STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Achievement Awards for Term 1, Week 9:

Achievement Award K-2: Elijah for working hard to develop neat and consistent handwriting.

Achievement Award 3-6: Will for excellent work during literacy groups.

Lexia Awards to Mitchel and Heather for completing Level 2, Eshua Level 5, Rumi Level 6, Zeek and Melody Level 7, Boe Level 11 and Zac level 16.

Well done everyone.

K-2 Fish Bit Winners for Term 1, Week 9 are Toby & Heather. Well done!

Magic 100 awards to Heather and Eden for completing the Blue Level, Mitchel for completing the Green Level and Rumi for completing the Purple Level.

Well done everyone!

Young Leaders Conference Brisbane

On Thursday Ellie and I went to Brisbane for a leadership camp. On our arrival we saw heaps of skyscrapers and big buildings. When it was night we had dinner and then a trivia night with the other students at the camp. It was really fun. After that we had showers and went to bed in the YHA.

We had to be at the eating room at 7:00am for breakfast, which was a choice of either toast or cereal. When we got to the leadership place we all sat down and listened to several guest speakers. I remember Juliette Wright the best. She created the WEB site Givit which is where you can donate things, furniture, electrical goods, clothing, etc., and then the Givit team give it to people in need. After a long day of speakers we got on the bus and headed home. When we got back we were very tired but it was a very fun trip.

I think that the leadership camp was great and Ellie and I both learnt a lot.

Hannah

Young Leaders BDLC

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Harmony Day
Harmony day is a special day of the year when we celebrate peace and getting along with all cultures. This year our Orama Year 6 girls were asked to do a Japanese Tea Ceremony and Ikebana presentation. Hannah and her amazing presentation on the Japanese Tea Ceremony was outstanding as she calmly whisked the green powder tea and talked the whole school through her presentation. To balance the bitter taste of the tea 3-6 and Charlie prepared individual dorayaki, a small Japanese red bean pancake which we decorated with Japanese harmony symbols. We also had a Japanese sweet jelly. Did you know that the Japanese Tea Ceremony can take more than a decade to master? The perfections ... ‘wow’. Eleanor Ludwig and her presentation on Ikebana (the Japanese art of flower arrangement) was amazing as she demonstrated to the whole school how to do Ikebana using the correct angles and lengths of plants in each display. Did you know that Ikebana is one of the arts used in the Japanese Tea Ceremony? ‘Cool’. After the very amazing presentations, 3-6 followed up with the preparation and serving of some noodles cooked with school grown capsicum and snow peas with a ginger and soy sauce. Every student got to enjoy a bowl. The wonderful day ended with some origami with Ms A and Charlie and some kite and folding paper doll activities with Mr K. And that was all that we did on our Harmony Day. Oh, we did get to wear some very cool kimonos!

Ellie
School Transition and Readiness Training (START)
Next term pre-school students will be joining the K-2 class for the START program. This very worthwhile transition to school program is an excellent way to engage children in play based learning activities to use and develop thinking skills such as problem solving, reasoning and lateral thinking.
The children will engage in gross motor skills which are an important prerequisite for the fine motor skills needed in the classroom setting.
They will also engage in fundamental movement skills which are the building blocks of movement and allow for successful participation in games, sports and other activities.
Students will join the K-2 class from recess on Friday 1st May.

P&C NEWS
Easter Raffle
All donated goods for the P&C Easter Raffle should be sent to school by Wednesday 1st April at the latest in order to be gift wrapped. All money and tickets should be sent to school by Wednesday as well. The raffle will be drawn after the Easter Hat parade on Thursday 2nd April.

The P&C AGM will be held on Thursday at 11:30 am before the Easter Hat Parade. Our P&C is involved in fundraising activities and decision making opportunities to the benefit of all students in our school. Your input is valued and encouraged by the school to help make your child’s experience at Orama a positive and happy one. Attending a P&C meeting is a great way to find out what’s going on at the school and upcoming events. All parents are welcome to attend. We’d love to see you there!

Special Easter Canteen
As well as the usual Tuesday Canteen day the P&C will be having a special canteen day on Thursday after the Easter Hat Parade. The menu is as follows:

Homemade Spring Rolls - $2.50 each (served with sweet chilli sauce)
Hot Cross Buns $1 each

If you or your child wish to purchase Spring Rolls and/or Hot Cross Buns please send in an order on Tuesday 31st March for catering purposes. Also available on Thursday for parents will be cappuccinos for $2 each. A big Thank You to Heang for making the spring rolls and Sarah for being the barista.

Easter Hat Parade
Get your crafty fingers working for our annual Easter Hat Parade. This is always a fun day showcasing what beautiful and fun creations can be made with students and parents working together on a fun project at home. Parents are invited to attend the parade which will be held on Thursday 2nd April commencing immediately after the P&C AGM. The Canteen will be open and parents and children can purchase a special lunch on the day.
**Book Fair**

Our Book Fair will finish on Thursday 2nd April. All books are on display in the library where parents and children can make a purchase if they wish. All sales benefit the school by allowing us to purchase books for our school library. Each child who makes a purchase from the book fair will go into the draw to win $30 worth of books from the fair.

**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2015**

The ICAS are annual assessments with a competitions element developed for school students in Years 2 to 12. If you would like your child to participate in any of these tests please notify the school. The subjects, dates and prices are as follows:

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For more information visit their website: [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au).

**INTERESTING INFORMATION**

**Back by popular demand**

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.


**School Website**

There is still a problem with the school website with compatibility issues around Internet Explorer. I am working with the DEC IT Department to resolve this issue but in the meantime the times on the calendar may show events happening all day. Please check the school newsletter each week for clarification of times. The Easter Hat Parade is NOT commencing at 9:00 am.
Bellingen Show
This year the Bellingen Show will be held on 9th and 10th May. Attractions will include Murphy’s puppets, face painting, old MacDonald’s farm, Kids passport, pavilion entries, colouring in competition and much more. Everything you need to know including entry forms can be found online at: www.bellingenshow.com.au.

Absences
A short note of explanation is required when your child is absent from school. This is for legal purposes. Phone calls may be made to explain absences but a follow up note is also required. Please see the bottom of the newsletter for a proforma which can be used. These are in the newsletter weekly.

Record of Absence
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Reason for Absence......................................................................
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