Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our final newsletter for Term One, unbelievable! Am I getting too old, does the term really fly by that quickly? The students and staff have worked so hard this term, Morning Routine has been a resounding success, new curriculum, new programs, lots of sport and a few fun days have really kept us engaged in our learning. The end of term promises to be fun. We have our annual Easter Parade, P&C Raffle Draw and Family Picnic on our last day of the term, Thursday 2 April.

Thank you to all of those families who supported our P&C Easter Egg Raffle with your generous donations. Our P&C have worked really hard to ensure we have amazing raffle prizes. Please buy some tickets so you can be in the draw!

Term Two First Day

Term Two resumes for students on Tuesday 21st April. The staff returns to school on Monday. We will be updating our CPR training on this day. We will all be ready for action on Tuesday! Please remember to wear full school winter uniform.

Term One Report

Next week you will receive your child’s end of Term One Snapshot report. This was an initiative we brought in last year. It gives an indication of how your child is progressing. Please make a time to meet with your child’s teacher if you have any concerns. We find that this report assists greatly with ensuring better progress for our students by the end of Semester One.

Anzac Assembly

We will hold our special Anzac assembly on Friday 24th April at 10.15am. There will be no K-2 or 3-6 assemblies on that day, due to our special Anzac assembly.

Pay the Voluntary Contribution and Technology Levy and be in the Lowes Gift Card draw

We have 4 Lowes Gift Card prizes to be won. Parents who have paid the school contribution and technology levy by Friday 15th May 2015 will be in the draw to win one of these cards. This year the contribution has been set at $30 per single child and $55 per family. The Technology Levy is $50 per child. We would greatly appreciate these contributions, which can be paid in installments. Thanks for your support!
School Cross Country
The Cross Country will be held at school on Friday 1st May (weather permitting), in our school grounds. This event includes all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. We hope to see you on the day cheering the children on. A training tip: Watch your Easter Egg munching as you prepare for the event!

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)
Next term in week four, we have scheduled National Tests for years 3 and 5. The test dates are:
- Tuesday 12th May - Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 13th May - Reading
- Thursday 14th May - Numeracy
- Friday 15th May - “Catch-up Day”

4/5M
Due to our increase in students we are entitled to a new Assistant Principal, (our 4/5M class teacher). This position remains unfilled. This process is managed by the School Staffing Unit, either an Assistant Principal can be transferred into this position or we will have an interview process. In Term Two, Mrs MacDiarmid will continue to teach the Assistant Principal’s class until an Assistant Principal is appointed. Mrs MacDiarmid enjoys working with the class so much that she has agreed to remain teaching them whilst this process continues. However, due to her own children’s care arrangements she can only teach 4 days a week.

Next term Mrs MacDiarmid will teach the class every day, except Monday. Mrs Brightwell will teach the class on this day. Mrs Brightwell is an experienced teacher and an Assistant Principal. She will work closely with Mrs MacDiarmid to ensure the class program is consistent. I will advise 4/5M parents of a staff appointment as soon as I am informed of the outcome. Please be aware that I understand that stability and continuity for the students is ideal, however this is not a decision we can make as a school.

Have a great break!
I want to acknowledge all the staff here at Oran Park Public School. They continue to work hard to provide the best possible outcomes for our children. I would also like to thank all of the parents who give up their time to support the children and staff, your continued efforts are invaluable.

I hope that everyone enjoys the holidays over the next two weeks. Hopefully the weather will be beautiful. After the very busy first term it’s time to relax. Have a safe break and we will see you on Tuesday 21st April.

Have an enjoyable holiday everyone!
Donna Shevlin

P & C Easter Raffle Donations
Oran Park Public School P & C Association is holding an Easter Raffle at the end of Term 1. To help us make this fundraiser a huge success we are calling for donations of Easter eggs. If you would like to get involved please drop off any donations to the front office. Thank you to those parents who have already donated to this fun event. Tickets and money need to be returned to school by 30th March 2015. The raffle will be drawn after the Easter Hat Parade on 2nd April 2015. We appreciate your ongoing support in making OPPS the best for our students

Regional and State Swimming
We had 3 students, Tammin, Jackson and Lachlan represent Razorback at the recent Regional Swimming Carnival. They all swim extremely well and proudly represented our school. Jackson came 1st in both the 10 year 50m Freestyle and Junior 50m Breaststroke and qualified for the Sydney South West team to compete at the State Carnival. This was held on Wednesday and Jackson swam personal bests at this carnival. Congratulations to you all on your achievements!
Camp Australia Before and After School Care
We have had an amazing time at Camp Australia Oran Park in the last couple of weeks! The theme last week was birthdays. So each day we have been doing something special for all the children whose birthday is in the month of March. This week we are having a games week. We are learning how to play lots of different types of games. The children have enjoyed playing a game called Colour. The children stand in the middle of the hall and someone yells a colour they see (it can be any colour). Then the children have to run to the colour! The children at Camp Australia could play this game for hours that’s how much they love it. On Wednesday 25/3/15 Camp Australia staff also celebrated with the children and wore Mufti instead of their uniforms. Kaylee and Rebecca really enjoyed joining in with the children and supporting them with this experience. If you would like any information please come and speak with the staff at the before and after school care. Our hours are 7.00am to 9.00am and 3.10pm to 6.00pm.

We are also having Holiday Club at Oran Park for school holidays, they will be commencing from the 7th of April till the 20th. The theme for the Holiday Club is Heroes! Each day is a fun filled day from finding out who is the best hero of all time to building your very own sidekick! We have a range of holiday clubs available from The Grange Public School (Minto) and Bowral Public School. If you wish to book your child into holiday club all you need to do is register online at campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs. We hope to see you there!
The Camp Australia Team: Kaylee and Rebecca 😊

Program Details
To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au

Lost Property
Is your child missing an item? Lost property is located in the plastic tub just inside the front office. There is a collection of containers, lunch boxes and drink bottles that have no names on them. All items that come to school should be labelled with your child’s name. This allows the items to be returned should they be left in the playground. Names that were written at the beginning of the year may need to be redone as they will fade over time with washing and laundering.

Term 1 in 1/2s
1/2S have participated in many fun and engaging activities this term. The children have settled well into their new classes and have wasted no time being productive, proud learners. We have had a maths focus in our class this term, playing many number games in pairs and small groups. We have also really enjoyed Reading Groups and learning many new WOW words like cantankerous, atrocious, preposterous and camouflage!!