Congratulations to Aiden, Isabelle, Hannah, Gidget, Max, Maddy and Ben who will be attending the regional band camp as OPS representatives. Well done, children!

Today we will host our first debate against Calare Public School, in the Western Region debating challenge. The topic being: Are we doing enough for the Environment. The team is being coached by Mrs Harvey, and we wish them the best of luck. Students attended a debating workshop at Orange High last week and are enjoying the opportunity to further develop their debating skills.

We are currently advertising for an Aboriginal Student Learning Support Officer. The position is for 8 hours per week, commencing Term 3 and the successful applicant will be working with the Kinder team. Applications are available at the administration office and close next Friday 25 May.

ON FRIDAY, STAFF WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A STOP WORK MEETING FROM 9.00am to 11.00am. THERE WILL ONLY BE MINIMAL SUPERVISION AVAILABLE FOR THAT TIME. K-2 CHILDREN WILL BEGIN THE DAY AT THE TORPY CAMPUS BUT WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE 3-6 CAMPUS BY STAFF FOR THIS PERIOD OF TIME TO ENSURE SAFE SUPERVISION.

Last term we implemented a change of internal times. This was done to ensure that our key learning areas of Literacy and Numeracy were given adequate time within the school timetable. I would appreciate your thoughts on this change and ask you to complete the survey attached to the newsletter and return it to the administration office by next Friday. Thank you.

It has been a pleasure to meet with our new 2013 kinder children and their parents over the past few weeks. I have enjoyed meeting new parents and catching up with those who already are part of the OPS community, and learning more about their child. If you have a child entering kinder in 2013, please submit your enrolment application soon. We have had a huge response to date and numbers are growing quickly.

Students in Years 3 and 5 have been undertaking NAPLAN testing this week. Students have approached this task with confidence and maturity. Well done all! We will receive results in August/September.

Stage 1 children enjoyed a wonderful excursion to the Steam trains last Friday, and from all the recounts I have been reading, had a great time. It is always a pleasure to be able to take children out of the school, when they are so well mannered and well behaved. Well done, Stage 1!!

Teachers are beginning the report writing process and reports will go out to parents in Week 10. This will be followed by interviews in Week 2 of Term 3.

Just a few reminders: please remain vigilant with checking for head lice; if you are taking your child out of school for an extended period of time, please come and fill out an exemption form in the administration office and please read to your child as often as possible.

Quote for the week: "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"
CWA PUBLIC SPEAKING
Last week the primary held year finals for the CWA public speaking competition. In each year class finalists had been chosen during Term One and these finalists then had a chance to compete for the grade title. All finals were very closely contested, with each student doing a fantastic job to prepare and practise their speech and present it with flair and confidence in front of their peers. Winners and runners up from each grade were:
Year 3 : Bella r/u- Tom
Year 4: Amber r/u- Jacquie
Year 5: Sophie r/u- Ben
Year 6: Eliza r/u- Molly
Congratulations to all students who were a part of the finals and especially well done to the winners who will represent Orange Public School in Bathurst later this term.

Star Day
Will be held on Friday 25th May. All students K-6 can come to school dressed as something starting with "P". You could be a pirate, princess or wear your pyjamas! Please bring a gold coin donation to support our local PCYC. All students will need to wear sensible shoes such as joggers - not slippers! Each class will be enjoying a fun "P" activity. Those students who have been placed on a yellow, orange or red level this term may dress up but will be provided with alternative work instead of the class "P" activity.

Stage One Assembly
A reminder the next Stage One assembly will be held on Friday 25th May 2pm in the Torpy Library.

From the Librarian
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is well under way. Congratulations to the two Stage 3 students who have completed the challenge already. An amazing feat! The challenge will continue until 30th August so there is plenty of time if you wish to start or for those still completing the challenge. To register student’s books electronically you need to go to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge web site. Logon by using the username and password students use when accessing the internet.

Debating Workshop
Fourteen students from years 5 and 6 attended a full day at Orange High School last Thursday. They mixed with many other schools in Orange. They were taught the roles of debaters and had to prepare a debate on 'Today's Children are spoilt'. Both of our teams who had only half an hour to prepare their speeches won. Year 10 students were the mentors and adjudicators. A great day was had by all who attended. Some even saw older brothers and sisters during the BBQ lunch!

Orange High School Centenary Memorabilia
There is still some Orange High School
OHS Cookbook $20.00
100 Years Mirror $30.00
100 Years DVD $25.00
Key rings $ 8.00
Pens $10.00
Tea Towels $12.00
Aprons $20.00

Aboriginal Student Learning Support Officer - Part Time
Applications for the above part time position are available form the Administration office on the Kite and Torpy Street Campuses. Applications close Friday 25 May 2012.

Enquiries to Toni MacDonald 6362 6369

Note To Parents Taking Children On Holidays During School Terms
Just a reminder to parents to please contact the school to apply for an exemption from attending school if a holiday is planned for more that 5 school days. "Exemption" forms can be obtained from both Torpy and Kite Offices and need to be completed and submitted to Mrs MacDonald for approval at a meeting.

Mrs Harvey (Debating coach)
## OPS DATES TO REMEMBER

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## Primary's Crazy Hair Disco
Many students danced the night away last Thursday to a variety of music. Mrs Brown led a fun game called 'Palm Trees, Elephants and Toilets'. Many flexible bodies were stretched to their limits under the limbo stick. A cool drink and a bag of chips recharged the batteries for another round of boogying. The screaming when One Direction's music came on made us wonder if we were at their concert! The hair styles were crazy as were some dance moves. Thanks to the staff who assisted in making the night a raging success!

## SPORT

### TENNIS
Monday 7th May, OPS PSSA Tennis Team played against Eglinton Public School. The OPS players really had some challenging matches and really played well. Unfortunately Eglinton were too strong for us. Thanks to the Tennis Team Hannah, Alicia, Chris, Sam, Bailey and Max who have worked hard to get to this round in the School Tennis Competition, we were very proud of you all. Thanks to the parents who supported us.

Mrs Powell and Mrs Grady

### SOFTBALL
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as members of our 2012 PSSA Boys Softball team: Bailey, Mitchell, Henry, Nathanael, Lachlan, Max, William, Hugh, Bradley, Sam and Jack. Thank you to the other four members of the try-out squad: Dylan, Brendan, Stephen, and Charlie. These four boys will be our special reserves and will be called up in case of illness, injury or unforeseen circumstances.

**Training**
The first training session will be after school on **Tuesday, 22nd May, from 3:15 to 4:15pm** and will be weekly thereafter on Tuesdays. The first PSSA Boys Softball competition day is the first Wednesday of Term 3, Wednesday 18th July. More details closer to the date.

David Haynes Karen Ferguson
A productive meeting was held last week with the Principal, RTA and P&C. We discussed the issues of available parking for parents, and the picking up and dropping children off, especially around the Yr 3-6 site. We all acknowledged the safety of our children is paramount. These issues compact on wet weather days. Several suggestions have been made and we will notify you of any parking changes. Supplying a happy medium for businesses, teachers, parents, children and buses is very complex, but the most important point to remember is to be patient and sensible and place your child’s safety first.

**BIRTHDAY CAKES TO CLASSES**

Our birthday cakes to classes idea has been welcomed by parents. If we can assist by providing something special for your child’s birthday for the class, by way of a cup cake special, please ring Wendy and leave a message on 63617553. A new winter menu for the canteen will be coming out shortly. Muffins, chips, milkshakes, soup etc must be placed as you would on a lunch order. If you need a brown paper bag you can get one at the canteen before school.

A competition is now running for the child to draw the best birthday cake muffins picture and the winner’s class, one primary, and one infant,) will win their class a birthday muffin cake treat for their class. Entries close end of May. Kids, watch out for the posters around the school!!!!

**MUSIC COMMITTEE**

**Dates for the diary:**

1st June - Kids Movie Night in the old hall - $10 per head. Wear your PJ’s and bring a pillow or cushion.

19th June - Recital night in the new hall - 5.30pm to 7pm. $10 per head for adults - kids free Soup and roll.

**Next Music Committee meeting** - 28th May 7pm in Primary Staff Room.

Year 4 now has its own band – with wind, brass and percussion. They are working towards a beginners event at the Wellington Eisteddfod. The rock band held auditions last week, which was well attended and great fun for all involved.

We are raising funds for new drums as at present - as we have 21 drummers who share 2 snare drums! Mrs Hughes is ordering the first shipment of some new drums so that practice can begin for the Orange eisteddfod.

Don’t forget that MONDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit on this day. Deposit books will be collected after 12 noon on Monday and returned to teachers Tuesday morning.

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Internal time survey. Please return by Friday 21 May.

Internal time changes have occurred to:
1. Allow greater time to be spent on the core learning areas of literacy and numeracy
2. Allow children to have opportunity to eat a substantial meal earlier in the day. Research has shown this greatly assists with improved and sustained concentration.
3. Increased opportunities to eat fruit through the crunch and sip program
4. Structured supervision during lunch breaks
5. Improve playground behaviours

Please write comments if you feel necessary

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Other comments

Thank you for your time.