Student Excellence at Orama

Students of the Week

Oshun Richards for excellent application in maths
Thomas Hart for writing a great recount

Fish bit winners last week were:
Harry, Zara, Brynne and Zoey.
Congratulations!

Leadership Conference Brisbane

Some more photos of the Leadership Conference in Brisbane last week.

ANZAC Day March

The annual ANZAC Day March will be held during the upcoming holidays on Thursday 25th April. Students attending will need to wear full school uniform and meet me in Church Street outside the Credit Union at 8.45am. Those attending will lay a wreath on behalf of the school. This event is attended by all the schools in the Bellingen Valley. I would greatly urge you to attend this moving ceremony.
Term 2
In 2014, the new English curriculum is being introduced. At present, teachers are familiarising themselves with the new document and participating in professional development. For this reason at the start of next term, there will be 2 days of professional development that all teachers will attend. The teachers from Orama will be working with our Community of Schools (Bellingen, Repton and Raleigh) on both days. School will resume on Wednesday 1st May for students. For more information on the new documents please refer to the website below:

NAPLAN 2013
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test in May each year. The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class.
For students in Years 3 and 5, there are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar). For students in Years 7 and 9, there are five tests including two tests in numeracy – a calculator allowed test and a non-calculator test.

The NAPLAN test results and the student reports are released in September.
The results provide information about student achievement that can be used to inform teaching and learning programs. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information regarding student progress in literacy and numeracy and are intended to complement the wide range of formal and informal assessments that are already conducted in schools. NAPLAN test results are not intended to be used in isolation from other school-based assessment programs.

Tests will be conducted on 14th, 15th and 16th May.

START Program
Next term will see the commencement of the START program (School Transition and Readiness Training) at Orama Public School run by Katie Keough-Daley. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Live Life Well @ School Section
Apple Pikelets

Ingredients
1 ½ cups self-raising flour, sifted
2 tablespoons caster sugar
1 egg, lightly beaten
300ml buttermilk
½ cup (140g) apple puree
20g margarine, melted

Directions
3. Using tablespoons of batter at a time, cook in batches for 2 to 3 minutes or until small bubbles start to form on the surface of pikelets. Carefully turn over. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes, or until cooked through.

Cooking Classes
At the completion of new canteen alterations early next term, students will be participating in cooking classes, preparing simple meals to share. Any parents who are willing to volunteer to share their expertise and time please let the office know. Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered you services.

Piano Lessons
Piano lessons have commenced with Leah Richards on Thursdays during school hours. If your child is interested in private tuition please call Leah on 0477294763.
Uniform Items For Sale
The school has the following uniform items for sale.
Short Sleeved School T-shirts with logo - $23
Long Sleeved School T-shirts with logo - $25
Zip Jackets with logo - $24
Sloppy Joes with logo - $22
Bucket style hats - $11
Brimmed hats - $12
School backpacks - $35

All sizes are available in short sleeved T-shirts but there are limited sizes in the other items. If you would like to purchase any of these items please let Irene know.

Woolworths’ Earn and Learn Program
The school is once again participating in the Woolworths’ Earn and Learn Program. Last year we were able to order much needed resources for our students. From Monday 8th April when you shop at Woolworths you can collect points stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths’ Earn and Learn Points Sheet. You will earn 1 point for every $10 spent. Sheets can be sent in to the school for collection.

ICAS 2013
Any parent interested in having their child/children in Years 3-6 sit the ICAS assessments please contact the office by this week so we can register our interest. Prices for individual assessments vary and students can sit as many as they like. Please see below for prices:

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Till next term. Have a safe and happy holiday,
Liz Arnold