Dear Parents

Welcome back to school! What a fantastic year 2013 is going to be. Already this term I have seen some fantastic learning by students and staff.

We have some wonderful new staff members who have joined our team.

Mrs Danika Day is the new K-2 Assistant Principal, Erin Taylor is the appointed teacher for the new multicategorical class and Mrs Graves is back as the Assistant Principal Support Classes. Miss Selina James has joined our team and is teaching Year 4/5. Mrs Jan Plumridge is the new SLSO in the support classes and Mr Peter Jones is the new General Assistant. Welcome everyone!!

We still have new enrolments happening each day, hopefully we will be able to finalise classes next week when we know our correct numbers. I will send out a list of teachers and classes then.

Just a couple of reminders……

Promoting Learning

‘Everyone 2 School Everyday’ ….. attendance is very important. Students are expected to be at school by 9am everyday unless sick. Each classroom has an attendance goal they are working towards achieving.

Please send a note with your child when they return to school to explain any absences.

Expect a phone call / note home if your child is away

Students must have a doctors certificate if they are sick 3 or more days

Students with less than 85% attendance may be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer for family support.

If a student misses one day a week then they are attending less than 80%.

Students may have an exemption approved for some planned absences such as family holidays, attending a funeral or if there is a medical condition etc. Please ask for an exemption form in these cases – before the absence.

Promoting Safety

School gates closed…. With the increasing Work Health and Safety concerns, Bowen Public School will be implementing a closed gate policy from Monday 4 February. Back gate will be locked at approximately 9:10 and will not be reopened until the teacher on duty does so at the end of school. Students can then be safely monitored as they are picked up at the end of the day.

The front gates will be closed at approximately 9:30 with access to the school only through the front gate entrance near the admin building. Again this is a safety measure allowing for the monitoring of visitors and students.

Scooters / Skateboards/ Bikes / Helmets

Students should be in at least Year 3 before riding a bike to school!

Students are expected to wear helmets when riding to / from school on any of the above.

To ensure everyone is kept safe students are not permitted to ride scooters, skateboards, or bikes on school grounds. Students may lock their bike up at the bike racks (we only have limited bike locks and students are encouraged to have their own) and skateboards and scooters may be locked in the class storeroom during the day.

If these expectations aren’t followed then students may not be allowed to ride the scooter, skateboard, or bike home and parents may be called to pick them up.

Promoting Respect

Mobile phones

It is understood that at times parents feel the need for their children to have mobile phones on the journey to and home from school. However once a student arrives at school it is expected that they leave the phone at the front office and then collect it in the afternoon before they go home. This way the phone is safe and students aren’t tempted to use them during school time.

Parents are more than welcome to contact the school on 63623655 if they need to leave a message for their child during school hours.
Kinder parent information night
An information session will be held at school on Tuesday 12 February 2013 at 5.30pm. All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend to meet the Kindergarten teachers and to gain an insight about ‘a typical day in Kinder’.

‘Keeping Children Safe’ parenting program
This program is run by Burnside for 6 sessions and is designed to give up to date information on abuse and neglect of children and provide strategies that can be used to keep children safe.
This program is free and runs from 14 February 2013 from 10.00am – 12.30pm at the Buena Vista building 211 March street Orange.
Please book by phoning Sue on 6361 4883 or 6361 1004. Copies of information pamphlet are available from the school.

AASC Active After School
Active After School is a free after school sport program run here at Bowen Public School that is supervised by Mr Adam Gooloogong and co-ordinated by Mrs Shelly Gander. It will commence next week and run for seven weeks on two consecutive days – Monday & Tuesday afternoons from 3pm-4pm. There are only 20 places available so - first in, best dressed - as the saying goes! We will hold a reserve list for extras in case a child leaves.
A free healthy afternoon tea is provided.
If you would like your child to participate in this valuable and fun program please fill in and return the forms provided with this newsletter. Please try to ensure that your child attends each day that they register for or their spot may go to another child on the reserve list. It is also imperative that you collect your child promptly at the conclusion of each session as there is no supervision after this time.

P&C news
Our first meeting for 2013 will be held Monday 11 February at 6pm in the staffroom. We hope to see plenty of new faces as we discuss what is happening at the school this year. Children are welcome to attend, but please bring quiet activities for them to play with whilst the meeting is on.

Uniform Shop
Apart from some second hand items, the uniform shop will no longer operate from Bowen this year. Uniforms will be available from Orange Clothing Company.
We currently have the following specials in the uniform shop. Sizes and numbers are limited and will only be available Friday 8 February.
Short sleeved shirts: size 16 left only was $24 now $20
Sports shirts: was $26 now $24
Long sleeve shirts size 16 left only: was $27 now $20
Jumpers: was $31 now $25

Keryn Percival
P&C President

Community News
Orange Indoor Tennis
****FREE 1 hour lesson –call 6362 9811****

CAP Money
Financial worries are creating stress and anxiety for thousands of families across Australia. But there is a FREE solution!
1:30pm Tuesday 12th February at Bowen Public School - Park St
OR
7:30pm Wed 13th February at CWA Hall, Robertson Park
For bookings and enquiries call Andrew on 0402 352 258

ORANGE EMUS JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB
Will be holding their 2013 Sign On day on Friday 8th February 2013 at the Emus Grounds in Woodward Street, Orange from 5pm for the following age divisions. A free sausage sizzle will be provided.
Another Sign On day will be on Sunday 10th February starting at 10.00am at Emus.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
Sub Juniors Under 7’s (Two handed touch)
$60
$95
Juniors Under 9’s (Modified rules)
Under 11’s (Modified rules)
Under 13’s
Under 15’s
Under 17’s
All players will receive shorts and socks for the season. There are discounts applied for families.

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Orange City Junior Rugby Union Club

2013 Registrations Day
U7 to U17 at Waratah’s Sports Club Fees for juniors
U12 to U17’s will include the player’s shorts and socks. Your fee will also include one adult
member ship to Waratahs Sports Club once your paper work has been completed and returned.
Friday 8th Feb @ 5pm – 6.30pm
Saturday 9th Feb @ 12.00 – 2.00pm
For further details
http://orangecityjuniors.rugbynet.com.au
Tony 0435025181
Deryck 0427621965

Coaches Wanted for 2013
Expression of interest for Junior Coaches
Walla’s - U7’s, U9’s, U11’s
Juniors - 13’s, U15’s and U17’s
For further info contact;
Tony Dalton: 0435 025 181
Deryck Ward: 0427 621 965
Email: OrangeCityJuniors@gmail.com
Written applications PO Box 1170
Orange NSW 2800

Applications Close 31 January 2013

Ex-Services Soccer
The Ex-Services Soccer Club is one of the larger football clubs in Orange and enters teams in all junior age groups (U6 to U16) and All Age for older students. Both girls and boys are catered for. All players are covered by national registration and insurance arrangements through the Football Federation Australia. The Club registration days this year are Sat. 23 February & Sat. 2 March at Calare Public School, Frost Street, Orange, from 1.30pm-3.30pm. Registration can also be done on-line through myfootballclub.com.au. Any parents/carers interested in registering a child or simply making an inquiry in advance of the registration day can contact Nick Milham, Registrar, on 0412 265 920 or nsmilham@bigpond.com.

Bloomfield Junior Rugby League Club would like to invite you to join up for the 2013 season.
Boys of all ages from 5-16 and girls from 5-12 years of age are all welcome.
Bloomfield JRLFC will be holding a sign on day on Sunday 10th February at Club Newstead, Hill St, Orange from 10am to 2pm.
Fees are $85 per player if paid on the day and $95 after this day. Bloomfield socks are included in registration fees.
There will be a sausage sizzle and jumping castle for the kids.
Please note that all new players will be required to have a copy of their birth certificate.
For further information, phone Dawn Christopherson 0431 044 937, or email bloomfieldjrfc@hotmail.com

RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL AGES 5-16 years
Cyms JRLFC will hold two sign on days. The first being
Sunday 10th February 2013 at Norton Park, Anson street Orange from 10am-12pm. The other sign on day will be
Wednesday 27th February 2013 at the same location from 4:00-6:00pm.
More Info please call Mandy 0439 481 182 manrod18@bigpond.com or got to our sporting pulse website – Orange Cyms JRLFC or find us on Facebook.