Dear Parents

**Pre 2 news**

Do you know what Connected Classrooms are? They are using 21st Century technology to teach your child. Children from many schools are able to meet via video conference and access the expertise of other teachers throughout our learning community. Your children can also view the presenting teacher’s computer desktop through remote sharing technology. Imagine .. one presenting teacher sharing high quality learning experiences with many children. It is also used to share staff expertise throughout our pre2 learning community. We are already linking gifted students from some schools in some creative thinking work-shops about redesigning koalas to survive a bushfire. WOW. Don’t you wish you were back at school now?

**Friendships to boost your child’s learning**

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.


**Assignment starters for the arts**

Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research.


**Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school**

A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.


**Speech problems**

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?


**P&C News**

Our next meeting for 2013 will be the Annual General Meeting which will be held Monday 11 March at 6pm in the staff room. Positions vacate that will be elected at this meeting include:

1. **President** - duties involve chairing P&C meetings, representing school as required, overseeing the running of the P&C and associated events
2. **Vice-President(s)** - duties involve supporting the President, overseeing meetings and events when the President is unable to
3. **Treasurer** - duties involve receipting and banking P&C money as well as canteen money, keeping accurate details of finances as well as presenting reports at each P&C meeting, arranging an auditor for the end of year audit
4. **Secretary** - duties involve collecting mail, sending outgoing mail, submitting articles for the schools newsletter, preparing an agenda (in consultation with President) for each P&C meeting, taking minutes at meetings and distributing these meetings to ALL P&C members as well as everyone who was at the meeting. 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.

**NSW Health**

Please find a health facts sheet attached to this week’s newsletter. Detach and keep in a handy place for reference, the inside of your medicine cabinet/ pantry door is a great place to tack it up.

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**GOTCHA!!** Congratulations to these students: Eliah Dongpewen K/1D, Boe Taylor1J, Kayne Ramage2/3K, Eve Eltham 1J, Ethan Black K/1D
**ORANGE REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM**
Wishes to offer the students of Orange East and Bowen Public Schools, the opportunity to *learn a musical instrument* in a small group situation at a reduced rate. Students are being invited to participate in the Small Schools Instrumental Program that runs on Wednesday afternoons at the Conservatorium, 73A Hill St, Orange, from 2:40-3:25pm each Wednesday during term. Further inquiries can be made on 63617974.
Co-ordinator,
Mrs Donna Riles, ORC

Meet the staff: **JAN PLUMRIDGE**

**SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER**
Bowen Public School

How long have you lived in Orange? 2 years. Previously though, I lived in Bankstown, Yagoona and Greenacre. I worked at Bathurst Public School for 2 years before coming to Bowen PS. I am loving every minute of living in Orange – should have done it years ago!
What are your hobbies? Reading, running and swimming.
Tell us about your family, Jan: I am married with 4 children and 8 grandkids.

**Canteen News**
Until further notice the canteen will only be open on the following days:
- Wed - both breaks
- Thurs - break 1
- Fri - break 1
Please do not send noodles etc in on Monday or Tuesday as there will be no one available to prepare these for the children.
If you are able to volunteer for the canteen, please fill out the note at the end of the newsletter and return it to the office. A roster will then be provided notifying everyone of what days they are rostered to volunteer.

**What happened at Bowen Public School LAST WEEK**
Mrs Merchant was able to give out many Gotchas to children doing the right thing in last week’s assembly.

**Penrith Panthers Visit**
Cameron Ciraldo and Sika Manu sign autographs for children when visiting Bowen with their anti bullying programme.
COMMUNITY NEWS

CANOBOLAS RANGERS
We would like to invite interested players to join our club for the upcoming 2013 soccer season. Our club caters for both boys and girls from U6’s to U16’s. New players are very welcome and we look forward to seeing our returning players at sign on.
The clubs registration days are as follows:
WHEN: Saturday, 26th February, 2013 and Saturday, 2nd March, 2013
WHERE: Orange Public School
TIMES: 11.00am to 2.00pm
If you require any further assistance please contact Sharon on 0432 476 430 or you can visit our website - canobolasrangers.websyte.com.au.

Has your daughter tried Physie yet?
Physical Culture is a unique Australian sport which teaches a combination of dancing, aerobics, gymnastics and ballet all rolled into one. We provide fun and entertaining lessons from 3-4years all the way to seniors. Physie is the most affordable form of dance with an annual registration of $65 per year with an additional cost of only $55 per term. No expensive costume as only one leotard is required for competitions.
All classes are held on a Tuesday afternoon/evening at St Barnabas Hall, Dora St.
Beginners and new enrolments of all ages are welcomed at anytime of the year. First lesson is obligation free.
For more information and class times, please contact Julie on 0401 282 678 or Kate on 0413 723 716
Check us out at www.orangephysie.com

Ironfest – time travel
The annual Lithgow District Ironfest will be held in Lithgow over the weekend of 20 and 21 April 2013. Aiming to educate through entertainment, Ironfest features two major historical events over three days; the annual St George’s Day Jousting Tournament and the annual colonial battle re-enactment event entitled ‘The Battle of Lithgow’. Both events involve participants form all around the world; and both depict accurately two extremely interesting periods in history. The re-enactments are very dramatic, featuring artillery, cavalry and infantry, and there is a fully authentic military encampment, hospital and blacksmith’s workshop. Ironfest also showcases art, particularly metal art, through exhibitions, blacksmithing demonstrations and workshops, live music, automotive displays, street theatre, a World War II era 2-up game (no gambling), and lots more.
Ironfest is brilliant for students studying history and art. For more information you can visit the Ironfest website at www.ironfest.net.au. Also on Facebook – Ironfest in Lithgow; and The Kingdom of Ironfest.

The Orange Roosters Junior Rugby League Club are holding their 2nd sign on day this Thursday the 21st Feb between 4pm - 5pm at Max Stewart Park.
If you have children between 5 - 10 years come along and join the newest club in Orange. (Children must be turning 5 this year to join.)
Please contact Mick Madden 0458 075 812 or Erin Child 0415 151 155 for any further details. Thank you. Hope to see you all there.

YES I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A CANTEEN VOLUNTEER AT BOWEN PUBLIC SCHOOL!

Name: ___________________ Contact phone: ___________________

I am able to volunteer in the canteen on the following days (please circle):
Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday

I am able to do this (please circle):
Every week Every fortnight Once per month Once per term