Dear Parents and Carers,

**Presentation Day**

Teachers at Oran Park Public School believe that it is important to recognize the growth and achievement of our students. On **Tuesday 8th December at 9.30am** in our school hall, we will be holding our annual Presentation Day. Students performing well in areas of curriculum and sport are awarded with medallions. We are proud of each and every one of our students here at Oran Park Public School. Parents are invited to attend this special presentation of your child’s efforts and achievement throughout the year.

This is an important event, when we acknowledge and celebrate our student’s achievements. A great deal of time and effort is spent by teachers at Oran Park Public School to select which students to publicly recognize for their achievement at Presentation Day. This is a difficult task because our students are well behaved, polite and try their best every day!

In deciding who should receive a class award, teachers analyse assessment records and reflect on each student's achievements and effort. There is no requirement to give an award for excellence in each KLA. Teachers determine the reason for their class awards based on the individual achievements they want to acknowledge in their class.

**Semester Two reports will be sent home on Wednesday 9th December.**

**Parent/Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea**

At the end of each year the staff of Oran Park Public School hold a special “Thank You Morning Tea”. This is to show appreciation to all of those people who have supported our school during the year. The P&C, volunteers, and classroom helpers who have donated time to our school, are all invited to join us. We would like to invite all of our wonderful helpers to the Library on Tuesday 8th December, directly after our Presentation Day. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

**Principal’s Afternoon Tea**

The very first Principal’s Afternoon Tea will be held on Thursday 10th December. There are twelve recipients of the Principal’s Award so far and they will enjoy a fun afternoon scoffing food with me! I look forward to it.
P&C Meetings 2016
This week we held our final P&C meeting for 2015. At the meeting it was decided that next year parents who attend these meetings in week 4 and week 8 of each term can bring their children. Please note that you are responsible for the supervision of your children during these meetings. Children can bring homework, games or technology.

Skipping into Bunnings!
On Thursday 10 December our skipping squad, and Mr Betts will be involved in a demonstration at Narellan Bunnings. Please come along and support our students if you can.

New staff coming in 2016
There are 4 teacher vacancies for 2016. Last Friday we interviewed for two graduate positions. The two new teachers are Ms. Smith and Mr. Boyd. Another vacancy was filled by the Department of Education’s transfer process. Mrs. Sullivan will join us next year. She is an experienced teacher and was highly recommended by her Principal. The other teaching position will be interviewed next week.

Road Use on South Circuit
We have received several calls about dangerous practices on South Circuit, when drivers are picking up and setting down children in the school zones. Our school community is committed to safety around the school. I am asking that you help us to keep all of our children safe. If you are driving your child to school, please do not put yours or other’s children at risk. Please familiarise yourselves with the simple road rules that apply around schools.

Please note:
- It is a School Zone. This means it is illegal and unsafe to drive more than 40km per hour.
- There are no U Turns permitted on this road, it is illegal and a very unsafe practice.

Please think of our student’s safety- your children. Do not make illegal U-turns on South Circuit. An illegal U-turn may save you a couple of minutes, but it won’t save a life. Irresponsible or dangerous driving or parking by drivers around schools does not keep our children safe.

There are ‘School Penalty Infringements’ which apply to picking up and dropping off children within the school zone. Please help us to reduce the risk to our children and help stop those few putting the many at risk.

Planning for 2016
In Term 4 we begin planning for the next year. If you are planning on moving from the area and your child will not be returning to Oran Park Public School next year, please let the office know. It is also helpful to let us know if your child will not be returning to school at the start of Term 1, 2016 because of an extended holiday. To formalise classes we need to be certain of our student numbers. In regards to our class formations in 2016, these have yet to be decided. Due to increasing enrolments, all students and parents will be informed of the final class groupings in early Term 1, 2016.

Enjoy the last couple of weeks everyone!

Donna Shevlin

Lost Property
Please check the basket in the front office if your child is missing an item. Please remember to label your child’s belongings as there are many items that are not labelled and cannot be returned if we don’t know who they belong to.

Library Books
All library books need to be returned as soon as possible. Reminder notices have been sent home for any overdue books. Should you be unable to locate the book the replacement cost can be paid at the office.
Camp Australia News
Camp Australia received some new sports equipment last week so the children asked if we could have a sports theme for the week. We had a group discussion and listened to all the fun sport activities we could play. Cricket was the first sport we participated in. We split into groups and went to the basketball courts to play a great game of cricket. Each child had a turn of batting, fielding and bowling. The children showed great sportsmanship, encouraged one another and supported the younger children when it was their turn batting.

Silent ball was the next game on the list of sport games the children wanted to play for the week. This was a very interesting game to watch the children play. They tried so hard to remain silent when they wanted to say something encouraging or to ensure everyone was following the rules.

Basketball was the third game we played with the children. As some children hadn’t played basketball before the children all sat in a circle and share the rules they knew and ensured the children who weren’t confident in the game had someone who could support and explain the rules to them while playing.

Soccer was the last game we play and this was a very popular game with the children. Everyone loved running around and having a go at kicking the ball. We had three rounds of soccer and which finished in a draw. We all gave everyone a clap and come inside for a well-deserved break! We had a great week and learnt many new sporting skills.

End of term is fast approaching. Camp Australia is operating on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th of December. To ensure we can open these two days we need a minimum of 18 children on both Thursday and Friday. Bookings are now open for these days so please book as soon as possible, if we do not reach 18 children both day parents will be notified at least 1 week before that the service will not go ahead.

If you would like to make a book please go onto www.campaustralia.com.au or give our friendly customer service team a call on 1300 105 343.

Bookings are now open for “Summer of Colour” holiday fun! There are lots of activities for your children to see and do. If you would like to see a program or have any question please don’t hesitate to call our friendly customer service team on 1300 105 343 or visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclub. Please Note: Holiday Club will be held at Bowral Public School, Thomas Hassall Anglican School at Middleton Grange or Sydney Services ONLY. Holiday club at Oran Park Public School has been cancelled due to low demand.

The Camp Australia Team.

Cobbitty Markets
Cobbitty Village Market is a vibrant well-known country-style craft market that has been run by local community volunteers since May 1982. It provides quality unique crafts and produce, drawing large crowds of visitors from local and wider Sydney/NSW areas. As a non-profit organisation, the market also functions as an important fundraiser, typically raising $40-50,000 each year that is distributed to local community groups, charities and the disadvantages.

The markets are held on Cobbitty Public School grounds on the first Saturday of each month except for January and February, and are open to the public from 8am – 1pm. There are a large variety of stalls providing predominately homemade art and craft, delicious food and beverages to take home or eat at the markets; some of which are provided by local groups including Lion’s Club, School P&C, and Scouts, for their own fundraising. There is also entertainment, including local bands and groups. There is parking for 1,000 cars behind the school and along Cobbitty Road. We warmly welcome all visitors to our market, and encourage anyone interested in joining our volunteer market committee to contact us.