



Orana Heights Public School

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Term 2 Week 6

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Thank you to all the families who came along to our **Grandparents Day last week**. We have found that traditionally this is one of our most supported community events. We welcomed not just grandparents, but also parents, aunts, uncles and good friends of our students. Having a group of trusted adults is highly valued for our students.

As we approach halfway point for the school year, we start to encourage families to **enrol for Kindergarten 2026**. We value those in our intake area as well as those who have links to our school, enrolling early. This can be done by collecting a package at the office as well as initial steps being completed online. If you know of someone who is unsure about the start to school for their child, please have them firstly contact the office ladies for advice.

Attendance continues to be a high priority for all students. In short- if a child is not at school, it is hard for them to learn the curriculum! There is so much they miss out on by missing school days- missing education, missing friendships, missing adult connections, and the list goes on. If your child does miss a day, please ensure you let school know of the reason.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletter information, Orana Heights PS has a new provider coming onboard for our OOSH service. The new team from Children's First will continue to support families in their requirements for both **Before and After School Care**. In this newsletter, you will see contact details to use if you have questions but be assured, they are working hard with us to ensure minimal disruption to looking after your children.

Do you allow your child to engage with social media? Be aware of how easy it is for them to see inappropriate content for their age and be exposed to inappropriate language. We have been addressing some students at school around their choice of words and have been told more than once that this is being seen and heard on TikTok. TikTok states that the app is intended for users aged 13 years and over, though this age limit is set to increase to 16 years old in December 2025. However, there is no strict age verification process, making it possible for younger users to join the platform.

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Quote for the week: "Education is not just the learning of facts but the training of the mind to think." - Albert Einstein.

Congratulations to the following Award Winners for Weeks 4 & 5



Honour Awards

Ellanor Chown	Archer Connolly x 5	Hudson Connolly x 2	Lexi Cornwell x 2	Aleena Eade
Jackson Gaydon	Laney Gersbach	Austin Healey	Leo Hodge	Dakota Johnston
Baylee Johnston	Jett Lummis	Hailey Mushaninga	Sophia Mutluol	Apryl Newby
Calvin Norton	Layne O'Hara x 3	Jasper Pool	Charlie Porteous	Jaiden Porteous
Maeci Rhodes	Harrison Rindfleish	Hendrix Smith	Lily Stewart x 2	Ariah Triplett x 3
Holly Turner x 2	Layla Weatherall x 3	Chloe Turner	Zibusiso Mtetwa-Nyoni	
Eleanor Koutsogiannis				

Distinction Awards

Lexi Cornwell	Jaiden Porteous	Lily Stewart	Chloe Turner	Oliver Vizintin	Ariah Triplett
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Term 2 - 2025

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
6 June	2 Chess Tournament 10am – 1pm K/O Girl & Boys Basketball	3 9.30am - 3pm Debating Workshop 9.45am-5N, 2M & 2W @ Eisteddfod	4 8.45am - 3pm John Moriarty Gala Day 9.30-10.45am Yr6 Mini Lessons - Dubbo College	5 9.30 - 10.30am K/O Boys Soccer	6 9 - 11am K/O Netball 11.40am PSSA Sport 11:40am K-2 Assembly 2pm 3-6 Assembly
7 June	9 Kings Birthday Public Holiday	10 12pm - 1.30pm K/O Boys Touch	11 Western Cross Country 9.20am-12pm 5H @ Eisteddfod Ear Bus	12 Ear Bus NSW Primary Schools Chess Teams Comp.	13 9.30 - 11am K/O AFL 11.40am PSSA Sport STEM Show
8	16	17 9 - 11.30am Eisteddfod Dance Groups 6pm P&C Meeting	18 9.15am-12.30pm 2T/2R Eisteddfod Verse Speaking 12.30 Eisteddfod Drama Groups	19 8.30-11.30am Western Dance Festival Canteen Meal Deal	20 11.40am PSSA Sport
9	23	24 Semester 1 reports published	25	26 S2 Spelling Bee	27 9.30-10.45am Yr6 Mini Lessons - Dubbo College 11.40am PSSA Sport 11:40am K-2 Assembly 2pm 3-6 Assembly
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

Children First our new Before and After
School Care provider.

Enquiries: call Taylor on: 0481 953 299



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Canteen News

State of Origin Meal Deal - Thursday 19 June

- ♦ **Cost \$9.00**
- ♦ **Orders can be place on Flexischools by 12.30pm on Wednesday 18 June 2025 or return your order form and money to the canteen by Tuesday 17 June 2025.**
- ♦ **NO late orders accepted.**
- ♦ **Any allergy enquires, please contact the canteen after 2pm on 6882 4162.**
- ♦ **Please note: This will be the only food option available at lunch.**



SPORT NEWS

District Cross Country

Congratulations to all the Orana Heights students who competed at District Cross Country on Wednesday 28 May at Geurie Racecourse. It was a fabulous day.

Special thank you to Mrs Temesvary and Mrs Stewart for supporting the students on the day.

Western Cross Country

Good luck Mia Gamble, Lexi Cornwell, Olly Grose, Patrick Daly, Olivia Gibson, Knox McLean and Aria Bernard who will represent Dubbo District at Western Cross Country on Wednesday 11 June in Orange.

Western Netball Team

Congratulations Layla Weatherall on your selection in the Western NSW Netball Team. Layla will compete at the state carnival in Coffs Harbour in Week 4 next term.

2024 Knockout Sports

Boys Soccer – Thursday 5 June against Buninyong PS

Netball – Friday 6 June against Dubbo Public PS

Boys Touch – Tuesday 10 June against Dunedoo PS in Dubbo

Boys AFL – Friday 13 June against Dubbo South PS

Boys Basketball – Tuesday 24 June in Gilgandra

Boys & Girls Rugby Union – Wednesday 2 July in Dubbo

Boys Cricket – 12 September against Condobolin PS in Dubbo

Yours in Sport

Mrs Hall



KO netball team following their win against Wellington PS last week.



In very wet and cold conditions, the girls and boys AFL team travelled to Orange to compete in the Paul Kelly Cup Western Final. There was some tough competition but they represented our school with pride. Well done to all involved.



SistaSpeak concluded for this group of girls on Friday 30th May. Aunty Anne Sheridan cooked Johnny Cakes with them and they completed an artwork of their own personal story.

Oakey's New Challenges



Week 6

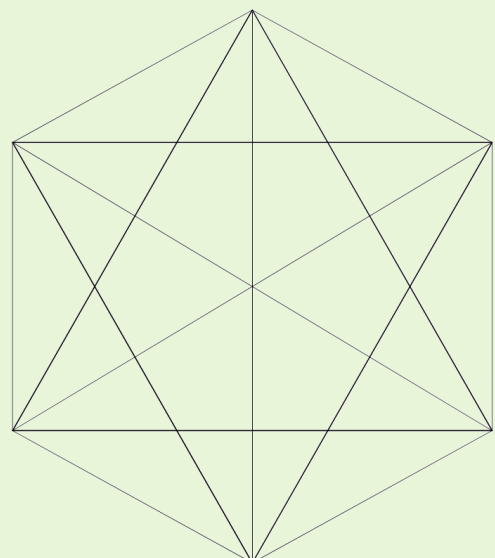
- Where is it from?
- Why is it so small?
- Are there more like him?
- Where does he live?
- How will you look after it?
- Will you keep it a secret or tell someone?
- What is it called?

Is it magic? What magic can it do?

Week 7

Can you identify all the shapes?

How many of each shape can you see?





Last Thursday, the school was flush with grandparents, parents and visitors. It was a lovely opportunity to visit student classrooms and see how education has changed over the years.

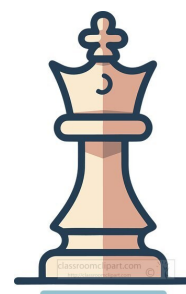
950 sausages were organised, cooked, sauced and enjoyed. The SRC sold drinks as a fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair.



Yesterday, OHPS hosted a chess tournament, run by the Sydney Chess Academy. Students from various schools, as far away as Coonamble came and enjoyed playing chess against their peers.

Thank you to Mrs Jess Grinter for facilitating this opportunity for our students and others.



Congratulations to the following students whose artworks are being entered in Operation Art.



Lexi Cornwell

This artwork takes you to where you want to be. It is happy, bright, cheerful, a funky farm-land with a sun's twinkling imagination.



Apryl Newby

Always remember to be strong, keep calm and take a leap to believe that you can do anything if you keep a positive mindset.



Alyce Vergerio

Even though you are not the queen of the world, you can still be a king or queen in the hearts of others.



Chloe Sim

Don't let anything stop you from achieving your goals. Believe in yourself so you can reach your potential.



Hope Sidoti

This artwork was inspired by my love of the ocean and bananas. Bananas on surfboards are funny and happy chappies!



Lily Stewart

Keep trying your hardest even if there are obstacles in your way. Look for the light, even in the dark.

OOSH (out of school hours care) tender process – Orana Heights Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to announce that following an open tender process for the out of school hours (OOSH) care service at Orana Heights Public School, CHILDREN FIRST has been awarded the tender. It is anticipated that Children First will take over the OOSH care service at Orana Heights Public School from Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre in Term 3, 2025. To enrol, you can contact Children First directly at oranaheights@childrenfirst.asn.au or 0481 953 299. You can also find out more about this provider on their website here: [Children First OOSH](#)

We would like to acknowledge the years of service and incredible contribution of the team at Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre. We are grateful for their service to our school community and wish them all the best.

The department's tender process

The Department of Education's duty is to ensure that procurement and tendering of all licence agreements are undertaken in line with the Education Act, the tenets of Administrative Law and the Independent Commission Against Corruption's 'Direct negotiations: guidelines for managing risk'. Procurement rules dictate that OOSH services should be tendered at the expiry of their licence agreement with the department.

Tender assessment criteria

All OOSH tender responses are assessed against the same criteria, as outlined in the Request for Tender documents. Applicants are required to provide details about the following: Service history and capability, approach to operation and staffing, student engagement and wellbeing, risk management and price. The tender evaluation process places greater emphasis on the quality of the service than the pricing component.

If you have any questions about the department's tendering process, you can contact the Procurement Team via email at Sourcing-Licences@det.nsw.edu.au.

Regards,

Annie Munro



Hello Orana Heights Families!

My name is Juanita, and I'm the Community and Family Engagement Manager at Children First. I currently oversee three Outside of School Hours (OOSH) services and am excited to welcome Orana Heights as our fourth!

Children First will begin providing OOSH services at Orana Heights from Term 3, Tuesday, 22 July 2025. We're currently working through the transition and will be in touch soon to share what families can expect, outline the next steps, and provide enrolment details for new families.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Taylor, our OOSH Administrator at oranaheights@childrenfirst.asn.au or 0481 953 299

We look forward to supporting your family!



This NAIDOC poster was designed by Willow Betcke.



Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

year of schooling

category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional

level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools

consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools

develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.