



Calare Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent/Carers Information Meetings last week. It was a great opportunity for our teachers to be able to meet their new mums and dads and to pass on information about our educational directions for 2008. I hope other information about class organization and needs was also of value to you all.

This week is relatively quiet at Calare. Today we have the Rugby League Blitz and on Friday we will be hosting players from the Canberra Raiders, who will be speaking to our Year 3 to 6 children.

Our P&C will be holding its first meeting for 2008. If you haven't attended a P&C Meeting before, please come along and help with the decision making of our hardworking members - this is NOT an AGM, so you won't be given a job!!

Have a lovely week

Mike Willis
Principal

P&C MEETING WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

The first P&C Meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, February 19th, 2008 commencing at 7:30pm in the staff common room. As this is the first meeting of the year we will discuss our funding priorities for 2008, seek feedback from our Principal, Mike Willis on his plans for the school in 2008 and to discuss any other issues that parents might wish to raise on the night. The meeting will also act as a welcome for new parents so we will have some wine and cheese.

It is requested therefore that you bring some cheese, biscuits or any other appropriate nibbles. I will be providing the wine and it would be great to see as many people there as possible for what will be an informative and enjoyable night.

It should also be remembered that this meeting is not our Annual General Meeting and therefore there is no chance you will be roped into a role!!! If you can spare an hour or so on this night we would love to see you there.

Simon Kempson
President

STUDENT CLASSROOM LEVY:

An annual levy of \$40-00 for all students is now due.

This levy covers the cost of work books, textbooks and classroom resources.

Please send payment in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.

MEDICAL ALERT - SCABIES

There has been a report of children who have scabies. Please read the following information and check your children.

What is scabies? A common cause of generalised itching is scabies - a condition which is easy to catch. Scabies is due to a tiny mite about half a millimetre in size. It burrows under the skin, lays its eggs and dies. When the eggs hatch, tiny mites are released and travel over the skin. The condition causes intense itching and sometimes a rash.

Where does the scabies mite live? The scabies mite prefers tender, protected areas such as wrists, between the fingers, folds of the armpit and elbow, the groin and the creases of the bottom.

How does scabies spread? The mites spread from person - to - person by close skin - to skin contact. This is why children with scabies should be kept home from school. Sometimes the mites spread through clothing or bedding. Whole families are often affected. It can be very difficult to find the scabies mites, but sometimes tiny lines in the skin - made when the mite burrows - are seen and give a clue to the diagnosis.

What is the treatment for scabies? See your doctor who will prescribe a course of treatment.

BEGINNER BAND:

All new beginner band students will commence lessons this Thursday. They should bring their instruments if they have already secured one. They will be advised of specific times on the day.

CLOTHING POOL:

Thank you to the ladies who have volunteered their time to help with the Clothing Pool. The Clothing Pool will be open every even week (same week as Assembly week) on Mondays 8:45 - 9:15am and Fridays 2:30 - 3:00pm.

LIBRARY NEWS:**BOOK CLUB**

Last day for Book Club orders is Friday 22nd February. Books will arrive approximately a week and a half after that.

OVERDUE BOOKS:

Last week overdue notes were given out to children who still had books at home from last year.

Before these children can borrow this year, these books must be returned or paid for so that a replacement book may be purchased. All school libraries are accountable for missing or lost books by the Education Department.

ADVANCE WARNING FOR VISITING**PERFORMER:**

Australian Folklore will be performing at our school on Wednesday, 5th March, 2008. The performance will be for all children in K-6. Further information will be provided in next week's Newsletter.

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST:

We have a new Speech Pathologist visiting our school this year. We welcome Katie O'Brien who will be working with children referred by teachers or parents each Wednesday. A note for your permission will be sent home if your child has been recommended by their teacher to be assessed by Katie for speech and /or language problems.

SIGN ON DAY:**OESC SOCCER CLUB**

DATES: Saturday 23rd February and 1st March, 2008.
LOCATION: Calare Public School
TIME: 1:30pm to 3:30pm (both days)
ENQUIRIES: Debbie Smith 6361 4026 and Grant Jaeger 6361 3628

CANOBOLAS RANGERS JUNIOR SOCCER**CLUB:**

DATES: Saturday 23rd February and Saturday 1st March, 2008
TIME: 12 noon till 3:00pm
LOCATION: Orange Public Primary School Cnr Kite and Sale Streets
NOTE: Proof of age document and a passport size photo is required.
ENQUIRIES: Ray on 0419219581

ORANGE JUNIOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Sign on day was held on Sunday 17th February. Please contact Julie Symons on 63663609 if you are interested in playing junior hockey and missed the sign on day.

WARATAH JUNIOR SOCCER:

DATES: Saturday 23rd February 11:00am and 3:00pm & Sunday 24th February 2:00pm - 4:00pm
WHERE: Waratah Sports Club
ENQUIRIES: 6362 0804

CALARE NETBALL CLUB:

On Wednesday 20th February 2008 we will be holding our first meeting for the year at 6:30pm in the TLC room at Calare. Everybody is welcome (Parents and coaches).

We still require a couple of positions to be filled within the committee, If you are interested, please attend the meeting or alternatively ring Jo Eslick on 6361 2797.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

TAFE Outreach has places available in the course 'Work Opportunities for Women'. The course will commence on 25th February 2008 and will be delivered on Mondays 9:30am to 3pm during Semester 1. The course includes: Job seeking skills, personal communication skills, presentation skills and computing. Please contact Robyn Millar 63915705 or Lea Parker 63915836 if you are interested in participating.

BRASS CELEBRATION**COOK PARK ROTUNDA****8-9 MARCH 2008**

On the weekend of 8th and 9th March 2008, the City of Orange Brass Band will be hosting a Brass Celebration to mark the centenary of the Rotunda in Cook Park and more than 100 years of brass bands in Orange.

The City of Orange Brass Band will be joined by the NSW Fire Brigades Band, Parramatta Salvation Army Band and the Gosford City Band as well as other local and district bands.

Saturday Activities

- * Summer Street March 12:30pm
- * Brass Bands in Cook Park 1:00 - 6:00pm
- * Concert Orange Civic Theatre (Tickets \$20 & \$15).

Sunday Activities

Brass Bands in Cook Park 9:00am - 4:00pm
 Hymns on Brass 10:00- 11:00am

ASSEMBLIES:

Parents, guardians and friends are invited to attend Assemblies each Friday of the even weeks of the school term (Week 2,4,6,8,10). These assemblies are held in the hall at the following times.

Stage 1	-	Kindergarten, Yrs 1 & 2	11:00am
Stage 2	-	Years 3 & 4	9:30am
Stage 3	-	Years 5 & 6	12:35pm

SCHOOL CALENDAR:**WEEK 4**

Tuesday	19.02.2008	P&C Meeting
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Week 5

Thursday	28.02.2008	Athletics Carnival
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Week 6

Friday	07.03.2008	District Swimming
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