Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone. It has been great to see all of the student’s happy, smiling faces back at school. Hopefully everyone had a fantastic holiday and that they are raring to go for Term Two! I look forward to another fun term as we all learn together.

Thank you for your understanding during the recent weather conditions and the resulting building issues. Wednesday, 22 April was a particularly problematic day. On that day, I was involved in a car accident whilst driving to work, which resulted in my absence until this week. Mrs Cleary, Mrs Duffield and Mrs Bradley managed some difficult issues in my absence. They did a great job, with the support of the staff, in ensuring that our children had minimal interruptions to their learning. Thank you for your support during this time.

At present, the front Administration Office is out of bounds, whilst repair works are carried out. All enquiries need to be directed to the Library. Mrs Nelson will be there to assist you. Other problems have been the telephones and internet. This has made it very difficult to communicate as frequently as we would have liked. Let’s hope we have a smooth remainder of the term!

**Staff Development Day**

On our first day back we had training in CPR, Anaphylaxis and our new Professional Development requirements. We spent an interesting and informative day learning together. We also focused on the importance of a quality education for all of our students and ensuring that all of our students are given the opportunities to succeed here at Oran Park Public School.

**ANZAC Day**

Mrs Salter organised a beautiful service for our students, parents and staff. Thank you to Mrs Payseno for making two beautiful wreaths. The children were very involved in the service and teachers were proud of the respect they showed. Thanks everyone.

**Annual School Report**

The Annual School Report for 2014 will be available on our website next week. I would like to thank all parents who assisted us by returning surveys last year to help us evaluate our practices. These surveys have assisted us with the Annual School Report and in the development of our three year School Plan.
Uniforms
Our school has a uniform policy and there is an expectation that all children will wear full school uniform. We are very proud of our uniform at Oran Park Public School and request that parents support us by ensuring that children are correctly dressed at all times. Please remember that school hats are mandatory all year long, as are black shoes/joggers on Monday through to Thursday. In winter, if girls wear the school shirt and black pants, they need to wear the correct bootleg pants. Tight black leggings, long or cropped, are not appropriate. If you require assistance with the purchase of uniform items I have some funding allocated to assist families.

New School Plan 2015
Considerable progress has been made in developing the new School Plan for 2015 - 2017.

There are Three Strategic Directions:

**Strategic Direction 1: Creative, innovative teaching and learning**
Quality teaching practices and creative, innovative learning experiences are embedded within an engaging curriculum. Individuals are encouraged to develop technological competencies and work collaboratively and creatively to achieve success.

**Strategic Direction 2: Quality leadership and professional practice**
Teacher capabilities are strengthened through professional learning with a focus on building teacher expertise to deliver a differentiated and inspiring curriculum. Teacher capacity is developed through ongoing leadership opportunities to guide new and innovative practices.

**Strategic Direction 3: Strong Foundation Partnerships**
Positive school culture and strong foundation connections are developed through building community relationships, mutual responsibility, respect, trust and a shared vision. Community engagement is developed through establishing effective communication processes, and building supportive, collaborative partnerships to provide students with a quality learning environment.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)
Next week 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"

Have an enjoyable week everyone!

Donna Shevlin

Bookclub News
We have recently sent home a brochure with books appropriate for your child’s grade. Spare order forms are available from the office or can be viewed online here [http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub](http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub)

Just a reminder that **payment is only accepted online** through Scholastic’s LOOP payment system which can be found at the following address [http://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/](http://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/) or it can be downloaded through the App Store on iPhone or iPad AND now is also available on Android through the Play Store.

There is more information on the school website under **Information for Parents > Scholastic Book Club**.

Orders for this issue of bookclub closes 15 May 2015
We look forward to your support.

Ms J. Bland
(Book Club Coordinator)
ENTER THE KINGDOM OF BOOKS
AT THE ORAN PARK BOOK FAIR

Monday 4th May until Friday 8th May.

**When** – Every morning from 8.30 – 9.10

**Where** – Oran Park Public School Library

**Theme** – Kings, Queens and Castles.

Students will be given the opportunity to look at and purchase books during their library time.
Parents are welcome to visit the library with their children in the mornings from 8.30 – 9.10.

**Camp Australia**
**Welcome Back!!**
Welcome back for Term 2, we hope everyone had a great break. This week at Before and After School Care our theme of the week is talking about all the fun we had on the holidays! Some of the children visited some of their friends over the break while others went to the movies and had some great adventures.

Camp Australia held their Holiday Club over the school break. Everyone was very busy with lots of activities. We were lucky enough to have a forensic scientist come out at teach the children all about DNA, types of fingerprints and the children even had the chance to solve a case like a police officer. We also got to build our every own sidekick’s which was a cute little bear that had a cape, mask and t-shirt to decorate as their sidekicks.

Another activity was to make a DVD of the children being superhero’s! We had special cameraman come and use a special backdrop that made the children look like they were flying. The children even got a DVD to keep to show family and friends. MONEY BOX superhero’s was another fun activity the children got to paint a superhero from a mixture of superman, batman and the hulk!!!

Thank you to all the children that come and spent some time at holiday club!!
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](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)
Cobbitty Village 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 disadvantaged.

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/along Cobbitty Road. We warmly welcome all visitors to our market, and encourage anyone interested in joining our volunteer market committee to contact us.