Dear Parents and Carers,

**Space Realty**
I would like to thank Space Realty at Oran Park for their ongoing and generous support of our school. Since their business opened here, they have not only donated 4 new computers to our school, they have offered to sponsor our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) signage. There will soon be signs at the front of the school reminding us all of our school values, Organised, Proud, Productive and Safe. They also have recently donated $800 to the P&C towards the purchase of gifts sold at the Fathers’ Day Stall. All proceeds will go to the school library to purchase new books so that all students benefit.

**P&C Fathers’ Day Stall**
I would like to thank parents from our school community and our P&C for their services at the recent Fathers’ Day stall. It is a great service to offer our students. The children love to choose gifts for mums and dads. Thank you to all parents who volunteered on the day and to those parents who bought gifts.

**Satisfaction Survey Responses**
I would like to continue sharing with you the recent parent responses to our Parent Survey.

One issue that was of concern was the Lost Property Box. We ask that you please label all items of clothing and lunch boxes. The Lost Property Box in the front office is often full of these items, yet there are no names on them. Your support in labelling all items would ensure students are able to locate their lost property efficiently. Should your child be missing an item please come and have look.

Another area of concern a parent made comment on was for the school to focus more on education than on sport. Sport is in fact considered...
mandatory education for all students K-6. There are mandatory curriculum guidelines that we follow which stipulate the amount of physical education we offer in a primary school, which is two and a half hours per week. These equate to one hour per week for sport and one and a half hours per week for Personal Development and Physical Education.

At our school we provide a comprehensive curriculum incorporating all areas of education. We offer a variety of educational opportunities as per guidelines. Each year we offer a Swimming Carnival, Cross Country, Athletics Carnival and Sports Gala Days for students aged 8 and over. We also offer whole school sport, gym and dance. Other areas we offer are Public Speaking, Debating, Choir, Spelling Bees, Talent Show, excursions, incursions, Book Week Celebrations and participation in combined and whole school concerts.

All of this plus the teaching of Literacy, Numeracy, Human Society and Its Environment, Science (HSIE), Aboriginal Education, Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) as well as Scripture and non-Scripture, Child Protection and Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), as determined by the NSW and Australian Curriculums.

Overall, I am very proud of the amount and variety of educational opportunities provided for our students in all areas of education.

The majority of the responses regarding what we do well at Oran Park Public School were positive and reaffirming for our staff. For example:

“Treat children like each one is special.”
“Our children seem happy and we can see how well they are developing and learning.”
“I believe you teach and care for our children well.”
“Provide excellent experiences for the children, have great teaching professionals and have good values for the children to follow.”
“All the teachers are friendly and approachable.”

The list goes on! Thank you for such positive feedback. I agree with these comments, our teachers are positive and happy, which is so important in ensuring that our children are educated in a positive and engaging environment.

Thank you for your participation in this survey. It really assists us in ensuring that we continually improve our services to you and your families.

**Kindergarten Enrolment for 2016**

Don’t forget to enrol your child for Kindergarten at Oran Park Public School for next year. Kindergarten Orientation letters have been sent out but it is not too late. Please contact the office to pick up an enrolment pack. It is important that your child has the opportunity to attend orientation and meet some of the teachers before next year.

Have a great week everyone!

*Donna Shevlin*

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

The Earn and Learn Campaign has now finished. Please send all stickers and sheets to the school office by Friday 11 September 2015. We currently have 27 000 stickers and will have a final tally once we have bundled them up to send away. Thank you to everyone that has been collecting for our school.
School Disco
On Tuesday 15 September, there will be a K-2 disco and a 3-6 disco during school hours. Children can wear mufti clothes on this day, but must not wear singlets or midriff tops as sun safety is paramount. Thongs and sandals are unsafe at school, so enclosed shoes such as joggers should be worn.

Please return the permission note and $5 for the disco as soon as possible. This covers your child’s entry, chips and a popper drink. All funds raised from the disco will contribute to our creative arts programs.

Mrs Duffield

Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm
Just a reminder that payments for this excursion need to be made by Wednesday 16 September 2015. Please send your permission note and $35 to the school office in an envelope. Extra notes are available at the office or on our website.

Zone and Regional Athletics
We had 27 students competing across 2 days at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Campbelltown Stadium. Every student was a proud representative of our school and performed to the best of their ability. Two students qualified for the regional carnival that was held yesterday. Lachlan and Matthew both came 1st in their 800m event and have qualified for the State Carnival. We wish them the best of luck!

Spelling Bee
Last week our school Spelling Bee finals were held. Kyna, Damian, Jessica and Jackson competed yesterday at the Regional Spelling Bee Finals. These students did an amazing job – standing up on the stage in front of an audience and spelling words that would challenge many adults!

Premiers Reading Challenge
Congratulations to all the students that completed this challenge. You will receive your certificate next term.

Whole School Assembly
There will be a Whole School Assembly on Wednesday 16 September in the hall starting at 9.20am. Assistant Principal and Principal Awards will be handed out at this assembly.

School Office Hours
The school office is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 3.30pm for any enquiries or assistance.

Late Arrivals and Early Departures
Should your children arrive at school after the bell has rung, they need to come to the office to receive a late pass. This allows us to change the class roll to show that they are present at school.

There are times that children need to leave school early. Parents need to come to the office to sign their children out. You will receive a pass to give to the class teacher. Should parents wish someone else to collect their children early, we ask that you provide a note on the day giving the name of the person signing them out.

Both late arrivals and early departures are recorded as partial absences and are recorded on your child’s report.

Parenting Ideas Magazine
The school has subscribed to Michael Grose’s Parenting Ideas website. The latest issue of Parenting Ideas Magazine is available online at [http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent_Magazine.html](http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent_Magazine.html) This is a fabulous mix of up-to-date articles from parenting experts, covering a range of parenting issues.
Camp Australia

What an amazing Term!

This term has been a busy and creative one! The children have participated in Camp Australia Back to School Smith Family fundraiser. The children took part in an Olympics; we had a handball tournament, an obstacle course, basketball and soccer. The children received some great prizes for participating and cheering for their peers!!

This term the children have also created some amazing art using recycled boxes. The children created gardens, they recreated the after school care room and children playing in the playground at school. They have done a great job!

Don’t forget about the Camp Australia holiday clubs these spring holidays. Whether it’s for one or two days or the whole holidays, your child is guaranteed to have lots of fun! Due to low numbers Oran Park will not be running holiday club. But there are some amazing services at other venues that you can book into and enjoy all the fun activities planned for the school holidays.

If you would like to book into holiday club please go onto the Camp Australia Website https://www.campaustralia.com.au/Holidayclubs/ or call our friendly customer service team on 1300 105 343

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

The Camp Australia Team.
DR STEVEN WALKER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FAMILY CARE PROGRAM

Managing Challenging Behaviours Collaboratively

8 SESSION PARENT WORKSHOP

Have you tried everything else & nothing works?
What will you learn?

● Child development and the relationship to seriously challenging behaviours
● You will consider the influence of the child, parent and the environment in the development of challenging behaviours over time.
● Looking for and identifying lost skills in AD/HD, ODD and CD.
● What’s behind the behaviour.
● Parents can be partners in managing a child’s challenging behaviour.
● Strategies to reduce outbursts and to teach new skills to your child.
● You will have the opportunity to think about your challenging child in a different light.

- For parents of children aged 12 years and under.

WHERE?
ORAN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL
390 South Circuit, Oran Park
These workshops are not for service providers - only parents / carers

WHEN?
8 week program
10am- 12pm
Thursday 8 October and every Thursday morning after until 26th November, 2015

COST?
Gold coin donation for morning tea
Please phone 9603 7011 to discuss – Bookings need to be made

CONTACT FOR REGISTRATION?
Disability Macarthur: Family Support & Care
ASK TO SPEAK TO TREVOR
Ph. 9603 7011
(Registrations essential as numbers are limited)

For parents who may have children diagnosed with ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD) Conduct Disorder (CD) or disruptive behaviour.

Macarthur District Temporary Family Care Inc- for over thirty years supporting our community. T/A Disability Macarthur – Family Support and Care
All children under 18 years of age are eligible for **FREE DENTAL CARE** at NSW Public Oral Health Clinics

NSW Health recommends that all children have a dental check-up

Toothache can cause children to miss school. Pain can stop children playing, eating and sleeping.

To make an appointment, contact:

- Your family dentist; or
- The Public Dental Service

PUBLIC DENTAL ACCESS CENTRE TELEPHONE

(02)9293 3333 / 1300 559 393