Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello everyone, it was lovely to return today after my absence. It was so good to see the happy faces of the children. I will be attending the annual Primary Principal’s Conference for the remainder of the week. As of next Monday I will be back on deck, manning it and scrubbing it! I look forward to catching up with many of you at next week’s P&C meeting.

Road Works
Thank you all for supporting us through this difficult time. I know it is a nuisance, however it will be beneficial for the whole community in the long term. As my acupuncturist used to say to me “No pain, No gain!” with a maniacal laugh…

Oran Park’s Got Talent!
It is that time of the year! The students have been hard at work perfecting their talents. Get ready for a brilliant show highlighting our wonderful student’s abundance of talent. I look forward to the show and to being entertained by our future superstars!

Kindergarten Orientation
Orientation for new students in Kindergarten 2016 is on next week. If you are not sure which group your child is in please check with the office. I look forward to meeting our new little cherubs and their very proud parents.

Staffing for 2016
We are starting to plan our staffing for 2016. Please let us know if you will be moving or if your child will be changing schools next year, as this will help us to ensure we have the right number of teachers to start the year. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

Extreme Hot Weather
As you are aware we have had some very hot conditions already this term. The weather bureau are predicting an early very hot summer. Our staff at Oran Park Public School work to ensure the health and safety of our students regarding sun and extreme weather safety. Alternative arrangements have been put in place to ensure our students are safe and comfortable in extremely hot weather conditions. On days when high temperatures are forecast the temperature will be checked 10 minutes prior to each break on the Bureau of Meteorology website.

During hot weather (35 degrees and over) we will take the following approach to support students and staff:
• All students will be directed to use shady outdoor facilities, such as play under the COLA or in the hall.
• Our air-conditioned library is open and supervised every day at recess (the hottest part of the day) for all students to access.
• We have a school policy for playground or other outdoor activities, "No hat, play in the shade".
• Bucket hats only are to be worn at Oran Park Public School, no caps.
• All students will be reminded and encouraged to drink water. Drink bottles are permitted in the classroom.
• We have altered our whole school timetable to avoid sport or physical education after 11am in Terms One and Four.
• We will postpone sporting or physical education activities that might expose students unnecessarily to extreme heat.
• If there are severe weather conditions (37 degrees and above), students will stay in supervised air-conditioned classes as per wet weather protocols.

We request parents support us by:

• Sending their children to school with a water bottle
• Packing the school hat in your child's school bag, and
• Applying sunscreen before school.

Nut Awareness guidelines
We have students enrolled at our school who have severe (in some cases potentially fatal) allergic reactions to products containing nuts. In the interest of their health and safety we would like to inform all new families and remind others of the following guidelines:

We request that students do not bring nuts to school. This includes peanut butter/nutella sandwiches, bags of nuts, nut bars etc. The canteen does not sell items with nuts as an ingredient. We request your support in ensuring the students adhere to these guidelines. There should be no trading and sharing of food, food utensils and food containers. Bottles, other drinks and lunch boxes provided by the parents for their children should be clearly labeled with the name of the child for whom they are intended. Thank you for your continued support to ensure all of our students can attend school safely.

Have a fun-filled week everyone!

Donna Shevlin

Earn & Learn
The grand total of stickers that were collected from our school community was 35 700! An order has been placed for new Mathematics equipment. Thank you to everyone who helped us reach this fantastic total!

Canteen Special Food Days
Each term the canteen holds a special food day where $1 from each order is donated to the school. So far this year Made Fresh has donated $480.00. This has been used to purchase equipment for our Science Kits. There will be another special food day this term on Thursday 12 November. A flyer will be sent home closer to this date.