From the Principal

The NAPLAN testing was conducted this week for a number of the students. We were able to use the classroom in the vineyard for the test to be undertaken. Thank you to Mrs Dawson, Ms McFarland and Mrs Hudson for organising the timetables and arrangements for NAPLAN.

Today a number of athletes will be participating in the Regional Athletics Carnival in Cowra. Over the past few weeks team managers, Mr Sullivan, Mrs Keegan and Miss Parsonage have been taking every opportunity to provide training sessions on the oval and in the school gym. We look forward to hearing the results later this afternoon.

Please see the notice relating to the Truckies & Tradies Ball which will be held on Saturday 14 June. This initiative is proudly supported by the Masters Builders Association. Please consider supporting this event by purchasing tickets which are available at the school. Any enquiries please phone the school on 63624563.

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.

Enjoy your weekend
Garry Brotherton

School Noticeboard

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ADVANCE NOTICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF GRADUATES:
Graduation Night Celebration
Thursday 4 December 2014
Orange Ex Services Club
Further details to come

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.
Classes 10 & 11 Excursion to Dubbo Zoo
Last Wednesday Classes 10 & 11 headed off to the zoo to track down some wild animals and bring one back to Anson Street to keep. After a long drive we jumped off the bus and went in search of rhinos, giraffes and elephants. It was a bit muddy after the rain but the animals seemed to be enjoying it. We moved to the tiger talk and watched a big tiger pull his lunch down from a tree. Watching him eat his lunch we realised we were hungry so we stopped at a picnic ground and had our lunch with about a hundred birds who also thought they should eat our lunch too! Finishing with a drive around the rest of the zoo, we had just enough time to load a rhino onto the bus before heading home. Rosie the Rhino has returned to Anson Street and after she has a bath and a rest she will be displayed in the new undercover playground for everyone to see and enjoy.

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.

Community Noticeboard

Meditation & Mindfulness Matters
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!

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.

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.