







Thank you to all the families and friends who were able to visit us at school yesterday during our special NAIDOC event. The weather held a sunny day as students rotated through a variety of indoor and outdoor activities learning about cultural aspects of Australian indigenous history. I would also like to acknowledge the work of staff in organising the day. Our visitors who presented to groups of students and the students from high school for their cooking and supporting students – we are extremely grateful and appreciate support that makes our day possible.

This week marks the final week of service for our current Out of School Hours (OoSH) providers. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank them for the dedication and support they have shown to our families over the past years. As we prepare to welcome new providers to OHPS, we extend our best wishes to DNC in their future endeavours and continued service in other areas of our community.

A reminder that Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, 2 July. This is a valuable opportunity for families to connect with teachers, reflect on student progress, and discuss the recently issued half-yearly reports. Bookings are open, and a link has been sent to schedule your interview time.

Congratulations to many of our sporting teams this term. There has been a display of exemplary sportsmanship from our students. This has been demonstrated through our knockout teams as well as Friday's PSSA. Nothing speaks as clearly as other principals offering a comment about how much schools enjoy playing against OHPS.

As we approach the school term break, we encourage families to be mindful of the amount and type of screen time children are viewing. While technology can be a great source of entertainment and learning, it's important to help children strike a healthy balance between screen use and other activities such as outdoor play, reading, creativity, and rest. We recommend setting clear limits and encouraging quality screen content when devices are being used. The break is also a great opportunity to enjoy some screen-free family time and to support healthy routines that will make the return to school easier.

We look forward to seeing all students return to school happy and healthy on Tuesday 22 July 2025.

*Annie Munro - Principal*

*Quote for the week: "It is better to do something than to do nothing while waiting to do everything." – Winston Churchill*

### ICAS Assessments

ICAS recognises academic performance in a way others celebrate achievements in sport or the arts. Students can sit up to **six literacy and STEM papers** including **English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Writing** and **Spelling Bee**. If you would like your child to participate in these assessments please use the link below to the parent page and enter our school access code to purchase these for your child. Registrations close on the **21 July 2025**. Assessments will be conducted at school during the dates set out below.

Parent page link: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

School access code: **WDD579**

SUBJECT	SITTING WINDOWS	PRICE PER ASSESSMENT
Digital Technologies (Years 2 – 6)	4 Aug – 8 Aug 2025	\$20.95
Writing (Years 3 – 6)	4 Aug – 8 Aug 2025	\$24.95
English (Years 2 – 6)	11 Aug – 15 Aug 2025	\$20.95
Science (Years 2-6)	18 Aug – 22 Aug 2025	\$20.95
Spelling Bee (Years 2-6)	18 Aug – 22 Aug 2025	\$20.95
Mathematics (Years 2-6)	25 Aug – 29 Aug 2025	\$20.95

Term 2 - 2025					
Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10 June/ July	30 NAIDOC Day	1 NAIDOC Week	2 NAIDOC Week 8am K/O Girls & Boys Rugby Union 3.20 -7pm Parent/ Teacher Interviews	3 NAIDOC Week	4 NAIDOC Week Last day Term 2

Term 3 - 2025					
Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 July	21 School Development Day	22 All students return for Term 3	23 Touch Gala day 9am	24 St 3 to Dubbo College performance	25
2	28	29	30 KO Boys AFL	31	1 K-2 assembly 11:40am 3-6 assembly 2pm
3 August	4	5 KO Boys soccer P&C meeting 6pm	6	7	8
4	11	12 Mini Lessons Transition Yr 6	13	14 9am - 3pm OHPS Athletics Carnival	15
5	18	19	20	21	22 K-2 assembly 11:40am 3-6 assembly 2pm
6	25	26 Whole School Performance - Matinee	27 Whole School Performance - Evening	28	29 9am District Athletics Carnival



The boys soccer team, wearing the new shirts donated by the P&C.

They won their game against DSPS last week and will play Narromine PS after the holidays.



## ***Congratulations to the following Award Winners for Weeks 6 to 9***



### ***Honour Awards***

Akl Taleb	Alexis Fearne	Alyce Vergerio	Amelia Taleb x 2	Andre Johnson
Apryl Newby	Archie Weatherall	Ariah Johnston	Arlah Peters	Ashtin Arnold
Austin Healey	Ava Behsman x 3	Ava Peckham x 2	Ava Ronayne	Avayah Sargent
Bailey Jones x 2	Beckett Frail	Bella Simpson	Brandon Adamson	Bryson Frail x 2
Charlotte Gibson	Charlotte Pereira	Clancy Mills x 2	Cooper Browne	Darcy Barraclough
Dustin Worm	D'Jemaya Gibson	Elijah Sargent	Elsie Green x 2	Hallie Baker
Georgia Daly	Hailey Cusack	Hannah Wilkinson	Henry Rathbone x 2	Holly Turner
Jack Dowler x 2	Jake Davidson	Jasper Mees x 2	Jaxon Carroll	Jedd Oliver
Jesse Tink	Jett Lummis	Joey Howard	Jonty Goodwin	Jordana Powyer x 2
Kai Shields	Keaton Swanson	Khloe Cairncross x 2	Kobi Lummis	Kobi Peters
Kyrah Stanley	Kyron Fistr	Lachlan Chown x 2	Lachlan Smith	Lawson Stanley x 2
Layla Carey x 3	Lennix Robbins	Leon Palmer	Letty Lawson	Levi Schaefer x 6
Liam Allen	Liam Tasker x 2	Lily Edwards	Lily Grant x 4	Logan Sargent
Lola Behsman	Lucy Langman	Lucy Lee	Luke Cronin	Lydia Johnston
Mack Goodwin	Maddison Sykes	Maddix Adimari	Mahliya Hampton	Maisy Carey x 2
Maliah Corby	Mary Fogg	Mason Monaghan	Matilda Mannering	Matilda Wade
Maxwell Bell	Mia Blair	Mia Gamble	Mia Stein x 2	Mithura Jagan
Murphy Hodge	Mya Ronayne	Myah Sargent	Myles Kelly	Nicolas Cronin
Noah Hyde	Noah Bedingfield	Oliver Vizintin	Oliver Wilson	Olivia Gibson
Olly Grose x 2	Onyx Baker	Paige Dunk	Paityn Fox x 2	Patrick Daly
Remi Blair	Penelope Mills x 2	Piper Johnston x 2	Quade Okros x 2	Rhayne Merritt
Riya Ralph	Rubie Benwell	Savannah Hocking	Sophia Mutluol	Sophie Ryan
Stanley Graham	Tara Dunn x 2	Tayte Smith	Thomas Peacock	Tia Mostyn
Toby Kearines	Trinity Ryan	Tyler Smith	Whitney Ah-See-May	Wyatt Ralph
Zac Ronayne	Zaylee Hill	Addison Smith-Dargin	Airlie Howard x 2	Ziya Hill
Umar Ubaidah Bin Ahmad Afiq	Hamzah Bin Ahmad Afiq x 8	Ashton Prabhakar x 2	Evelyn-Mae Virtue x 2	Carissa Nolan x 2
Marianna Koutsogiannis		Knox McLean	Koa Mazoudier-Medcalf	Mace Weldon-Ryan

### ***Distinction Awards***

Hallie Baker	Lennix Robbins	Mason Monaghan	Holly Turner	Jack Dowler
Levi Schaefer	Jedd Oliver	Nicholas Deguara	Kyla Harris	Patrick Daly
Ashtin Arnold	Piper Johnston	Quade Okros	Lahni Weldon-Ryan	Elijah Sargent
Layla Weatherall	Layla Carey	Amira Abid	Liam Tasker	Ava Behsman
Bailey Jones	Apryl Newby	Hamzah Bin Ahmad Afiq		



Last week, 26 medical students from Sydney visited our school, spending time in each classroom discussing ear health.

They brought with them some of the Hear our Heart puppets, who were popular additions to the playground and classrooms.

Each student heard about the importance of nose blowing to keep the ear canals clear, alleviate congestion and improve hearing.

Some students have been learning sign language in class.



# YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR WELCOME BBQ!

**FRIDAY 18 JULY 2025**

TIME: 11AM-1PM ORANA HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

This isn't our grand opening, but it's a great opportunity to drop in, ask questions and connect before we start on Tuesday, 22 July.

- Enjoy a free sausage sizzle
- Come and say hello to your new educators
- Take a look around the OOSH Hub



Scan the QR code to RSVP  
by Tuesday 15 July 2025



**Children First** is the new provider for **Before and After School care** on site at Orana Heights PS.

They will provide coverage from Tuesday July 22 2025.

Please contact Taylor on 0481 953 299 for registration enquires.



The boys AFL team have progressed through to the next round. They will play Forbes PS early next term.





Every year we lose many books from the library. Many of these go home, never to be returned. Please, do a careful tidy-up at home and check for books that belong to the OHPS library. They will have a barcode on the spine and an OHPS stamp inside the front or back cover.

If your child has a book borrowed from our library, that has not been returned, they should have brought a notice home, detailing the name of the book and the cost to replace it.



Yesterday, students and staff enjoyed NAIDOC. We thank the many student helpers from Dubbo College, the staff from Dubbo College who made their visit to OHPS possible, along with many other community members who came and spoke about their heritage and culture. Our students enjoyed the various activities and sausage sizzle lunch, ending the afternoon with a students versus staff game of Buroinjin.

Thank you to the many family members who came and enjoyed the day with us.





## Parent/teacher interviews—Wednesday July 2 2025

Book a time to speak with your child's teacher. Discuss progress so far this year, goals for the remainder of the year, the Semester 1 report, highlights or concerns.

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Event code: **6n55t**



### Did you know?

Part 4A of the Online Safety Act 2021 introduces an obligation on age-restricted social media platforms to **prevent children under 16 years from having accounts on their services, by December 2025**. This obligation is one part of a broader strategy to create safer digital spaces for everyone.

Use this link to read more and access great resources for keeping your children safe online:



**eSafety Commissioner**



The Cultural Dance group, performing at the Western Dance Festival. (Photo by WinkoPoP Media)





The OHPS Dance Ensemble, performing at the Western Dance Festival.

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