From the R/Deputy Principal

The builders have been working hard over the last few weeks and have cleared areas of the school yard ready for building work to commence shortly. It is anticipated that the new classrooms will be finished by the end of term 3.

We have had the privilege of having Dan, Will and Ian, 4th Year Physiotherapy students from Charles Sturt University Albury Campus, at the school since the start of the term. The gentlemen will complete their time at our school next Friday and all staff would like to thank them for their professionalism and dedication to the profession. Thank you to Mrs Kay Skinner who has over seen this program and will welcome other Physio students in week 6 of this term.

We have had a number of enquiries and new students who will start at our school over the next few weeks. As we have new students, there may be some changes with students moving classrooms. This is to ensure that we are able to cater for the whole child’s needs - academically and socially.

The Western Region Swimming Carnival will be held in Orange next week. Students from across the region will meet at the Aquatic Centre with Anson Street School hosting this event. A big thank you goes to Mrs Kari Priest, Mrs Toot Keegan and others who have helped to organise this event.

The P&C will be meeting on the 7th March at 9:15am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. The P&C will be looking to have some new people involved in the committee this year so if you are interested in becoming part of this team, please come along.

Enjoy your weekend

Rebecca Halls
R/Deputy Principal

School Noticeboard

IMPORTANT DATES

Breakfast Buddies	Every Thursday
Swimming Carnival	Thursday 28 February
Term 1 Concludes	Friday 12 April

Stars of the Week

| Class 1   | Rikki-Leigh |
| Class 2   | Dylan W     |
| Class 3   | Dylan K     |
| Class 4   | Stevie M-J  |
| Class 5   | Thomas      |
| Class 6   | Paige       |
| Class 7   | Joshua M    |
| Class 8   | Georgie L   |
| Class 9   | Hamish, Dylan M |
| Class 10  | George      |
| Class 12  | Jay         |

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register collects information on children who have vision impairment. This information is used in research and to plan better services throughout Australia. Information from the Register is shared with researchers and planners, however children & their family are not identified in any way. If your child has vision impairment you are invited to join. By registering your child you will contribute to what is known about children who have vision impairment and what best meets their needs.

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register website (www.vifamilynetwork.org.au) can also help you with finding specialised services which support your child’s health and education.

For further details please contact: Jill Watson, RIDBC Renwick Centre on 9872 0303 or via email: jill.watson@ridbc.org.au

A reminder to all parents/carers visiting the school; to minimise class disruption, please proceed to the Administration Office on arrival. Miss Cridland and Mrs Owens will look after your enquiries.
RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS AND CARERS
It is the responsibility of parents/carers to contact the relevant Special Transport Service (bus or taxi) if students do not require transport on a particular day. 

Transport can be cancelled by contacting: 
CareWest Bus Service 6362 6554 
Orange Taxi Service 131 008

Absences
Please ensure a phone call or a note explaining your child’s absence from school is given as soon as your child returns. If no explanation is given the absence is entered into the computer as an “unexplained” absence. If too many unexplained absences occur for a particular student it is then followed up by the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO).

Mobile phones, iPods and other electronic equipment wherever possible should not be brought to school. Our experience is that this equipment can be easily broken or misplaced. Should phones be brought to school they can be left at the main office for safe keeping and collected in the afternoon.

Anson Street School Excursion & Transport Supporters (ASSETS) Bus Contributions
The Bus Contribution is $25 per term and is to be paid as early as possible each term. This payment can be claimed on your tax return. Thank you to those parents who have already paid the Bus Contribution and are up to date.

Students should not be dropped off at school prior to 8.45am. Staff require this time to prepare and organise materials for the day. On occasions when this is unavoidable students should sit on the seats provided in the foyer area until the bell goes at 8.45am at which time they go to their classroom.

Anson Street School currently has an outbreak of head lice. Please check your child’s hair daily, and treat if necessary. If your child’s hair needs treatment, the following guide may be useful.

- Treat hair until live lice and eggs are gone.
- Treat with a specialist product from the chemist. Regular conditioner works well too.
- Comb through hair with a lice comb to remove eggs.
- Wash pillow cases and other bedding.
- Wash hats.

If your child is sick at school we will monitor the situation. If we feel that your child is not going to manage we will phone you to collect them. It is not in their best interest to be at school if they are sick. If parents are not in a position to collect their child please make sure the emergency contact numbers are up to date so we can phone someone else to collect them.

Community Noticeboard

Free Dental Care
Free dental care is available at NSW Public Dental Clinics for all children under 18 years of age and adults who hold Centrelink Concession cards. All patients must have a valid Medicare Card. To access this service please contact the public Dental Service Call Centre on 1300 552 626.

Carewest Disability Services - Respite
CareWest Disability Services offers Respite Care in a number of ways.
- There are afternoon programs for school students (After School Care), weekdays from 3pm to 5.30pm.
- Vacation Care is offered for school students during school holidays.
- Weekend overnight respite or midweek overnight respite is also available.
- Tuesday night Youth Group from 5.30pm to 7.45pm.

Stephen Murphy is the Respite Coordinator and he can be contacted on 6391 2400 and email: stephen.murphy@cw.org.au.

A copy of the Youth Group Activity Program can be requested from the school office.

Teen Time
The program, funded by ADHC and operated by Orange City Council, is based at Anson Street School in the hall. The after school program will be from 3.00 - 6.00pm during term time and from 8.00am - 6.00pm during vacation periods. There will be a maximum of 9 students supervised by 3 members of staff (employed by Orange City Council). Brochures are available from the school office. Please contact Teen Time Coordinator, Ms Margi Garretty, on 6393 8617 or 0418 403 367 for all enquiries.