STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Achievement Awards for Term 2, Week 1:

Achievement Award K-2: Kaii for working hard on our computer program 'Lexia'.

Achievement Award 3-6: Jahlu for being the Ikebana Master.

Lexia Award to Kaii for completing Level 2, Eden and Mitchel for completing Level 4, Toby for completing Level 5, Rumi for completing Level 7, Harry for completing level 16, Alex level 9 and Zeek level 8.

K-2 Fish Bit Winners for week 3 were Kaii and Joey.

3-6 Team of the Week is ... the Purple Team by ONE point.

Magic 100 awards to Angelo for mastering Gold, Eden and Kaii for Orange, Eden, Kaii and Heather for Indigo, Mitchel for Violet and Eshau for Lime.

Well done everyone!

Bellinger District PSSA Cross Country Carnival

A beautiful sunny day greeted us all for this event. Our students and some parents joined in the "walk the course" orientation. The 11 and 12 year olds did a 3km track (with Robyn) and the younger students (and Ms A and John) a 2km track. There were several muddy sections but our students managed to stay upright and only suffer a few speed splatters of mud. All children finished their event in a very solid manner and they should be proud of their efforts. Joshua finished fabulously with a sprint and a fourth place which means he is automatically through to the next level. Eleanor, still recovering from her illness, came in a very creditable 12th and is second reserve for the next level.

I am very pleased with the behaviour of our students and of the support that they offered to their peers both from Orama and from other schools. It was a pleasure to have you as school ambassadors at the event. As always, thank you to the parents who transported, assisted and supported on the day. Without you we could not have participated.

Ms Anforth.
START News

Our very first School Transition And Readiness Training (START) day for this year has been an exciting and successful event with 5 pre-school students visiting our 'big school'. Students participated in a variety of creative groups in the classroom focusing on the development of fine motor skills, followed by a session outdoors aimed at enhancing their gross motor skills. It was an enriching experience for our K-2 students as well. They were asked to act as buddies and role models for our pre-school visitors; requiring patience and the ability to think and follow instructions, not just for themselves, but for another person as well. Our K-2 students also enjoyed showing off their classroom and school resources to their pre-school visitors. The benefits of this program have been evident in the smooth transition of this year's kindergarten cohort and these students are so excited to play their part in ensuring they give our new pre-school visitors the same positive experience.

I would like to especially thank Kara Ludwig for her help on our START day and our 3-6 students Hannah, Jorja and Zeek.

Mrs KD
Playtime

What a great day!

Bellingen Show Display
Thank you to Mrs KD, Ms Anforth and all the students for presenting a beautiful display for the Bellingen Show. The Bellingen Show is a wonderful stage for us to showcase the unique opportunities we offer at Orama Public School; the fruit and vegetables that we grow and use in our Orama Made goods and in the canteen, the river swimming program, creative arts and our enquiry based science activities. All these distinctive aspects of our school set us apart and enhance learning experiences for our students. We are very proud to display them for the wider community.

Think You Know Parent Information Session
Thank you to everyone who attended this important information session for parents. A Guide will be sent home for you to have a look at or you could visit the website on www.thinkuknow.org.au

K-2 News
Last week, students in the K-2 class were busy preparing for Mother’s Day. We hope all of our Mothers had a great day relaxing with their families.

Painting the flowers
Just some of our cards

With love

3-6 News
We had a very busy Thursday finalising our gifts for Mothers’ Day. I hope they arrived home in one piece. I was very impressed with their dedication in creating a piece that fitted the traditional Ikebana criteria and still was something they had designed with their mum in mind. Hopefully they brewed you a fresh herbal cuppa on Sunday using the tea bags they made from herbs in our garden.

Cards and golden baskets of herbal tea just for mum.

A fine example of our Ikebana gift

A masterpiece in the making?

What’s Cooking?
In the Canteen ….
More pesto scrolls (this week made by 3-6 chefs) 2 for 50 cents and a cup of pumpkin soup with a warm bread roll $2.50 available at the canteen on Tuesday.

“Orama Made”
Don’t forget …to try some of our school made PESTO.
It is wonderful with pasta, on toast, a wrap, a pastry scroll, as a pizza sauce or even in mashed potato!
Jars are available for $5 each. (Pesto ingredients: basil, olive oil, almonds, lemon juice, garlic, parmesan cheese.) Also available are bunches of fresh basil for $3 and lemon grass stems 2 for $1.

Till next week,
Liz Arnold
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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Date of Absence/s........................................................................
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