From the Principal’s Desk:

What a spectacular day was Wednesday!

Okay, the weather wasn’t fantastic but it wasn’t terrible either! It certainly didn’t reflect the atmosphere at school in the morning when all the children arrived dressed in their brilliant book week costumes. The theme from the Harry Potter movies was playing over the loud speaker system and many of the staff were dressed for the occasion as characters from J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter books. There was huge excitement as the students entered the great hall through the platform 9 and 3 quarters wall. Magical lights sparkled on the ceiling, the house banners hung proudly from the stage curtains, Aragog the spider crept over the top of the piano and again the music played.

Our Book Week Parade is one of the highlights of our school year. It is a time when we get to celebrate all the wonderful books and characters that we grew up with and the ones that inspire our children today. This year’s Book Week theme is ‘Light up your World’. It is meant to describe how books help us to learn about and see many different aspects of our world by bringing us knowledge and enjoyment through what we read. If our character parade was any measure of the joy that books bring, then we have a lot to thank authors and illustrators for. I can’t recommend highly enough taking the opportunity to read each night to your child. Not every book needs to be a lesson. Often a book is just a good story and your child listening to you read it helps them to value books, stories and information in all their forms.

One of the amazing things about books now is that they also come digitally. You can buy ‘e-books’ for tablets and computers for those that think that the good old paper version is out of date. Personally, I still love the paperback. There is something about being able to feel the page, dog ear the corner and take it anywhere without relying on the battery that appeals to me. However, I understand the attraction of the digital book too; swiping through pages, making the print larger and the ability to access a range of titles without having to travel the shops to find what you’re after are also good points. Either way, whichever book you choose your child will enjoy you reading them a good story and will appreciate the fact that you took the time to read it to them.

Congratulations to those parents who have indicated that they might like to join our second Parents as Teachers/Community Helpers (PaTCH) course. This is an excellent course designed to accredit you to help teach children to read, write and use counting in the early years of school. Our first course was highly successful with eight parents graduating and we hope the second course will be just as successful. There are still a limited number of places available in our second course. If you are interested please contact Mrs Morris through the school office. If you would like to be able to gain an insight into what happens in classrooms these days or would like to be able to give your child some extra help at home, then this course is for you.

The Father’s Day stall is coming up on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September – any donations for the stall will be gratefully accepted and may be left at the school office.

The whole school production is the next big item on our agenda. The students are working hard on perfecting their performances. Keep your eyes and ears open for hints as to the production content. I’ve heard snippets and heard some of the main script and it sounds very entertaining. We look forward to the final result in the last week of school this term.
What’s on? - Term 3

Canteen Closed each Wednesday

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

Term 3

Attention Year 6 Parents

Year 7 enrolments must be returned to the Canobolas Rural Technology High School ASAP

Week 7
Friday 28 August Western Athletics
Book Club closes today

Week 8
Thursday 3 September Father’s Day stall

Week 9
Friday 11 September Pie drive orders due back

Gotcha’s

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Upcoming Events Term 3

The next event will be a Musica Viva performance in early September and this will be a memorable experience for all students. There won’t be any travel involved as the concert will take place in our school hall.

Upcoming Events Term 4

On Thursday 15 October there will be a parent information afternoon for Kinder 2016 commencing at 3:15 in the kinder classrooms. Kinder orientation commences Monday 19 October from 9:00am to 10:00am. The orientation will run for four weeks.
Bowen Public School
is taking enrolments
now for 2016

Enquires at our office
Come in or call
63623655
Father’s Day is nearly here and we are asking for donations of gifts to be sold at our Father’s Day stall. All donations gratefully received and can be left at the school office. In conjunction with the stall we are holding a raffle a book of tickets is included with this newsletter. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 4 September. **All tickets and money need to be back no later than Tuesday 1 September.** Good luck in the raffle.

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Our next meeting on Monday 7 September will be held at **NIGHT** commencing at 6:00pm in the staffroom – put this in your diary, all welcome.

Autism support meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 September commencing at 9:30am in the community room; all welcome.

If any parents are able to volunteer to help with the canteen could you please contact Kirsty Sheehan in the school office.

Tea towel fundraiser; order form attached to newsletter, please fill in and bring to the school office; great gift idea for grandparents or just as a keepsake for your children.

**Pie drive note and money are due back Friday 11 September.**
It's the middle of Term 3...that means September school holidays are almost here! Time to book into Vacation Care!
Will you need care for your school aged child during the holidays?

Orange City Council’s Vacation Care will be operating from Monday 21 September to Friday 2 October 2015 at Orange Public School. Please note the change in venue for these school holidays.

Bookings for Vacation Care will open from Monday 31 August to Friday 18 September 2015 from 11.00am to 4.00pm only, at the Community Information and Services Centre, 79-81 Kite Street, Orange. Bookings are limited!

Full payment must be made at time of booking. Please ensure that you book your child into care during the three booking weeks.

For more information about bookings for Council’s Vacation Care, please call 63936600 or email mstanford@orange.nsw.gov.au

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Supported Playgroup and Bush Babies

- Do you have children aged birth to 5 years?
- Are you at home wondering what activities to do with your children?
- Would you like to meet new families that have children of a similar age?
- Would you like to have a yarn and a cuppa whilst the children play?

If you answer yes the Orange Supported Playgroups and Bush Babies is for you

**TUESDAYS:**

**Glenroi Grasshoppers**

Marang Gunya – The Good House, 8 Oxley Place 9:30am – 11:00am

**THURSDAYS:**

**Bush Babies Playgroup**

The Carriage Cottage – 145 Spring Street 10:30 – 12:30pm

**FRIDAYS:**

**Bowen Supported Playgroup**

Bowen Public School 1:00pm – 3:00pm
REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

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