STUDENT EXCELLENCE
Achievement Awards:

Achievement Award K-2: Abbey for working very hard at her sight words and reading. Well done.

K-2 Fish Bit Winners for week 6 were Marshall and Eden.

Magic 100 Awards to Sierra and Elijah for successfully completing the Gold Level, Angelo for successfully completing the Orange level and Abbey for successfully completing the Violet Level.

Achievement Award 3 – 6: Harry for Student of the Week.

3 – 6 Team of the Week......Purple.

Well done everyone!

Book Week 2015
This week we are celebrating Book Week. The theme for this year is “Books Light UP My World”. This Thursday 27th August we will have a “Book Theme” character dress up day. The children are asked to come dressed as a character from a book which has lit up their world. We look forward to a school full of characters!!

Goodbye Tom and Abbey
It is with great sadness we say goodbye to the Hart family. Tom and Abbey have both been attending Orama PS since kindergarten and they will be sorely missed. We wish Jess, Tom and Abbey heaps of luck and happiness in their new journey and we hope to see them back here from time to time. Goodbye, good luck and great happiness from the Orama school community.

P&C Meeting
There will be a P&C meeting this Tuesday 25th August at 2pm in the library. All welcome especially our new families.
Fishing Day at Boambee Creek Reserve  
Report by Campbell:—
On Tuesday Orama Public School went to Boambee Creek Reserve to learn how to fish.
First we got on the bus and drove off. Then we got off the bus and had recess and played around for 5 minutes. Then we sat down on the tarp and had a group discussion. Then we split into three groups:

- Fish measuring and legal bag limits
- Knot tying and lures session
- Learning to cast a line

Then we actually went fishing and Tom caught a fish.

Then we went back to school after the exciting day.

We had such a fun and exciting day and I hope we do it again. By Campbell Lowe.
The students did have a wonderful day, met some students from Bowraville Primary School, learnt a few new skills AND behaved in an exemplary manner. Days like this made me extra proud to be their teacher. Ms Anforth.

**Farewell to Friends**

It has been a very busy week for 3-6. To celebrate Tom and Abbey’s time at Orama Public School and to send them off with extra memories we spent Thursday gardening, writing and cooking.

The students prepared humus and vegetable sticks for the whole school for recess.

For lunch (just for 3-6 sorry) we prepared tabouleh and sausage sandwiches followed by an amazing chocolate cake decorated with pineapples and snakes.

The children picked from the garden, chopped, cooked, squeezed juice,

presented, ate AND cleaned up as part of their celebration. We are sad to see our friends leave but are happy that we had such a special day sending them off. Ms Anforth

**Wombat Golf**

As part of the Orama School sports program the 3-6 class will again participate in the Jack Newton Wombat Golf Tournament for small schools on Friday 4th September, at Dorrigo Memorial Golf Course. The format is a 4 person ambrose with one hole played from 120, 100, 80 and 50m intervals. The winning team will be eligible to compete at the District finals in Week 10 – time and venue to be advised.

If you can assist by attending and supervising a group of 4 students during the golf, please let the school know via the attached permission note.

In addition to the golf activity, 3-6 will also undertake an environmental study of the Bielsdown Creek which surrounds the course. It will be a valuable comparative study with the Bellinger River.
The students will travel to Dorrigo by Dorrigo Bus Service leaving school at approximately 9:30 am and returning by 2:30 pm to catch their usual bus home. Students need to bring their recess, lunch and drinks, and wear their school uniform, hats and joggers. **Please return your permission notes by Monday 31st August.**

**K-2 News**

Last week was a very busy week in the K-2 classroom. Our news continued with students bringing in many different types of transport including a kombi van from Heather, a horse from Eden and Sierra, a sleigh dog from Kaii and a monster truck from Mitchel. Our sound for the week was "y" as in yoghurt and we also did some watermelon craft. In Visual Literacy our theme is magic. So far we have read “Me and My Cat” by Satoshi Kitamura, “The Magic Hat” by Mem Fox and “Possum Magic” also by Mem Fox. The learning intention of visual literacy is to create visually literate individuals through the development of their ability to decode, interpret, create, question, challenge and evaluate texts that communicate with visual images as well as, or rather than, words.

In mathematics kindergarten were working on making equal rows, counting forwards and backwards, sorting shapes and comparing containers. In stage one the students were working with repeated subtraction, solving word problems, making 3D models and comparing volume.

We learned all about safety in the household and what to do in different situations. In science we found out how everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways and in HSIE (Human Society and Its Environment) we discussed how truck drivers, fire fighters, police officers and ambulance drivers use transport to help them in their work. It certainly was a very busy week. Mrs Arnold

**START**

Next START day this term will be next **Monday 31st August.**

The START program next term will be run over 5 weeks for students who will be attending Orama PS in 2016. We are working towards having students attend on a different day each week so they can become familiar with daily and weekly routines. Dates are yet to be finalised so please watch this space for more news.

**Sydney Excursion**

The cost to parents of the Sydney Excursion for Years 4, 5 and 6 is **$250**. For those parents who have paid the non-refundable deposit of $50 the remaining cost needs to be paid in full to the school by the end of Week 10, Term 3 (**Friday, 18th September**). Parents can pay the $200 in instalments if they wish, during Term 3.

**Rewards Programs**

Thank you to all families who have been sending in their Earn and Learn stickers. Ask your friends, neighbours and family members to collect their stickers for us. In the past, our school was able to redeem our stickers on a variety of art, craft and sporting resources. The program will close on **Tuesday 8th September.**

Bellingen IGA supports our school with its Community Benefits program. When you make a purchase at Bellingen IGA and quote our identifier code of 6029, rewards are allocated to our school. Alternatively, when you are next at Bellingen IGA you can pick up a specially barcoded card at the cigarette counter which can be shown at any checkout when making purchases. Bellingen IGA supports our school with a monetary donation from this program which is spent on programs for our students.

**Till next week,**

**Liz Arnold**

“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.”

*Maya Angelou*
Term 3 - Week 7

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Term 4 Holidays

| Thurs 17th Dec         |                                                        |

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.