



Orana Heights Public School

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Term 1 Week 11

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Colour Run

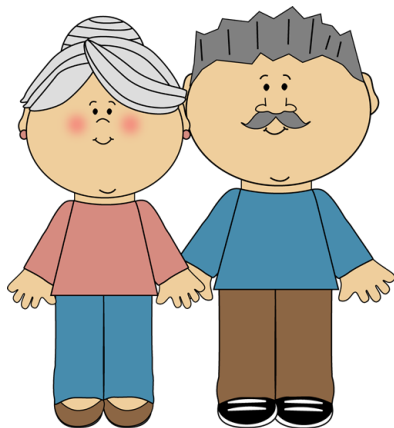
On Thursday April 11, we will enjoy a Colour Run on Jubilee Oval.

This event has carried over from Term 4 2023, when the weather was too hot.

Students may wear casual clothes and covered shoes.

If your child travels home by bus, please send a small towel to dust off before boarding the bus.

PBL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ... YAH!



Grandparents Day

and

Book Fair

Thursday May 9 2024

Grandparents are invited to visit students in classrooms from 12:30pm, then stay and enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch. There will be an opportunity to purchase quality books at the Book Fair.

Sausage order requests will be sent home in Week 1 next term.

Every minute counts...

Next term, Home School Liaison Officers and Aboriginal Student Liaison Officers, will interview students about absences (partial, lateness, whole days & truancy).

This will be done via face to face and phone interviews.

The law in New South Wales regarding attendance at school is very specific. Children between the ages of six and seventeen years must attend school on all days the school is open unless there are justified reasons for an absence. All absences must be satisfactorily explained to the school at which the child is enrolled within 7 days.

From the Principal's Desk

As Term 1 comes to an end, please remind your children that staff appreciate their good manners and settled attitude in the classrooms. So many of our students **come to school positive and ready for their day**. This week there seems to be an extra spring in the steps as we all gained an extra hour of a morning.

This week we will be posting letters to acknowledge those students who have **been at school for 100%**. These are finalised on Friday as we check to make sure students come on the very last day. As of today we have well over 100 students who have attended every day this term.

Letters will also be posted home to those students who have been to school less than 85% of the term. We know that some of these percentages will be due to families choosing to take holidays during the term, however, it is important we communicate the effect this has on school and education being missed.

Last week I read some research **about what Smartphones are doing to our children's brain development**. The statistics in teenagers of depression, anxiety and social dysfunctionality, is on the rise. Some of my readings made links between these statistics and children under the age of 12 years old engaging with social media and having a Smartphone and how this is altering the development of the brain at a very young age. One controversial article explained why they would raise the legal joining age of all social media platforms to 16+. It was so much simpler when I was a child. I went home from school, I played with my siblings and neighboring friends, and felt no pressure to engage in content outside of home. Now I feel old! Again, if you need advice, the eSafety Commissioner site has lots for parents and children to navigate this world of devices.

There is lots to **look forward to on our calendar**. Already Term 2 is busy as you will see in this newsletter.

Thank you to our whole school community for a **terrific start to 2024** school year. Overall, teachers have expressed how quickly students settled into their new routines and have built connections with peers and adults alike.

Enjoy time with **family and friends** over the school term break. I look forward to the safe and happy return of students on Tuesday 30 April 2024.

Annie Munro

Leading up to Mother's Day early in Term 2: *One day when my children are grown, I hope they still come through the front door without knocking. I hope they head to the kitchen for a snack, and slump on the sofa to watch TV. I hope they come in and feel the weight of adulthood leave them for they are home. For my children, my door will be forever open.* - Anonymous.

Year 5 Opportunity Class (OC) for 2025

Dear parents/caregivers, applications for the Yr 5 2025 Opportunity Class close on Monday 20 May 2024.

For further information: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/choosing-a-school/opportunity-classes#Types0>

To apply go to the application site at: shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au and register your own name and email address and create a password.

Mother's Day Stall



The P&C will be holding a Mother's Day stall on Tuesday 7 May 2024. More information will be sent home next term.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing smiling student faces next term.



Term 1 - 2024

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
11	8	9 Ear Bus	10	11 Colour Run	12 9am Playgroup 11.40am K-2 Assembly 2pm Yrs 3-6 Assembly Last day of Term 1

Term 2 - 2024

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 April May	29 School Development Day	30 Students return for Term 2	1 Boys' knockout cricket	2	3 9am Playgroup 9.30am -2pm School Cross Country
2 May	6	7 9am-3pm Stage 2 Peachey/Richardson Boys 9am-3pm Stage 3 Peachey/Richardson Girls P&C Mother's Day Stall	8	9 Grandparents Day + Book Fair Knockout Netball School dances - after school	10 Kinder Mother's Day craft and morning tea 11.10am PSSA Sport Starts
3	13	14	15	16 9am - 3pm Rugby League Knockout	17 9am Playgroup 11.10am PSSA Sport 11.40am K-2 Assembly 2pm 3-6 Assembly
4	20	21	22 9am-3pm District Cross Country - Geurie	23	24 9am Playgroup 11.10am PSSA Sport
5	27	28	29 9am Netball School Cup	30 OHPS hosting Western Regional Debate Workshop	31 9am Playgroup 11.10am PSSA Sport

P&C News

The OHPS P&C would like your opinions and suggestions.

Have you ever had a conversation with your child about what they would like to see in their school? Well now is the time. The P&C are looking for a project to direct fundraising towards.

Maybe some more play equipment? Maybe more shade? Maybe something that another school has, that OHPS could have.

If you have some ideas we would like to hear them. Please write your ideas down and leave them in the suggestion box at the front office.

Donna Cornwell, P&C Fundraising Coordinator

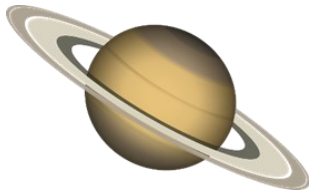
Oakey's News

Congratulations to Mason Edwards. He correctly identified the word 'shivers'. Using the code, SHIVERS equates to $19 + 8 + 9 + 22 + 5 + 18 + 19 = 100$.
I wonder how many other combinations there are?



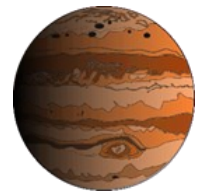
Oakey's Week 11 Challenge

Pretend you are a famous futuristic explorer. You discover a new planet. Create a fact sheet about the planet. What is the name of your planet?



Does it have moons or rings? Is there life on the planet?

How far is it from the sun? Is it in our solar system?
Draw a diagram of your planet - think of shape, colour and interesting markings.



Post your entry with your name and class in the library by Friday.

Congratulations to the following Award Winners



Honour Awards

Abigail Nott	Alexis Gamble	Ariah Johnston	Ashton Prabhakar
Austin Healey	Macii Tink	Ava Duggan x 3	Ava Harper
Carter Triplett x 3	Harrison Lemonius	Clancy Mills	Thea Davis
Isabella Grant	Jack Dowler	Josephine Smith	Khaleesi Tasker x 2
Liam Hyde	Lily Grant	Madyson Kent	Mahaliah Oui x 2
Nate Shields	Paityn Smith	Ruby Randle	Stanley Graham
Xavier Barry	Helga De Guzman	Onenhlanhla Mtetwa	Mackenzie Madigan x 3

Distinction Awards

Isabelle Grant	Mason Catell	Lily Grant	Jack Temessl	Layla Carey
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ASPIRE

DUBBO COLLEGE ASPIRE PROGRAM

Developing positive attitudes to learning and advanced academic skills.



Identify Strengths



Inspire Creativity



Academic Excellence

SELECTION CRITERIA

Strong academic performance across a range of subjects with developed literacy and numeracy skills

Critical and creative thinking

High level of self motivation

Positive attitudes to school and learning

Ability to work in a team in learning situations

Positive behaviours which enhance learning

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications close Friday 3rd May 2024

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCASP2025>

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



BOOK FAIR

Book Fair will be held in our school hall during Grandparents' visit.

Let's celebrate Grandparents' Day

SEND US A SELFIE OF YOU AND YOUR GRANDPARENT READING TOGETHER

By submitting your photo, you will be entered into a book fair raffle! Prizes awarded Friday 10th May.



CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL PEOPLE AT ORANA HEIGHTS

THURSDAY 9TH MAY





WESTERN THEME SCHOOL DANCE



Orana Heights School Auditorium

THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024

Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2

4:00 - 5:15pm

Year 3 and Year 4

5:30pm - 6:45pm

Year 5 and Year 6

7:00pm - 8:15pm



\$5.00 includes a drink
and a treat. Cash Only

