It has been a very busy start to term 2 however all the students have quickly settled into the usual class and school routines. A very warm welcome to the new students and families who have started at the school this term. Also a warm welcome to Katherine Mitchell who will be teaching Class 3 until a permanent teacher is appointed in Mr Williams place.

The official opening of the new buildings and redeveloped playground will be held on Wednesday 21st May. As you would be aware the new buildings will be known as the Carolyn Woll Buildings. Mrs Woll was Principal at Anson Street School for nearly 20 years before retiring in 1995. Mrs Woll was an outstanding educator recognised by the community and her colleagues and was responsible for many innovative programs at the school. The redeveloped oval will be known as the Lady Dorothy Cutler Oval. Lady Cutler played a significant role in establishing educational facilities for children with special needs in Orange in the late 1960s. Both Mrs Woll and Lady Cutler will be attending the official opening on May 21. The children are really enjoying the new facilities including the playground and new bike track. We look forward to seeing as many parents, caregivers and friends attend the opening and the morning tea.

A very successful sports day was held yesterday on the school oval. Students were divided into houses and the day included a March Past, relay races, student and teacher tug-o-war and junior tabloid events. It was really good to see the students supporting each other and trying their best at each event. A big thankyou to all the staff for the planning and organisation around this special event.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning Program (PBL) is continuing at school this year and assists students and staff in maintaining a positive, happy atmosphere around the school. As part of the PBL program we often talk at assemblies and in the classes about the school expectations which are; Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Safe. These expectations are also in place on school and class excursions, sporting visits and when we are looking after visitors to the school.

Next week a number of students will be involved in NAPLAN testing. Any enquiries regarding NAPLAN should be directed to Ms McFarland, Assistant Principal.

Enjoy your weekend
Garry Brotherton
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.

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.

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.

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.

Community Noticeboard

Meditation & Mindfulness Matters
Often when caring for a child with a disability the last thing on a carer’s mind is the importance of looking after themselves. When juggling the day to day needs of their child, carers seldom prioritise the importance of their own health until it is impacted. The Cerebral Palsy Alliance will be holding a workshop to provide participants with everyday tools to manage the ongoing stress related to caring for a child with a disability. This workshop will provide participants with:
- Greater self awareness through mindfulness
- Practice of various meditation techniques
Each participant will get pampered through massage and a delicious lunch and take away a CD containing two guided meditations for relaxation and visualisation.

Who: Parents/Carers of a child with a disability
When: Tuesday 10 June 2014
Time: 10:30am-2:00pm
Venue: Cerebral Palsy Alliance, 95 Prince Street
Cost: FREE
RSVP: Monday 2 June 2014 to Suzi on 6360 1455 or via email: swelch@cerebralpalsy.org.au
Morning tea and lunch provided.
Numbers are limited so RSVP asap!

Orange Apple Festival
9-11 May
It’s CRUNCH time in Orange and its surrounding villages – with the Orange Apple Festival starting this Friday.
Children across the district are embracing ‘all things apples’ in their learning and sporting activities – Apple Art is well under way, and apples are being diced and sliced in food tech, science, PDHPD and other classes.
And of course the BIG CRUNCH is Friday with children munching on local apples at 11am. There’s lots of activities to involve the family in this weekend – Take a look and get involved: www.orangeapples.com.au

Fire and Rescue NSW Open Day 2014
Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its Annual Open Day on Saturday 17th May 2014 between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station’s fire truck, hold a fire hose, get an information bag while enjoying a sausage sandwich and chat with firefighters about what they do.
This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and learn about fire safety in the home.
Orange Fire Station will be holding a rescue display where firefighters will be cutting up a car using the “jaws of life” at 10:45am and at 1:15pm during the open day as well as lots of other fun activities.
Orange Fire Station is at 79 Summer St, in the top block, with ample parking behind the fire station off Little Summer St.

Lake Burrendong Sport & Recreation Open Day
Lake Burrendong Sport & Rec invites everyone to a FREE Open Day on Sunday 25 May from 9am to 3pm.
Activities may include: tennis, swimming, facility tour, picnic, fishing, rock climbing, flying fox, archery, grass skiing and canoeing.

Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 6846 7403.

For more information please ask for a flyer from the school office.