the opportunity to be Principal For A Day. If students are interested in this opportunity they need to write their name on a piece of paper and give it to the office ladies. This is open to all of our students, no matter their year group. At our assembly on Friday 25th July, I will draw out a male and female student to participate in this event. The lucky winners will be allowed to attend school on the following Tuesday out of uniform. They will spend the day with me assisting me in my job! Lunch will also be provided for the winners on that day. Get your entry in now students!

On Friday 1st August I will become a Student For A Day. Students who would like my help and company in class need to write their name on a piece of paper and give it to the office ladies. This is open to all of our students. At our assembly on Friday 25th July, I will draw out one student name. On Friday 1st August I will sit with them in class and assist them with their class work and try to keep quiet so that I don’t get into trouble!

**Athletics Carnival**
We have scheduled our first school Athletics Carnival for Wednesday 6th August, weather permitting. If it is raining on that day we will reschedule for the following Wednesday. Mrs Bailey and Mrs Duffield will send out more detailed information next week. Parents and families are invited to attend on the day. There will be a timetable of events available soon.

**Book Parade**
On Thursday 21st August we will be celebrating Book Week. Students are requested to come to school that day dressed as their favourite book character. A gold coin donation is required, all proceeds will go to our library to benefit all students. At 9.30am we will have a Book Character Parade in the hall, to showcase the fancy dress the children come dressed in. All parents are welcome to attend this parade.

**Stage Three Camp**
Our Stage Three camp will be from Monday 8th September to Wednesday 10th September, week 9 of this term. Please ensure all payments are finalised as per the advertised due date. I have a small amount of money available to provide financial assistance if required. Please make an appointment to see me for a confidential response.

**School Oracy Competition**
In week 10, our last week of Term 3, we will hold our annual Oracy Competition. This will be on Monday 15th September, from 11.45am in our school hall. Parents of student finalists will be notified and invited to attend. Public Speaking is a wonderful skill to develop, therefore all students K-6 are involved in this opportunity.

**End of Term Disco**
On the last day of term, Friday 19th September, we will hold an in-school disco. More information will be shared closer to the date. Due to the use of our hall by OOSH after school, the teachers decided to still go ahead with a disco, but within school hours. Children will be invited to attend school on the last day in their party/disco clothes. The entry cost will be $5, which includes a drink and chips. All proceeds will be allocated to our Creative and Performing Arts programs.

**Kindergarten Enrolment for 2015**
If you have a pre-schooler at home who is eligible to begin school in 2015 please contact the office. If you know of any friends, family or neighbours who have children ready to begin school, please advise them that they need to contact the school. Enrolment for Kindergarten 2015 will commence now. I like to meet all of our new enrolments and look forward to meeting our new kinders for 2015.
Enrolment forms are available for children commencing Kindergarten in 2015. If you have a child who will be joining Kindergarten in 2015 please visit the school office for an enrolment pack.

Thank you and well done if you managed to read all of this newsletter! If you remember it, then even better! So, fasten your seatbelts for Term Three and let’s hope it’s not a bumpy ride!!

Donna Shevlin

Canteen
Canteen will continue to operate during the first break of each day. There have been some changes to canteen procedures that we would like you to be aware of.

1. Students will receive their ordered drinks with their name written clearly on them. Teachers will continue to distribute all lunch orders and drinks to their owners.
2. If students order ice blocks, they are required to take their lunch bag to the canteen to collect the ice block. This ensures that students eat the main part of their lunch first and receive the ice block after. (More practical in summer)
3. Pre-paid tabs will no longer be available at the canteen. We have had some families placing an amount of money with the canteen for students to spend when they wish. This has become quite problematic. Younger students are struggling to understand that money is exchanged for purchases. We have had children requesting items without realising they need to pay. As this is an essential life skill, we are requesting that all students bring money to order or buy, each time they need to do so. Students will learn more about cost, addition, subtraction, coins, notes and change.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

The Great Aussie Bush Camp – Year 4, 5 and 6
Just a reminder for parents/carers who are following the camp payment plan. Your second instalment of $60 is due this 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.

Information will be sent home next week regarding activities, medical, packing and dietary information.
This week (Week 1), our PBL focus is “The school merit award system”

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

The school merit system has changed recently, so it is important for students to understand how they can earn and trade merits and why we have a merit award system.

Explicit lessons on the merit award system have included;
- Why we have a merit system?
- How we earn merits?
- How merits are linked to our school values.
- The importance of celebrating all student improvement and achievement
- Now OPPS tokens can be traded for a school merit award
- How we trade merits.

If a child earns a merit, they have been following our school values and should be extremely proud and be celebrated by all.

Whole School Award System

The school's merit awards system is cumulative.

Merit Award System:
10 merit/sport awards = Assistant Principal’s Award
2 Assistant Principal’s Award = Principal’s Award
2 Principal’s Award = A medallion.

N.B Sports Awards and Merit Awards are of equal value and combinations of each may be traded.
5 OPPS tokens = 1 merit award

Any student whose behaviour seriously breaches school rules may have their traded award/s presentation at assembly (Assistant Principal's Award or higher) withheld for a duration, as determined by an executive member and in consultation with the Principal.

NB: Lost awards will not be replaced, so students and parents/carers should store awards securely.

In week 2, Oran Park students will focus on being attentive listeners and learners, who try not to disrupt the learning of others.

The value focus will be; Be Proud and Be Productive
What are Special OPPS tokens?

Special OPPS tokens are small yellow awards handed out to children for following the school values of being Organised, Proud, Productive and Safe.

Staff members may award an OPPS token for any positive behaviour exhibited.

What happens when we get an OPPS token?

When someone receives an OPPS token, they will be congratulated and should feel proud. The name, class and date are written on the award. The teacher issuing the award signs at the bottom. The OPPS token is recorded on the class chart and then placed in an OPPS box/basket in that area. Once a student has earned 5 OPPS tokens on their chart, they will be issued with a school merit award.

What happens with all of the OPPS tokens in the basket?

On Fridays, all of the OPPS tokens are placed in one box together. Each week, at the end of the Friday Assembly, a teacher will draw out four OPPS tokens from the box. Those four students will be able to choose a prize from the Special OPPS prize box.

What happens if a student gets drawn out more than once?

If a student gets drawn out more than once, they can pick another prize. If someone is drawn out a number of times, it shows that they have been noticed following the values many times.