From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all students, staff and parents for your wonderful support of our Education Week activities. The Showcase Concert at Elizabeth Macarthur High School was a great success and our students did us proud. Special thanks to Mrs Banfield for your hard work with both our choir and dance troupe. I know that the students and I greatly appreciate your efforts and creativity.

Our Open Day was a great success. I know that parents and carers were impressed with their children’s skills and the many innovative ways to learn about working with Mathematics. Thanks for your support of our Year 5 and 6 Cake Stall. The proceeds will be used to assist with our Year 6 Student T-shirts and Camp costs. I enjoyed the Open Day Assembly, the choir and dance performance was fantastic. Thank you all for your attendance. The support of our families is so valuable. I know that our students value your visits and support of their education here at Oran Park Public School.

Thank you to Mrs Duffield for supporting our Principals for the Day, and for replacing me during my absence. Due to an unforeseen circumstance I was unable to work with our new Principals or fulfill my role as Student for a Day. I intend to honour my commitments very soon. Next time our Principals will be able to tell me what to do! I would like to thank Mrs Duffield and our staff for ensuring that all of this week’s events went ahead and were so successful. We are all very lucky to have such a dedicated team to support our students and encourage a love of learning.

We would also like to thank Michael Poidevin for lending us your fantastic ride on mower to prepare our oval for the Athletics Carnival.

OOSHC Service begins 11th August
Camp Australia, our OOSHC service providers will commence our OOSHC service (Out of school hours care) on Monday 11th 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 hours of operation are 7am-8.40am and 3.10pm-6pm. The Camp Australia website has all the information you require regarding their service.

Athletics Carnival
Our first school Athletics Carnival is on Wednesday 13th August, weather
permitting. Parents and families are invited to attend/help on the day. I look forward to a great day of fun and athletic competition, on par with the Glasgow Games events (without the political issues!).

**Stage Three Camp**
Our Stage Three camp will be from Monday 8th September to Wednesday 10th September. Please ensure all payments are finalised as soon as possible. There is money available to provide financial assistance if required. Please make an appointment to see me for a confidential response.

**Term Three P&C Meeting**
The first P&C meeting of the term will be held on Tuesday 5th August, next Tuesday evening, 6pm in the Library. Please come along and support our friendly and active group of parents. All new faces and support are very welcome!

**Communicating with Teachers**
When communicating with teachers here at Oran Park Public School, there are a number of preferred options. Telephone interviews are more than welcome. Arranged face-to-face interviews are very much appreciated. Prior arrangements allow teachers adequate time to prepare necessary information to assist you properly with your enquiry. Another option is to email our school email: oranpark-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Attention the email to the intended staff member and the email will be shared with the appropriate staff member. Please do not personally email staff members. All staff, including myself, have a personal email address. This is used for direct contact from the Department of Education. At times there are numerous department emails sent to our personal address. Often we cannot address emails quickly, due to the volume received. A more prompt and informed response will be possible when you communicate through the school email address.

Similarly communication with all staff members should be through the school telephone number: 4632 4651 and not through ringing staff personal mobile numbers. It is possible you have been given staff mobile numbers as a result of sports events or excursions. Please do not call staff or text their mobiles. Our phones are generally answered between the hours of 8.40am to 3.40pm, during work hours. We will do our best to answer your queries during these hours.

Thank you all for your continued positive support of our school. Our aim is to communicate effectively with you all. By following the options I have given, your enquiries will be addressed effectively and will follow Department of Education policy guidelines.

**Kindergarten Enrolment for 2015**
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.

I hope you all have a fun filled weekend with your gorgeous children.

*Donna Shevlin*
Camden Council

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To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offer practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A FREE parents' workshop will be conducted by David Riches and hosted by Camden Council on Tuesday August 12 at Camden Council’s Narellan Administrative Offices (19 Queen Street, Narellan) from 6 pm – 8 pm.

Early bookings are essential, by phoning David Riches on 0434 964 764 now to reserve your place, or email parentworkshop@optusnet.com.au

Sydney South West Sports Association

The Sydney South West School Sport Association Facebook page is now up and running. Parents and students can search for the Sydney South West School Sport Association page in Facebook and Like it and Share it.

This page will be used by the Sydney South West School Sport Association to post up to date information regarding all the latest sporting events within the Sydney South West area and combine schools carnivals.

Camden Junior Oztag Registration

Camden Junior Oztag will be played at Gardner Reserve, Oran Park (behind Oran Park Anglican School) this summer. The competition will be on Wednesday afternoons from Sept 3 till December 3 and will be for boys and girls 7 to 14 years old.


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Last week (Week 2), our PBL focus was “Being an attentive listener and learner”

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

**To be a good listener we need to…..**

- Look at the person when they are speaking
- Listen without speaking
- Sit/stand still with our hands in our laps/by our sides
- Wait our turn and be patient. Raise our hand to speak
- Respect people by not laughing at them or making them feel small

In week 3, our PBL focus was “How to behave with visitors in our school.”

The value focus was; **Be Organised, Be Proud, Be Productive and Be Safe**

**We were learning this because…..**

- It is important to know what the staff expects
- We must uphold our school values in many different situations
- We need to know what we should and should not do
- We want our visitors to enjoy their time at the school. If students follow instructions it will be a pleasant experience
- We want you to know how to be at your best
- Sometimes when the environment changes, students change their behaviour
- We must respect our staff, students and visitor’s right to hear, watch, speak and share.

In week 4- Oran Park students will focus on our lock-down, amber alert and evacuation procedures

The value focus will be; Be Safe and Be Organised