STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Achievement Awards:

Achievement Award K-2: Heather for always doing her best and producing high expectations work! Well done.

Lexia awards K-2: Rumi for successfully completing level 12.

Lexia awards 3-6: Congratulations to the following students for successfully completing a new level – Boe for Level 13, Harry Level 16, Jahlu Level 13, Zeek Level 10 and Will Level 11.

K-2 Fish Bit Winners for week 8 were Heather and Abbey.

Achievement Award 3 – 6: Hannah for writing a great leadership speech.

3 – 6 Team of the Week……the mighty Blue.

Well done everyone!

Celebrate SAS staff Recognition Week 2015

“Our jobs, Your children, Their future”

Every year the Public Service Association organises SAS Recognition Week to acknowledge the vital role that non-teaching staff play in schools across NSW.

Recognition Week is an opportunity for principals and the school community, to acknowledge the work you do and say thank you to:

- Administrative Managers
- Administrative Officers
- School Learning Support Officers
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Workers
- General Assistants

Thank you to our wonderful SAS staff at Orama Public School. We are so fortunate to have such amazing people to help us in our roles.

Maths Online School Resource

The school is trialling a new maths resource for the next 6 weeks. Maths on Line is a private tuition program in mathematics to assist students to learn independently. All students have a username and password so that they can access the program both at home and at school. Teachers will set tasks for students to work through at their own pace. Each set
task has a 4-9 minute tutorial at the beginning using animation which explicitly teaches the concept followed by practice questions where the students need to get a certain average before they can move onto the next task. The average is set by the teacher and in most cases will be around 90%. This week students will be able to access the program at home if they have the internet. To access the program just go to: www.mathsonline.com.au

Wombat Golf Change of Date
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 Monday 15th September (Week 10 Term 3), 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.
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.

Milo T20 Blast Cricket
In week 9, students from the 3-6 class will join with students from Raleigh Public School to compete in the annual MiloT20 Blast Gala Day at Connell Park in Bellingen. This is always a fabulous day and will be another opportunity for the year 4-6 students to get to know their buddies at Raleigh before our excursion next term. Any outstanding permission notes should be returned by tomorrow, Tuesday 8th September.

K-2 News
Last week we were very busy preparing for Father’s Day. Students made beautiful cards for Dad along with chocolate crackles. We hope all our Dads had a fantastic day with their families getting spoilt. Don’t forget that students can access Maths on Line for the next 5 weeks at www.mathsonline.com.au at home.
Science is fun!

Lots of concentration

Co-operation is the key

activity and created much excitement and discussion. This outdoor learning was consolidated indoors with focused sessions on creating data tables, graphing our results and analysing these.

Our cooking session on Monday not only provide morning tea for our lovely SAS staff but also products for sale at the canteen. There were no left over spinach and cheese triangles so thank you for your wonderful support.

Another great week with 3-6, Ms Anforth

Kinder Orientation
Kinder Orientation will be held over 3 weeks this year due to swimming scheme being held in weeks 5 and 6 of Term 4. A flyer will go over to the pre-school this term. Any students who will be attending Orama Public School in Kindergarten in 2016 will be able to join us on 5 days over 3 weeks in Term 4. The dates are as follows:

**Week 8** – Wednesday 25th November
**Week 9** – Tuesday 1st December and Thursday 3rd December
**Week 10** – Monday 7th December and Friday 11th December.

Sydney Excursion
This week I will be sending home an information pack with all the details of the excursion. There will be a medical and an indemnity form that will need to be completed and sent back to school as soon as possible so we can finalise arrangements. In the pack there will also be a list of requirements for the trip. It is very important to note that students will need to bring a bag/suitcase that is not too big or heavy because they will need to carry the bag from the train station to our accommodation. Just pack what will be needed. Also note that because of our convict sleepover students will need a pillow and a sleeping bag. I suggest that the pillow should fit in the back pack so they don’t have too many items to carry on arrival. I will be having a meeting with the students to discuss the trip with them and then we will have a video conference with Raleigh to further discuss any concerns/questions/comments that may arise.

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](https://www.example.com)). 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** so please send in your stickers by the end of term.

NSW Grandparents Day is a state funded initiative that celebrates the vital role that grandparents play in our society, as custodians of individual and cultural memories and as providers of care and love to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents Day recognises the irreplaceable role grandparents have in their families and in the wider community. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will have to change the date of our celebration at school to **Monday 26th October**. We would love as many grandparents as possible to come along for morning tea specially prepared by our students at 11.30 in the school library followed by some story time with our students. We hope to see you there.

*Till next week,
Liz Arnold*
Let’s Play Cricket!

Bellingen Junior Cricket Club
are inviting Boys and Girls from 8-14 years to come and play cricket in our U/12 and U/14 teams for the upcoming 2015/16 season.

Online registrations are being taken (and encouraged) at www.playcricket.com.au
Registration and Training days for both teams are being held at Connell Park, Bellingen on Tuesdays 8th and 15th September @ 4pm
For more information please contact
U/12 – Tanya – 0414 754 964
U/14 – David – 0434 102 936

Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre have a number of Holiday Programs for children aged 7-15 these school holidays.

Programs include a Residential Camp, Kids Club, Sailing, Surfing and Laser Skirmish.

For further information please visit our website: www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au or contact 131302.

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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Date………………………………………………………….