



Orana Heights Public School

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Term 1 Week 10

Tuesday 1 April 2025



Congratulations

to the following PBL badge recipients.

Penny Troutman (top L)

Madeleine Furney (top R)

Olivia Rowney (L)

The PBL badge is the 2nd highest PBL award at Orana Heights.



Easter Raffle and Hat Parade

It's not too late to donate Easter goodies for the raffle. Thank you to those families who have already sent in some Easter chocolates. The raffle will be drawn at the K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 10 April.

Donations of easter chocolates; eggs, mini eggs, bunnies, gift packs etc are greatly appreciated. These can be dropped into the school office or given to your child's teacher.

Parents are invited to watch the parade, starting at 9:15am on the covered basketball court.



Principal's Message

Overdue/missing library books: last week notices were sent home to those who have a book from our school library. If the book cannot be found and returned, please contact the office to pay for a replacement.

Sport: there are many sport opportunities during the school days at OHPS. This is especially for our senior students. A reminder that behaviour comes first. OHPS has a system whereby when a team is selected, the list is sent to class teachers and executive staff to approve representation of the school.

Science and Engineering Challenge: Last Friday 31 Year 6 students walked to the Dubbo showground for this annual event. Every student was respectful in full school uniform and displayed team attitude. Thank you to Mr Sandry for organising this event for our students.

New build and refurbishment: yesterday many from our school community took advantage of a display in our school hall to view the exciting improvements that will be taking place. Project staff from Sydney supported this event with visual displays and knowledge to answer many questions.

OoSH (Out of School Hours - Before and After school care): OHPS is lucky to have this service on the school grounds. If you require care for your child before 8:30 am- please contact them directly on P: 6883 2300 or 1800 319 551. School staff are not able to supervise students prior to 8:30 am or after 3:10 pm. Thank you for respecting this request.

P&C meeting: The April P&C meeting will be held at 6:00 pm promptly in the staffroom (located near the admin area) tonight. I look forward to seeing familiar and new faces. The AGM has been postponed until the May meeting.

Annie Munro - Principal

Quote for the week: "The things that make me different are the things that make me."- A. A. Milne

Congratulations to the following Award Winners this week



Honour Awards

Mia Stein	Max Cornwell	Murphy Hodge	Ava Peckham	Elijah Sargent
Hope Sidoti	Charlotte Spence	Mahalia Turuva x 4	Agasthya Anoop	Sophie Ryan
Kyron Fistr	Beckett Frail	Annabel Douglas	Jack Darlington	Nicolas Cronin
Eli Boden	Madeleine Furney	Savanna Baldwin	Sophia Zmyslowski	Hector Mutluol
Connor Fidock	Aria Bernard x 3	Rebekah Davies	Annaleigh Carpenter	Oliver Wilson
Phoebe Hall	Nate Shields x 2	Sophia Mutluol	Elijah Dunn	Jacob Davidson
Alexis Fearne	Lacey Johnson	Liam Hyde	Penny Troutman x 6	Thea Baker
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Distinction Awards

Cody Stewart	Mahalia Turuva	Agasthya Anoop	Maci-Lee Riley	Oliver Wilson Aria
Bernard	Madeleine Furney	Lachlan Chown	Whitney Ah-See-May	Nate Shields
Ellanor Chown	Connor Fidock	Sophia Mutluol	Lacey Johnson	Penny Troutman
Zibusiso Mtetwa-Nyoni		Helga Sabine De Guzman		



On Thursday March 20, the Orana Heights knockout cricket team played Buninyong Public School in a 50 over cricket match. Orana Heights came away with the win after bowling Buninyong all out with 2 overs and 43 runs to spare. The team plays again on Thursday April 10.



Busting lunchbox myths!

Marketing and health claims can make choosing everyday foods very confusing.

Did you know that whilst a muesli bar contains healthy ingredients, the added sugar and fat make it a sometimes food?

Swap from muesli bars to sunflower or pumpkin seeds, roasted fava beans, wholegrain cereal bites, reduced fat yoghurt or fresh fruit.

**SWAP
FROM**



Muesli bar



**SWAP
TO**



Wholegrain cereal bites

Excursion Deposits Due:

Year 6 excursion deposit due Friday 4 April 2025 - \$150.00

Year 5 excursion deposit due Friday 4 April 2025 - \$150.00

Term 1 - 2025

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10 Mar/ April	31 Display of new building plans 3-6pm	1 9am AFL Gala Day P&C meeting 6pm	2	3	4 9-10.30am Playgroup 9am-3pm St 3 Girls and Boys RL
11 April	7	8	9	10 9:15am Easter Hat Parade and Raffle Draw 10am Boys KO cricket	11 9-10.30am Playgroup 11.40am K-2 Assembly 2pm 3-6 Assembly

Term 2 - 2025

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 April/ May	28 School Development Day	29 School Development Day	30 Students return for T2	1 9-11am KO Netball 9am Stage 2 boys RL	2
2 May	5	6 OHPS Cross Country	7	8 P&C Mother's Day Stall KO boys and girls touch	9 PSSA sport starts
3 May	12 SRC Grip Leadership Day	13	14	15 KO Rugby League	16 Walk Safely to School Day PSSA sport 11:40am K-2 assembly 2pm 3-6 assembly
4 May	19	20	21	22	23 PSAA sport

Oakey's New Challenge Week 10 & 11

Week 10 Challenge - Palindromes

Palindromes are numbers, words or sentences that can be read forward or backwards. A few word examples are dad, madam, rotator and Hannah.

How many palindromes can you think of?
Sentence palindromes are fun to collect also. For an extra challenge, can you add a sentence or two to the bottom of your list?
For example, No lemons, no melon.

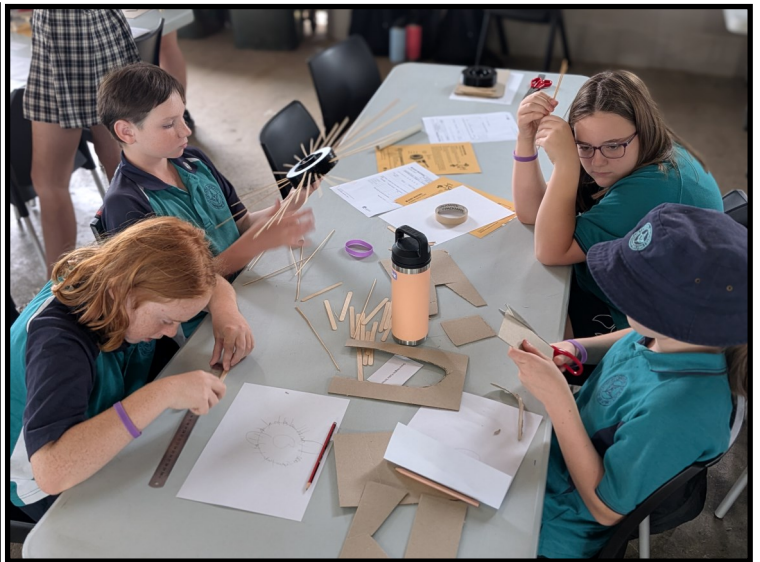


Week 11 Challenge - Would you rather?

Would you rather meet a dinosaur or an alien?

Make a list of the advantages and disadvantages of both to help you decide.





Western Science and Engineering Challenge

Last Friday, 31 students enjoyed a day of completing a variety of challenges as part of the Western Science and Engineering Challenge, run by the University of Newcastle. Our students worked collaboratively to find solutions for a variety of challenging scenarios, such as building bridges, making planes and organising a catchment system inspired by the Brewarrina Fish Traps. It was an excellent day for our students who have a demonstrated interest in the STEM field.



Rugby 7s

Last week, 20 Stage 2 students had a great day playing rugby as part of the Dubbo Primary Schools Mixed Gala Day. Our students demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who came along to help and cheer us on.



SPORT NEWS

Dubbo District 12's Rugby League Team

Congratulations Judd Shields, Maddix Adimari, Olly Grose & Jack Dowler on your selection in Dubbo District PSSA 12's rugby league team. The boys will trial for a spot in the Western team on Monday 7th April in Parkes. Good luck boys.

Dubbo District 11's Rugby League Team

Congratulations Ari Williams, Bryson Frail, Hudson Corby & Jonty Goodwin on your selection in Dubbo District PSSA 11's rugby league team. The boys will trial for a spot in the Western team on Monday 7th April in Parkes. Good luck boys.

Stage 3 Boys Yeo/Henry Gala Day (previously Peachey/Richardson)

Friday 4th April in Dubbo. Mrs Sandry & Mr Hill taking the teams. Parents welcome to watch. Katrina Gibbs Ovals (in front of Officeworks)

Stage 2 Mixed Liam Henry Gala Day

Thursday 1st May at Apex Oval. Mr Hill will send out details this week.

NSW Netball Schools Cup

Monday 5th May. Mrs Grinter will send out details this week.



Term 2 PSSA Sport

Please discuss options with your child/ren. Yr 6 & Yr 4 are given first preference. Soccer must wear shin pads. Stage 3 boys union must wear mouthguard & headgear.

Junior Soccer (Girls)	Jubilee
Senior Soccer (Girls)	Jubilee
Junior Soccer (Boys)	Lady Cutler A/B/C & Pavans
Senior Soccer (Boys)	Lady Cutler 1-4 & Market Garden
Junior Netball (Girls)	Nita McGrath
Senior Netball (Girls)	Nita McGrath
Junior League – Tag (Girls)	Bob Dowling Ovals
Senior League – Tag (Girls)	Riverbank
Junior Ultimate Frisbee (Boys)	Apex Oval
Senior Ultimate Frisbee (Boys)	Apex Oval
Rugby Union – Senior Boys ONLY	Vic Park 2&3
Variety of sports – Support class students or funded students in mainstream	Katrina Gibbs

2024 Knockout Sports

Boys Cricket – Congratulations on your win against Buninyong. Next game 10th April against Wellington in Dubbo

Netball – 1st May against Buninyong at the netball courts.

Girls & Boys Touch – Thursday 8th May in Dubbo

Rugby league – Thursday 15th May in Dubbo.

Yours in Sport

Mrs Hall





Harmony Day 2025

The school was awash with tones of yellow and orange as we celebrated Harmony Day on March 21.

Students participated in various activities, encompassing the theme, *We All Have a Role to Play*.

Year 4 Red Hill excursion





Book Club

Issue 2 Book Club
Orders close -
Thursday April 3



If you would like your child's hat clearly labelled, on the underside of the crown, drop the hat into the office on a Thursday morning. Hats will be returned to students by recess. Gold coin donation per hat.



Do you like gardening?

As our gardens grow, we need help with their upkeep. If you are interested in working around the school for some hours each week, doing some light pruning, weeding and tidying the gardens, please call into the school office.

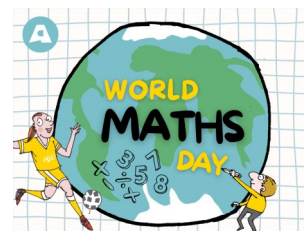
In Term 2, we are offering students in Years 3 to 6 the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.

Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours.

Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which is attached to this newsletter, and return it to your child's teacher. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/nps>



World Maths Day



Stage 1 students participated in World Maths Day last week. They completed various tasks, competing against other students around Australia. Students were engaged and persistent in their attempt to find their solutions.



NSW Public Schools Student Survey

Information and opt-out form

Dear parents and carers

In Term 2, our school is taking part in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey is being conducted by the NSW Department of Education (the department) and invites students to provide valuable feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

The survey will allow the department to conduct analysis and research into student wellbeing and engagement to drive improvement for all NSW public schools.

What you need to know

- Participating students will be given a unique login to complete the survey online.
- Students will complete the survey at school during school hours. The survey will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.
- Participating in the survey is voluntary. Opting not to participate will not impact your child's school experience. Your child can choose to stop the survey at any time and they can skip any questions that they prefer not to answer.
- More information about the survey and the research is available at education.nsw.gov.au/npss.

What information is collected and why

The department will collect personal information from your child including, but not limited to, information relating to their gender, cultural background, and their opinions on matters such as their school experience. Information will be held and managed by the NSW Department of Education, 105 Phillip Street, Parramatta NSW 2150. This information is collected to support every student to achieve their educational potential, and for other directly related purposes including but not limited to:

- implementing programs that meet student educational and support needs
- maintaining the good order and management of schools
- assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of programs and their impact on student educational outcomes
- conducting lawful research and compiling statistics relating to the education and wellbeing of students and student performance
- operational and administrative purposes.

How the department may use the information

Survey results may be used locally at schools to help inform planning and decision-making. Your child's school will receive a report once surveys are completed, but school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. At least 5 students need to have answered the question in the same way for that data to be included in the results.

The department's analysis of the data will involve linking students' responses to their student reference number (SRN). Responses may then be linked with other information the department may hold, such as students' scholastic year, gender, Aboriginal status, cultural background, migrant status and whether they are a person with a disability. This will allow the department to group the results for analysis and research purposes.

The department does not intend to give you a copy of your child's responses, or the opportunity to amend them. You may contact the department to request access to the survey responses, and your request will be considered in light of the department's obligations under law.

For more information about how the department will protect your child's information, visit education.nsw.gov.au/npss.

Opting out

If you **do not want your child/children to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by:

If you do not return the attached form, the school will assume that you consent to your child/children's participation.

Principal

School



NSW Public Schools Student Survey

Opt-out form

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by:

I **do not** give consent for my child/children to participate in the **NSW Public Schools Student Survey**.

Name of student 1

Roll class of student 1

Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

Name of student 3

Roll class of student 3

Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

Name of parent/carer

Date

Signature of parent/carer