From the Releiving Principal

Although the end of the week has dampened the playground for activities outside, it has not hindered the wonderful things that have been happening around the school this week.

Some junior students represented the school at the Western Region Cricket Carnival on Monday. Our students played exceptionally well and they congratulated Kelso Public on their win.

The Review and Reappraisal meetings have been over the last few weeks with staff indicating that there had been great conversations in regards to the educational and social development of the students. We encourage any parent or caregivers to contact the school, or via the communication books, if they wish to discuss any aspect of their child’s teaching and learning program.

Our lovely new buildings will be opened officially on 21st May. This will be a significant event so pencil this one in on the calendar. More specific details will follow in the coming weeks regarding this event. The buildings are currently occupied by the junior classes who have been utilising the soft walls for their Literacy Program.

The ANZAC day service at school will be held on Tuesday 8th April at 10:30am. This very special event is commemorated by staff and students and a number of local Ex-Service men and women attend. The official ANZAC Day march (25th April) down Summer Street will be held during the school holidays. Notes will be distributed early next week to all students with information regarding where to meet before, and after the event.

Blayney High School students will be involved with sailing activities on Monday with some of our students.

Every child is a different kind of flower, and all together, they make this world a beautiful garden. Author unknown.

Enjoy your weekend!

Rebecca Halls
Bachelor of Education

Harmony Day 2014
Everyone celebrated Harmony Day on Friday 21st March by completing different activities including art, cooking or wearing something orange. In the afternoon the whole school played soccer, each class represented a different country. The students were stoked that they beat the staff in the final game 2 to 3.

Thanks to everyone for your help and support, including the parents. Maybe next year it will be students verse parents....

Karla Parsonage

Western Region Secondary Indoor Cricket
On Monday the 17th of March Anson Street School students travelled to Bathurst to participate in the Western Region Indoor Cricket Carnival. The students played six games over the course of the day and gave their all in every match. Unfortunately the team only managed to win one of their games and did not qualify for the finals. However, every game was extremely close and there was never more than a few runs difference in each result.

Delroy High School were short of players on the day and were kindly assisted by Jessie and Jay from Anson Street and with their help managed to win the whole carnival.

A big thank you to Toot and all the students who took part on the day and showed great sportsmanship.

Scott Sullivan
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.

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).

School & Class Notes
Please remember to check school bags and communication books for any notes that may have been given out at school. These notes may include the newsletter, permission notes or information about what’s happening in your child’s class and may need to be signed and returned as soon as possible so your child doesn’t miss out on any outings or special events.

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.

Community Noticeboard

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 operates 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.

Puberty, Sexuality and Relationships Forum
Family Planning NSW will be holding a FREE forum for parents and carers of children and young people with intellectual disability.

Find out how to support your family member’s personal development and sexuality in a positive way.

The forum will include: Preparing for puberty changes; Decision making and safety; Sexuality and disability; Books, DVDs and resources; Tips for talking about sex and answering tricky questions; Meet other parents; Free resource bag

Parents, foster parents, relatives and other unpaid carers of people with disability are welcome.

When: Monday 31 March 2014
Time: 6 – 8pm
Venue: Trade Training Centre, Anson Farm (opposite Anson Street School)
RSVP: Friday 28 March 2014 to Danielle Fehir at Family Planning NSW on 02 8752 4388 or by emailing daniellef@fpnsw.org.au
Cost: FREE

For more information contact Christine McFarland at Anson Street School or go to fpnsw.org.au/parentforums

Legal Matters Information Session
Do you have a child with a disability? Are you interested in finding out more about legal matters which may affect you and your child in the future?

Planning for the future is often a concern that carers of a child with a disability may have. Carers may be uncertain of the steps they need to take to get things sorted. The Cerebral Palsy Alliance will be holding a Legal Matters information session on Tuesday 1 April at 95 Prince Street from 10am to 12pm. The cost is free and morning tea will be provided.

Mr Jim Prosser-Fenn, Baldock, Stacy & Niven, will be presenting an information session covering; Wills; Power of Attorney; Guardianship and Disability Trusts. There will also be opportunities to have your questions answered.

To RSVP contact Suzi Welch by Wednesday 26 March 2014 on 6360 1455 or via email swelch@cerebralpalsy.org.au. Numbers are limited.