



# Orana Heights Public School

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Term 1 Week 7

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## Junior AECG Representatives

Our Junior AECG Representatives, Ava Behsman and Layla Weatherall (pictured left) attended their first AECG Monthly Meeting on Thursday 6 March.

Ava and Layla spoke extremely well during their first presentation of a report for our school to the local members and visitors.

The meeting took place at the Dubbo Education Office in Arthur Street.



**Moorambilla Voices** - recently, we had the great pleasure of hosting Moorambilla Voices for a music workshop as part of their 2025 Skills Development Tour.

This nationally-awarded program provides regional students with an extraordinary opportunity to sing, dance and create incredible performances and tours across Australia.

During the recent workshop, our students engaged with Artistic Director Michelle Leonard OAM, learning about music through fun, joyful, collaborative and creative activities. Some students will soon receive invitations to

attend Moorambilla's August and September Residency Camps in Baradine where they will create works which connect to their community and the landscape with world-class musicians, performers, composers, choreographers and visual artists. For more information about Moorambilla Voices, visit [moorambillavoices.com](http://moorambillavoices.com)

## Easter Raffle donations...

In preparation for the Easter Raffle, which will be drawn at the K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Thursday April 10, we are seeking donations of easter chocolates. Eggs, mini eggs, bunnies, gift packs etc. These can be dropped into the school office or given to your child's teacher.

Raffle tickets will be distributed to families next week.

The Easter raffle is a popular event on our calendar.



## Principal's Message

The Western Swimming carnival was held at the Dubbo Aquatic Centre last Friday. We had 16 students represent Orana Heights Public School and we were very proud of each competitor's **sportsmanship and positive attitude**. We value that many of our students spend time training and appreciate that such events are important. Thank you to those families who support their children - it is time spent with your children that they will remember the most.

At last week's P&C meeting a decision was made that this parent newsletter will be issued **each fortnight rather than weekly**. As times have changed so to have our forms of communication. From school we are contacting families and providing up to date information through both Sentral and School Bytes. These newsletters will still be published on a Tuesday, but each even week of the term. We will start this trial period for the remainder of the term and into next term. Thus, newsletters will be published on these dates:

- Term 1, Week 8: 18 March 2025
- Term 1, Week 10: 1 April 2025
- Term 2, Week 2: 6 May 2025
- Term 2, Week 4: 20 May 2025

And so forth each fortnight during school terms.

**Tomorrow NAPLAN starts for each of our Year 3 and 5 students.** Majority of these assessments now take place using a laptop. One thing we are encouraging students is not to just click to see who finishes first! There is ample time to complete an assessment. Reading each question, taking time to solve a problem and then double-checking answers gives a more accurate outcome of student results.

OHPS takes great pride in keeping uniform costs low, hence the reason we sell them through our P&C school uniform shop. Please have your children prepared for school each day, food and uniform are a part of this as it sets them in a mind frame ready to learn. **Black, logo and football shorts are not a part of our uniform.**

Each year **the school runs an Easter Raffle**. Whilst this is organised by staff, prizes are generously donated by our families. We appreciate contributions to make this a success, and these may be left with the ladies in the office or sent into class teachers.

*Annie Munro - Principal*

*Quote for the week: "Uniforms create a sense of belonging, making every student feel like they are part of a family." – Unknown*

## Congratulations to the following Award Winners this week

### Honour Awards

Jack Dowler  
McAnally  
Alysa Cuskelly

Ashton Prabhakar

Leo Poharama

Imogen

Lahni Weldon-Riley x 2



### Distinction Awards

Agasthya Anoop

Iluka Burns

Knox McLean

Imogen McAnally



Recently we have had a number of reports from Dubbo Buslines about inappropriate behaviour from OHPS students on afternoon buses. Some students receive a warning and some receive a suspension from travelling on the buses for one or two weeks. Please remind your child of the conditions in which they have been granted a bus pass, (written on the reverse side of the bus pass) and to demonstrate respectful and safe behaviour when travelling by bus.

## Cool lunchboxes

An insulated lunchbox with an ice brick can keep the lunchbox 12°C cooler and the lunchbox foods safe.

Try adding a frozen:

- Water bottle
- Plain milk popper
- Reduced fat yoghurt



Frozen water bottle



Frozen reduced fat yoghurt pouch



Frozen ice brick



Frozen plain milk popper



Frozen reduced fat yoghurt tub

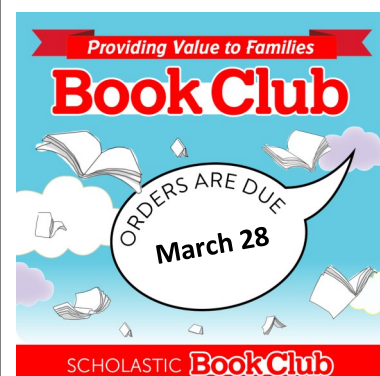
### NAPLAN timetable 2025

Date	Year 3	Year 5
Wednesday March 12	Writing	Writing
Thursday March 13		Reading
Friday March 14	Reading	
Monday March 17		Language Conventions
Tuesday March 18	Language Conventions	
Wednesday March 19		Numeracy
Thursday March 20	Numeracy	
Friday March 21	Catchup	
Monday March 24	Catchup	

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will complete their NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests in Weeks 7 and 8.

Further information available on the NAPLAN website <https://www.nap.edu.au/>.

Students require a set of comfortable headphones or earphones, as all tests, except for Year 3 writing, are completed online. Students feel more comfortable and concentrate better when they are wearing their own headphones.





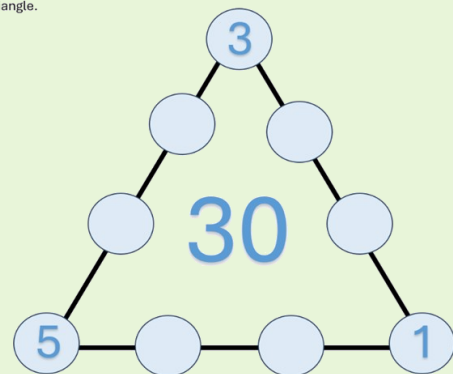
# Term 1 - 2025

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>7 March</b>	10	11 School Photo Catch-up Day	12 NAPLAN Starts	11 NAPLAN Yr 6 Wambangalang Excursion 1	14 NAPLAN 9-10.30am Playgroup Yr 6 Wambangalang Excursion 2
<b>8 March</b>	17 NAPLAN	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN 9-10.30am Playgroup 11.40am K-2 Assembly 2pm 3-6 Assembly
<b>9 March</b>	24 NAPLAN last day	25 Year 4 Group 1 Red Hill Excursion	26 Year 4 Group 1 Red Hill Excursion	27 Year 4 Group 2 Red Hill Excursion	28 9-10.30am Playgroup Year 4 Group 2 Red Hill Excursion Science & Engineering Challenge - St 3
<b>10 Mar/ April</b>	31	1 9am-3pm AFL Gala Day P&C meeting 6pm	2	3	4 9-10.30am Playgroup 9am-3pm St 3 Girls' Rugby League
<b>11 April</b>	7	8	9	10 Easter Hat Parade and Raffle Draw	11 9-10.30am Playgroup 11.40am K-2 Assembly 2pm 3-6 Assembly



## Oakey's News

Using the numbers 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17. Complete the following Magic Triangle.



What is the same about all the answers in the circles? \_\_\_\_\_  
Can you make the same concept work for another Magic Triangle?

## Oakey's Update



Congratulations to Stella Peter who made 148 words using the letters of the word SOPHISTICATION. Stella used very clever strategies of word building and changing words to plural.



## Playgroup Invitation

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The OHPS playgroup for existing families who attend our school is held on Friday each week. We would also like to extend this invitation to families residing in our zoned area.

The aim of this program is to get to know our families and future students in a friendly and welcoming environment.

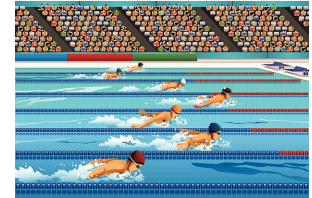
- When:** Friday mornings 9:00 to 10:30am
- Who:** Preschool siblings and parents of existing students at OHPS
- Where:** Early Intervention classroom





Congratulations to all our swimmers who swam at the Western Swimming Carnival last Friday.

Pictured are our relay teams who swam.



## **SPORT NEWS**

### **Western Area Swimming Carnival**

We had 14 swimmers compete at Western on Friday. Huge congratulations to Airlie Hoard (yr 2) who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in 8yr girls 50m, Lacey Johnson 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m free, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m butterfly, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m free, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m breast, and Riley Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m free, 2<sup>nd</sup> back, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m free. We wish Airlie, Lacey & Riley all the best at State Swimming in April.

### **Dubbo District PSSA sport trials**

All information regarding DDPSSA trials will be on their Facebook page.

### **Stage 3 Girls & Boys Rugby Union Gala Day**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March in Dubbo. More details to come.

### **Stage 2 & 3 Boys Yeo/Henry Gala Day (previously Peachey/Richardson)**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April in Dubbo. More details to come.

### **2024 Knockout Sports**

Boys Cricket – Orana V Buninyong 20<sup>th</sup> March

*Yours in Sport*

*Mrs Hall*







**WAMBANGALANG**  
Environmental Education Centre

Year 5 students visited Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre last week for a day of fun cooperative activities.





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# YEAR 6-7

# WELCOME BBQ

**WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH  
FROM 5PM TO 6PM**

Dubbo College Delroy Campus and Dubbo College South Campus invite you to join us for a tour of the school and to enjoy a sausage sandwich from the bbq.

Delroy Campus  
East St  
Dubbo

South Campus  
Boundary Rd  
Dubbo