Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to share in the excitement of the Kindergarten students as they boarded the bus for their first excursion to the Orange Botanical Gardens. This excursion was part of their unit of work on Kinder’s Care looking at how they care for their environment.

Another piece of exciting news is that Banksia 4 has entered a film competition ‘Focus on Ability’. Our film needs your vote, it’s great. There are only 7 days left to vote and our school could win a cash prize if we get the most votes. You can google ‘Focus on Ability’ to vote or go to http://www.focusability.com.au/FOA/Films.html look for our film in the school entrants documentary section and the film is titled ‘Opportunity’.

Congratulations to all the children who went to the Opera House last week to sing in the combined choir. What a great event, one that the children and I’m sure the parents and teachers will remember for a lifetime.

Thank you also to Mrs Low, Mrs Peard and Mrs Groves for organising and attending this great learning opportunity.

Book Week is next week and we will be celebrating this event with a dress up day and a parade. Children are to come dressed as their favourite book character on Monday the 18th August.

Thank you to Mrs Jackson for her wonderful work as Principal in my absence. It is great to be back on deck.

Have a great week!

Stan Kowalski,
Principal
School Awards

**Congratulations to-**

Beth, Owen, Shae, Lakaya, Sarah, Ryan, Natalie, Danica, Madison, Cooper, Anthony, Norbu, Leah, Ruby, Nicholas, Sameepta, Shae’Anne, Nathaniel, Hunter, Evie, Issac, Tiarni, Kaitlee, Pheonix, Norby, Hunter, Ronan, Riley, Alexis, Trae, Robert, Daniel, Matilda, Malik, Dylan

Principal’s Awards

**Congratulations to-**

Beth, Issac, Shae’Anne

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Canteen News

**Roster**

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LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR ORDERS IN TO THE CANTEEN FOR THE BOOK WEEK MEAL DEAL.

BOOKWEEK MEAL DEAL. Will be held on Wednesday 20th August which will be during our book week celebrations. Notes have gone out. Spare notes are available from the canteen. Orders must be to the Canteen by Monday 18th August. No late orders will be accepted. No other hot food will be available from the canteen on this day - only basic sandwiches. This is our fantastic Hamburger meal deal and the children love this deal. Get your orders in NOW.

COST OF THE DEAL IS $5.00 for either meal. Your child can have either a cheese burger/drink and book week treats or a hamburger with salad/drink and book week treats. LET’S ALL HAVE A GREAT BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION.

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P&C News

**SAVE THE DATE : FRIDAY OCTOBER 24TH**

The P&C is hosting a bush dance, with a live band who will teach bush dancing! Mark it on your calendar now. More information and ticket sales coming soon.

Father’s Day is Sunday 7th September. The P&C will be holding the annual Father’s Day Stall in Week 8, Thursday 4th September. Students will come through the hall in class groups to purchase a small gift for Dad, Grandpa, Pop or significant other. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the stall - please contact the P&C if you are able to come along for a few hours between 9.30-12 on the day.

The next P&C meeting is in week 7, Wednesday 27th August, at 6:45pm in the iCentre

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“Flying Start”

for children starting school in 2015

This is a 6 Week Transition Program running each Wednesday from 27th August to 15th October, 2014. Forms can be collected from the front office at the School. Children can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5 on or before 31st July in that year. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their 6th birthday.
Clothing Pool

The clothing pool is open every morning from 9.00 to 9.30

The Clothing Pool has fleece jumpers in sizes 4-16 available for purchase.
- V-neck jumpers—$20
- Zipped hoodie jackets—$30
- Polar fleece jumpers—$25
- All-weather jackets—$37

We also have a selection of 2nd hand uniform fleeces for purchase at reduced prices

In recent weeks a number of students have had need of spare clothes from the school (namely track pants and knickers).
Unfortunately these have not been returned to the school, meaning we have no spare clothes for students who may need them. If your child has borrowed spare clothes from the school, please return them as soon as possible.

Central West OOSH Services

provides before and after school care for children aged 5-12 years. We provide a variety of activities and experiences and breakfast and afternoon tea is available.
CWOOSH is located in the School Hall. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Please call Tanya on 0411 521 460 or email admin@cwoosh.com for further information

Book Week 2014

Monday 18th August 2014
After morning assembly

Dress-up as your favourite book character!
Books for sale in the library afterwards until 11:45pm
HEADLINE ALERT
PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S HAIR AND TREAT IF NECESSARY. YOUR COOPERATION WILL ENSURE THAT WE MINIMISE INFESTATIONS QUICKLY. THANK YOU

Bathurst Little Athletics
Registration Day
Ages 5—17 years
Season begins Monday September 8th @ 5pm
Register on line at www.lansw.com.au
Or in person Sunday 31st August 2014 at Bathurst Leagues Club, Piper St, from 10am-3pm
Further questions? -contact Registrar Sharon Roberts 0466 855 528
Or email: info@bathurstathletics.org.au

ORANGE & DISTRICT SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION -
Registration Day - Saturday, 23rd August, at Club Newstead, 1.30 - 3.30pm
Come & Try Day—Saturday, 20th or 27th September, Sir Jack Brabham Oval, Orange
For further information please contact:
Orange & District Softball Association - Pam - 0419 013 951
email - orangedistrictsoftball@gmail.com
Bletchington Softball Club -
Jacquie - 0407 934 471
email - bletchington.softball@gmail.com
Cardinals - Kelli - 0447 224 813
Pink Panthers - Steve - 0429 469 532
Eagles - Cathy - 0407 450 260

Ability Links is a new state government initiative which kick started on July 1st, and CareWest is excited to be offering the ability links program within Central West NSW. Ability Links offers a new way to support people with a disability (aged between 9 - 64 years), their families and carers especially those who are not traditionally known to the disability service system. The program assists people to access community and mainstream services, knowledge, resources and opportunities in their communities, to enable them to live the life they choose.

How it works?
Ability Links coordinators known as Linkers provide a locally based first point of contact in communities to improve access and engagement. Ability Links does not require an assessment (It is not needs based). It targets those who are not traditionally known to the disability service system. Ability Links is not a Case Management Service.

Linkers have three main roles:
Work with people with a disability, their families and carers to plan for their future;
Work with people and their families to help them become more confident, supporting them to achieve their goals by building new networks and accessing support and services in their community; and
Work alongside communities and mainstream services, supporting them to become more welcoming and inclusive.

Anyone can contact their local Linker. The Linker does not need proof of diagnosis or a referral. The program has no assessment or eligibility criteria and is not time-limited.

For more information on Ability Links or to be put in contact with your local Linker call 1300CareWest (1300227393)

GENERAL INFORMATION
Administration Office Hours - 8.45am - 3.30pm
School commences at 9.15am
School finishes at 3.15pm
Students are supervised from 8.45am

9.15-11.15 Class session 1
11.15-11.45 Play
11.45-1.45 Class session 2 which includes lunch inside at 11.45
1.45-2.15 Afternoon tea and play
2.15-3.15 Class session 3
The two 2hour sessions will be split by “fruit breaks”