The Easter Bunny isn’t far away now!

Congratulations to all of our students, staff, volunteers and parents on a wonderful first term! Many great things have happened and we’re looking forward to many more in the next three terms.

I have been particularly pleased with the growth that our students have shown in their writing work and with our improved attendance. We are holding steady at around 92.5% attendance each day. We would like to see this increase to 95% which would mean that each child would have had no more than 8 days off for the whole year. Our students achieve better results when they are at school every day. If in doubt about whether or not to send your child to school, please ring and check with the class teacher or send them in anyway and we’ll give you a call if they’re not coping.

Holidays are a fantastic time for children to recharge their batteries and be involved in activities that they wouldn’t normally be able to do during the regular school week. Please remind your children about basic safety strategies like stranger danger, road and bike safety (wearing a helmet especially) and safety near and in the water. We have plenty of exciting things planned for the coming terms and really want to see all of our kids healthy, safe and happily back at school on Tuesday, 21 April.

Well done to all the people involved in both the Election BBQ and our Market Day. We had varying degrees of success and set a good platform for growing these days in the future. The weather was fantastic and it was lovely to see everyone pulling in the same direction to get the job done successfully. By the way, the school’s green tomato relish is spectacular!

Finally, have a happy and safe holiday, especially if you are travelling. Eat a healthy amount of chocolate, be nice to the Easter Bunny and we will see everyone after we have resurrected ourselves for Term 2.

Mr Mac
What’s on? - Term 1

CANTEEN CLOSED EACH WEDNESDAY

Clothing Pool is open every Friday from 8:45 – 9:30am in Sick Bay

Week 10
Thursday 2 April – last day of Term 1
Friday 3 April GOOD FRIDAY

HAPPY EASTER
HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY

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What’s on? - Term 2

Week 1
Classes resume Tuesday 21 April
Tickets for the Mother’s Day raffle go on sale this week

Week 2
Monday 27 April Anzac Day public holiday
Friday 1 May Bowen Cross Country
Sunday 3 May Bunnings BBQ

Week 3
Thursday 7 May Mother’s Day stall
Friday 8 May Mother’s Day stall and the Mother’s Day raffle is drawn today.
Happy Easter!
NOTES FROM P&C

A very big ‘Thank You’ to all parents, teachers and staff who helped over the weekend on the election BBQ and at the Market Day; great effort and with your help made it a great success.
Again, Thank You.

Our next Bunnings barbecue is on Sunday 3 May; if you have a spare hour or so we would appreciate your assistance. Please come and leave your name and number at the school office, together with you preferred time.

Our next P&C meeting will be Monday 4 May commencing at 2:00pm in the community room – everybody welcome.

Autism support group: next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 May here at the school commencing at 9:30am – all welcome, just come to the school office.

Teabag tags: please bring any you are saving to the school office; all donations gratefully received and will go towards providing wheelchairs for children.

NO CANTEEN THURSDAY
2 APRIL 2015
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Bowen Public School is holding a tea towel fundraiser. The children have the opportunity to draw a picture of themselves for a school tea towel and help raise funds. The tea towels are made from 100% white cotton (50cm x 70 cm) and are fully washable.

These would make great gift for Christmas, Mother’s day, birthdays, Grandparents, friends and keepsakes.

To have a look at an example one will be kept in the school Office.

There is also a saving on multiple orders.
1 x tea towel = $15.00 each
2 x tea towel = $25.00
3 x tea towel = $37.50
4 x tea towel = $50.00

To order simply fill in order sheet and place in envelope with your Cash with Childs name and class.

RETURN TO SCHOOL BY THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 2015

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CHILD’S NAME: ________________________________

CLASS: ______________________________________

NUMBER OF TEA TOWEL’S: ______________________

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: __________________________
Hello, Orange City Library has 3 events during the school holidays that may interest you:

**School Holiday Activity – Songwriting Workshop with Ken Smith**
Enjoy a song writing workshop with ukulele teacher from Orange Regional Conservatorium Ken Smith. Learn how to write and perform an original song. Bring along a ukulele if you have one.

**Songwriting Workshop with Ken Smith**
Wednesday 8th April 2pm – 3pm
Orange City Library
Bookings call 6393 8132
Free event

**School Holiday Activity - Paper Plane Olympics**
Every pilot has to start somewhere. Create the most impressive, fastest, highest flying paper planes. Then test them out in a fun competition against other paper plane makers.

**Paper Plane Olympics**
Thursday 9th April
10.30am – 12 noon
Orange City Library
Bookings call 6393 8132
Free event

**School Holiday Activity - Andy Jones Performs Rap, Rhythm and Rocking Poetry**
Author and performer Andy Jones returns to Orange City Library with a show filled with rap, rhythm and rock music. This is a popular and fun show for all ages. He has also released numerous books including The Adventures of Scootaboy & Skatergirl, The Ripper Razzle Dazzle Big Book of Fun, Hot Jokes for Cool Kids, and The Burptionary.
Orange City Council are once again conducting their April Merge program commencing Tuesday 7 April and going through to Friday 10 April for years 3 – 6 only.

### Primary/Aged School Children

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Please note the above program is for PRIMARY aged school children. (Years 3-6 only)

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**THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP**

- **Relaxing**
- **Fun**
- **Great value**
- **Safe**

Entertain the kids these school holidays with a Sport and Recreation camp. Our popular Kids' and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, slip'n'slide, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more. Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands.

Kids' Camps start from $47. Family Camp weekends start from $63 per day for kids and $96 per day for adults (kids under 5 attend free; cost includes accommodation, meals and activities).
NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

What's on in Orange NSW

Dye Hard Fun Run
When: Sunday April 12 from 10am
Cost: see webpage for details: www.dyehardfunrun.com.au
Where: Gosling Creek Reserve, Orange
Contact: Orange City Council
Lynelle Dowell & Katrina Hausla
(02) 6393 8966
Run, Walk or Stroll your way around the 3 to 5 km course and enjoy fun, music and lots of colour. Entry fee includes participation in the run, printed t-shirt, coloured powder sachet and snack.

Free Fun in the Park
When: Sunday April 12 from 11.30am
Cost: Free or Fundraising
Where: Gosling Creek Reserve, Orange
Contact: Orange City Council
Lynelle Dowell & Katrina Hausla
ph 6393 8966
Join the fun activities and fundraising for services to youth in the Orange area.

Underground Sound
When: Tuesday 14 April from 7-10pm
Cost: FREE - (15+ only)
Where: Victoria Hotel
Summer Street, Orange
Contact: Ethan Wilson 0487 187 347
This open mic night is the launch event for all young musicians aged 15-18 years old to play, play an instrument and entertain in a safe and supervised setting. Underground Sound will become a regular event on the second Tuesday of each month.

Spray Art / Drumming
When: Thursday 16 April from 10.30-12.30pm
Cost: Free
Where: Uniting Church Grounds
217 Anson St, Orange
Contact: Care West, Community Development Officer Alicia Price
Ph 6391 2400
Join in on some short drumming workshops or learn to design spray art masterpieces.

Wall Mural Project
When: Tuesday 14 April from 11-2pm
Cost: FREE + Lunch provided - 12.30
Where: Glenni Oval
Mead Street, Orange
Contact: Orange City Council
Katrina Hausla ph 6393 8966
A local artist will help create a mural at Glenni Oval with the young people of Orange to represent the Youth Week theme ‘It starts with us’.

Total Skate School
When: Monday April 13 from 2.30 - 4.30pm
Cost: Free
Where: John Lomas Skate Park
Anson Street, Orange
Contact: Orange City Council
Katrina Hausla ph 6393 8966
Free skateboard lessons followed by a competition with lots of donuts and giveaways. Open to all young people in Orange. Parental Waiver required.

Youth Concert
When: Saturday 18 April from 6-10pm
Cost: Free
Where: Northcourt, Gnr Pieskcy & March Street, Orange
Contact: Dallas Holmes Ph 0422258163
FREE Pop Rock Concert - ‘Lost & Found’
Featured artist Luke Dowler with supporting acts The Quick and The Dead Drug & Alcohol Free Event
All Ages Welcome

Youth Week Dinner
When: Tuesday 21 April from 5pm
Cost: $25 for 2 course dinner with pre-dinner cocktails
Bookings by 5pm Mon 20/4
Where: Wesley Uniting Church
217 Anson Street, Orange
Contact: Fusion for bookings:
Ph 5310 2474
or call the Uniting Church
Ph 5362 5788
Email centralwestnsw@fusion.org.au

This Waste 2 Art Program is celebrating the re-use and recycling of scrap metal and waste to create art/museums and clothes. An initiative of NetWaste and generously sponsored by SMSMetal Limited. Bring along some recyclable items for your creation.

PCYC Open Day
When: Friday 17 April from 3.30 - 6.30pm
Cost: Free Sausage Sizzle
Free annual membership to under 18yrs on the day
Where: PCYC Orange
Seymour Street, Orange
Contact: PCYC, Geoff Potts
Ph 6360 2249
Meet the Staff, Police and Volunteers. View the facilities and try the activities. Show off your skills at Futsal and Basketball

Events are aimed at Youth aged 9-25yrs
Drug and Alcohol free events
The Orange Apple Festival is happening on Friday 8 May
Concluding on Saturday 9 May

Orange City Junior Rugby Union Club
Under 12 and 13 years Players Wanted

Training at Waratah’s Pride Park
Tuesday and Thursday's
5.00 to 6.00pm
Rego forms available on website or at training
Competition starts 18 April

For further details
http://orangecityjuniors.rugbynet.com.au
Tony 0435025181
Deryck 0427621965
MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys to Australia’s favourite sport.

It’s great fun, safe and teaches basic skills to help kids learn to play just like their Australian Cricket Heroes.

PLAY MILO in2CRICKET AT A SCHOOL, LOCAL CRICKET CLUB OR COMMUNITY CENTRE NEAR YOU!

BOWEN AFTER SCHOOL CRICKET PROGRAM

DATE: Monday 27th April - Monday 1st June

TIME: 3:00pm - 4:00pm