STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Achievement Awards for Term 2, Week 4:

Achievement Award K-2: Mitchel for having a go at writing sentences on his own.

Achievement Award 3-6: Jorja for excellent application in mathematics, particularly problem solving.

Lexia Awards to Mitchel for successfully completing Level 5, Eshua for Level 8, Jayme level 8, Jahlu level 11, Tom level 12 and Josh level 15.

K-2 Fish Bit Winners for week 4 were Marshall and Eden.

3-6 Team of the Week is ... the mighty Blue.

Magic 100 awards to Abbey for completing the Red level, Mitchel, Toby and Kaif for completing the Pink level, Heather the Violet level and Joey the Indigo and Violet levels.

Well done everyone!

Mid North Coast PSSA Cross Country

Due to bad weather the MNC PSSA Cross Country was postponed last Friday and has been rescheduled for this Friday 29th May. Good luck to Josh and Ellie (second reserve) who will be representing Bellingen/Nambucca in the PSSA Mid North Coast Cross Country at Sawtell.

Don’t forget to come along to our Biggest Morning Tea this Thursday 28th May. Festivities will begin at 11.15 am with refreshments being served for adults for $5 and students for $2 with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council. Please fill in the invitation attached and return to school for catering purposes. Students have been participating in a colouring competition for each stage; Kindergarten, Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2), Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4), and Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6). Entries need to be returned to school on Tuesday 26th May with the form at the bottom of the page completed. The entries will be judged by the teachers on the day with prizes for each stage. See you there!

Wet Weather at Orama

Wet weather days are always pretty dreary for the students as they love to get out and run about. Last week was one of those weeks but our students really made the most of the horrid weather. The documentary ‘Bugs Life’ was playing in the 3-6 classroom with quite a few in attendance. In this program, accomplished Australian naturalist, Densley Clyne, looks at some interesting invertebrates and the...
intriguing way they go about their daily activities. In
the K-2 classroom lots of creative games, building and
role playing was happening. Thank you to all the
students for staying positive and making the most of
the bad weather situation.

Sleep time with our babies

Our engineers constructing

Snakes and Ladders

START News
Our next START day will be Friday 5th June. Thank
you.

School Photographer Visit
The School Photographer will be visiting our school on Tuesday, 9th
June to take photos of our students and staff. Order envelopes were
attached to last week’s newsletter. If you would like to purchase school
photos please complete your order envelope, including payment and return these either before the
visit or on the day of the visit. There are a number of
payment methods available which are listed on the
envelope. Any late orders will have to be negotiated
with the photographer directly. For the photos please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform i.e. school shirt with logo and navy pants or skirt.

K-2 News
Last week students in K-2 were exploring how
animals, including humans, need space and shelter.
The 'Explore' phase of our program is designed to give
students hands-on experiences to explore ideas,
collect evidence, discuss their observations and keep
records such as journal entries. This ensures all
students have a shared experience that can be discussed and explained in the next ‘Explain’ phase of
our program. Our photos show the students creating a
model of a safe place to play.
3-6 News
Weird Science
Thank you for all the different types of bags you allowed your children to bring in. We are now going to cut some of them up and see if they will rot under certain stringently controlled scientific conditions. Following this whole class exploration, students will work in pairs to design their own investigation into the various properties of materials. I am looking forward to their creative ideas!

Creative Kids
We had a very quick foray into environmental artwork on Friday. We took advantage of the autumnal colourings and the overcast day, were inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, and were out to prove we could make something creative in 15 minutes. Here are some samples of our creativity.
We Love Art

What’s Cooking
We will be baking pumpkin scones for the “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” on Thursday, and preparing some whipped cream and jam to go with them. Our specialty, Davidson Plum jam, will probably be on the menu and our last jar of Orama Marmalade from last year’s batch may find its way onto the table.
For the canteen on Tuesday, we still have on the menu some school made pumpkin soup and a warm bread roll for $2.50 and some delicious basil pesto scrolls at 2 for $0.50 cents.

“Orama Made”
Don’t forget ...to try some of our school made PESTO. My latest favourite is a toasted cheese and pesto sandwich. Large jars are available for $7 each. (Pesto ingredients: basil, olive oil, almonds, lemon juice, garlic, parmesan cheese.) Also available are lemon grass stems 2 for $1, an essential in your curry pantry!

Interesting Reading
Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Mastering spelling
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

Please be advised both of these documents can be found on the school website under the Our School tab at: www.orama-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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
Student’s Name.........................................................

Date of Absence/s......................................................

Reason for Absence....................................................

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Signed.................................................................

Date........................................................................