We are settling back into Term 2 quite well and as always, our students and teachers are very busy.

Staff will participate in a professional learning day on Saturday. We will be continuing our learning in Literacy and developing scope and sequences of learning and teaching programs during this time. This day will be in lieu of the last day of the school year (designated as a school development day) and the school will not be open. Administration staff only will be on duty. If you have concerns or questions please don’t hesitate to contact me.

The Annual School Report will be on the website by the end of this week for those parents who would like to read it.

Unfortunately, we have had reports of head lice outbreaks in the school. It is vitally important that you check your child/ren’s hair weekly and if head lice are present, that you treat accordingly. Children do not need to be kept away from school if treated properly. This treatment needs to be maintained until the infestation is no longer present. I would strongly recommend that long hair be tied back in a plait or braid to avoid transference of the bug. It is recommended that children have cheap, white conditioner regularly brushed through the hair and a head lice comb used to remove eggs.

If staff notice head lice in your child’s hair we will contact you as a matter of prevention and courtesy. I understand how frustrating and stressful this process can be, and ask that you remain vigilant to avoid this. Thank you.

Another matter of concern is the formation of bus lines on the Torpy St campus. Teachers are very busy ensuring that children catch the bus safely and are unfortunately, unable to take time out to have conversations at this time. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. In light of the busyness at the entrance to the school at this time, we will be trialling a different process, commencing from next Monday. We have installed a new gate on Anson St (closest to Torpy Street) and bus children will be exiting to buses from this gate. We will take this week to practice this new process with the children so they understand and know what is expected of them. We are anticipating this will reduce the traffic through the front entrance and ensure that children will be cared for appropriately and safely as they enter onto buses.

Thank you for your prompt responses to the computer surveys. The results from this survey are part of our annual reporting process and can be found in the Annual School Report.

This Sunday there will be a working bee at the Torpy St campus. We are planning to create and plant gardens at the front of the school. This will give the school a colourful and welcoming entrance. We would love to see you there. Details can be found later in the newsletter.

Last week we received a successful result from the audit process, implemented annually or biannually by the Department. We were audited in the areas of Finance and Work Health and Safety. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Denise Piper and Mrs Sharon Cope for the outstanding work they each do respectively in these two areas.

**Quote for the week:** Do not put off till tomorrow what can be enjoyed today. (Josh Billings)

Have a lovely weekend

Toni MacDonald
National Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is on Friday 18 May. It is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Start planning a safe commute to school, either walking or utilising public transport. Remind children of the importance of road safety whenever they are travelling to and from school. For further information visit: www.walk.com.au

HEAD LICE: There have been several cases of head lice reported at school - please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary.

Reminder: Students bringing mobile phones to school must sign them in at the front office. The school does not take responsibility for mobile phones brought to school by students.

Reminder - Valuable, precious and sentimental items
Please do not send your child to school with an item that is valuable, precious or sentimental. These items are often misplaced or lost.

2012 Athletics Carnival
A week before the end of Term 1 we held our school Athletics Carnival at Orange High School. It was a wonderful day with the whole school attending and cheering on their housemates and friends. Participation was high and probably affected the final outcome for the winning house, a decision made with less then 10 points separating the first and second placed house. It was Kawana who took out this years title, with Leawarra very close behind, and Maranoa and Arunta finishing out the list. Age Champions on the day were: Jack, Ollie and Maddy (Juniors), Max and Emma (11yrs) and Josh and Eliza (Seniors). Ribbons have been handed out at school and those students who placed 1st or 2nd in their final will need to keep training for the District Athletics Carnival held later this year. Well done to all students who competed and a special congratulations to those who took home individual honours. Thanks to all the parent helpers, your assistance is invaluable and very appreciated.

Applications for Y5 opportunity class in 2013
Applications for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2013 will open online Monday 30 April 2012 at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Paper application forms will be available from the Primary office after May 9 2012. Information provided on paper application forms will be scanned so please do not cross out or use whiteout, if a mistake is made please complete a new application.

Applications, whether completed online or on paper will close on Friday 18 May 2012.

BUS BAYS AND PARKING ZONES
Reminder to parents that the areas around the school are constantly patrolled by police and parking officers. Designated bus zone times are 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Please do not park in the bus bays during these times. When picking up or dropping off your child, do not double park. Please observe the 5 minute (only) parking zone outside the Infants school.

Book Club
Book Club closes at 11.00am on Monday 14 May. No late orders are able to be accepted.

APPOINTMENTS WITH TEACHERS
If you wish to make an appointment to speak with your child’s teacher, please contact the teacher in writing to organise a mutually convenient time.

Messages to Students
The office staff at both sites are receiving an increased number of messages to be delivered to the students. Staff can receive up to 20 messages a day to be delivered to children. Every effort is made to ensure messages are delivered, however, they cannot guarantee that the messages will get through. We ask parents to only request messages be sent to your children when there is an emergency.

LATE BREAKING NEWS
PRIMARY (Y3-6) DISCO - CRAZY HAIR
10 MAY COMMUNAL HALL 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Tickets available from class teacher $5
Primary ACADEMIC AWARDS

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Get Set for School

Facilitated by an Occupational Therapist from SEED Therapy Services and a Clinical Psychologist from Psychological Solutions

Including information on the skills needed to thrive at school and available, easy to use strategies to support the development of these skills in the home environment

Learn to make friends and develop emotional resilience
Organisational and problem solving skills
Follow a routine
Building Foundations for handwriting

When: Wednesday 16th May
Time: 6pm – 7pm
Where: Orange Preschool
RSVP: Orange Preschool
(Seed Therapy - S MacInnes - Occupational Therapist - 6363 1870)

Mother's Day Classic

Event Details
Where: Orange Botanic gardens
Yellow Box Road
Orange

When: Sunday 13 May 2012 from 8:00am to 12:00pm
For further information contact: Gemma Cisco
02 6361 9654

Central Tablelands & Central Western Slopes

Orange
5 June 2012

For information:
Call our Digital Ready Information Line:
1800 20 10 13 8am - 10pm AEST, 7 days or log on to
www.digitalready.gov.au
Next P & C Meeting: Monday 7 May in the Infants campus staffroom at 7.00pm

CLOTHING POOL DATES
May 14 & 28 9:15am - 10:15am
June 11 & 25 9:15am - 10:15am

BIRTHDAY CAKES FOR KIDS
The school Canteen is now offering a Cup Cake Birthday Delivery service to your child’s class. Cup cakes delivered on a beautiful bright three tier cake display with candle.

Healthy muffin option $20
Iced Cup cakes $25

Order three days prior to your Child’s Birthday.
Orders taken through the School Canteen 63617553.

Easter Raffle
Thanks to everyone who supported the P &C Easter Raffle - approx. $1900 was raised and that money will be used for resources for your children.

Winners of the Raffle were:
1st $100 WISH Gift card Kittler family
2nd $50 WISH Gift card Weekes family
3rd $25 WISH Gift card Dally family

Congratulations to Finn Scott who received an Easter basket for selling the most raffle tickets.

Working Bee - Sunday 6th May 10am
Don't forget, there will be a working bee at the Infants site on Sunday 6th May from 10am. So if you have some spare time, please come and join us, and don't forget to bring you gloves and hats, plus any equipment that you can manage (like wheel barrows, rakes, shovels and spades).

Music Support Group:
The flute ensemble is playing very well. They are working on “Three English Canons” and “Andante” by Handel.

New timetable has been given to children - please make sure they know when they need instruments and music.

Ex music students may like to donate their music text books (“Flying Start for Strings” or “Standards of Excellence”). Please bring to front office in a bag marked “clothing pool” so they can be sold second hand. Note that current music students still need these books!

Rock Band
Students in year 3-6 (girls or boys) who are interested in being part of the rock band, please come to Old Hall in First Break on Wednesday 9th May (week 3).Notes with updated details about the program will be sent home to parents with interested students.