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Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you and congratulations to the children of 1E and Mrs. Edwards, for their great display of colourful fish and starry stegosaurus last week.

This week's display will be presented by 5W. I'm sure Mr. West has something very special in store for us!!

What a lovely evening we had last Friday, when the P&C held its Twilight Picnic. The weather was superb, the company wonderful and the children had a great time playing without the normal school rules!! Thank you very much to Narelle Roser, Karen Honeyman, Karen Snare and Brett Stanford, who organised the evening. Thank you also to husbands Guy Roser and Paul Honeyman for cooking the 500 sausages that were consumed. A very special thanks must go to Orange City Council, which allowed Brett to borrow all the necessary equipment for the evening. I know that many parents visited the Smartboard displays conducted by Ms. Hughes, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Alchin and I would like to thank them for providing such informative and entertaining sessions.

This week is again very busy at school. Tomorrow and Wednesday (11&12/3) will see the Kinder children having their eye screening tests at school. Tuesday is also the day that 5SB and 5C will be travelling to Mt. Piper Power Station on what is always an excellent, educational excursion.

Our Band members will be walking over to Orange High on Thursday (13/3) for a full day of workshops with students from the high school and students from Canobolas and Orange Public Schools.

The Regional Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday (14/3) at Dubbo Olympic Pool. I know we all wish our representatives good luck and great swimming for the day. A special congratulations to Lauren Kerwick who was awarded Junior Girl Champion at the District carnival.

Have a lovely week

Mike Willis

Principal

INFORMATION FOR NEW PARENTS:

Our classes are grouped into Stages. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are **Stage 1**, Year 3 and Year 4 are **Stage 2** and Year 5 and Year 6 are **Stage 3**.

LIBRARY NEWS:

LIBRARY MONITORS:

Next Wednesday our library monitors will be presented with their badges. They have all been trying out to see if this is a commitment that they would like to accept in our school.

They are Angela Camilleri, Rebekah Buni, Staci Roworth, Mat Perry, Sam Mephram, Corey Foley, Maddie O'Neil, Anna Palu, Helen Ralph, Kiara Webb, Jordyn Butt and Shannon Burridge.

BOOK CLUB:

This year there will be two Book Club orders each term. Please remember that there is no obligation to buy from any of these orders. They will be given out this week and will be due back 26th March, the Wednesday after Easter. In order for the books to arrive before the holidays, no late orders will be accepted.

ANZAC DAY - April 25th ADVANCED NOTICE

Students from Calare Public School are invited to take part in the Anzac Day March in Orange on Friday 25th April, 2008.

All students, K-6 who are able to attend need to note the following information;

- * Full Winter uniform including tie (grey jumper – not sloppy joe, and socks, not stockings). The weather will determine whether the jumper is worn for the March.
- * Assembly point is in Sale Street opposite Newey's Dry Cleaners at 10:00 am. Staff will be present to meet and arrange the students into lines.
- * The March commences at 10:20am (assemble at 10:00am).
- * The March is down Sale & Summer Streets to the Cenotaph in Robertson Park.
- * At the conclusion of the March, students may remain with parents and attend the Remembrance Ceremony at 11:00am or leave with parents. The service is quite long and aimed at an adult level and it is not necessary for children to attend. We will be represented by our School Captains who will lay a wreath.
- * All parents will collect their children in McNamara Lane behind Robertson Park at the end of the March.
- * Students are requested to carry a safety pin to wear a sprig of rosemary. If you can provide pieces of rosemary on Anzac Day, this would be appreciated.

This year ANZAC day falls in the school holidays, and although we understand numbers may be down, we are still encouraging those children who may be in Orange to participate in the march.

SCHOOL COMMEMORATION:

As Monday 28th is a pupil free day our school will hold a commemorative service on Tuesday 29th April commencing at 12:00 noon. Children are requested to be in full school winter uniform for the ceremony. Parents are welcome to attend this service however limited seating will be available. As the ceremony will be held under the covered area in the bottom quad, providing protection from the weather for parents, should it rain, will be difficult. Thank you for your understanding.

If there are any parents or grandparents who are current or ex-servicemen or women we would be delighted to have you join us for the ceremony. There will be a section in the ceremony for you to lay flowers / wreath with your child/grandchild. If you would like to participate in this way, please contact the school office leaving your name and contact details.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUS COMPANY:

As the commercial bus operator in Orange we are always vigilant regarding the safety of all our passengers, and especially school students. From time to time we understand that parents like to follow our buses as they perform school services, in a bid to understand where a particular bus travels and the relevant times.

We have no problem with this practice but would ask in future if a parent indicates that they are going to follow a bus that we at Orange Buslines be advised.

Today we had the situation where a car followed a bus for approximately twenty (20) minutes. The driver became very concerned and advised the depot which resulted in me going out and photographing and following the "offending" car which turned out to be a parent with an infants age student who will be catching the bus tomorrow. The parents told me that they had advised the school of their intention but we were not advised. An innocent incident but something which appeared, without prior knowledge, to be a more sinister. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
Ian Spencer, Manager Orange Buslines.

BASKETBALL:

Congratulations to Ashley Bastiaansen, Gil Anderson, Rhys Anderson, Lachie Fisher and Bryson Cook who have been selected in the District Basketball team. They will be playing in the Area Trials at Wallerawang on Thursday 13th March. We wish them all the best for these Trials.

BAND WORKSHOP

A reminder to parents that all band members will be attending a band workshop at Orange High School this Thursday. Beginners are to meet at the Orange High Performing Arts Centre at 9am. Please note the early start.

MORE! MORE! MORE! - PLEASE DONATIONS OF EASTER EGGS.**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:**

Please note the Athletics Carnival will be held at Orange High School on Friday 4th April, 2008.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

Congratulations to all twenty nine Calare children who swam at the District Swimming Carnival last Friday. All swimmers tried so hard and swam their best - making their parents and teachers very proud.

Special congratulations must go to our swimmers who qualified for the Western Region Swimming Trials at Dubbo this Friday, where they will be part of the Orange District Team and will swim against swimmers from the very large Western Region.

A very special, special congratulations must go to Lauren Kerwick who was Junior Girl Champion on the day - a wonderful effort Lauren!

Well done also to both our Junior girls and our Senior girls relay teams who swam great races and qualified to go through to Dubbo as well.

The Calare team to swim at Region is as follows: Chloe Barrett, Olivia Kerwick, Louise Kempson, Lauren Kerwick, Max Wolfson, Natasha Stevens Lucy Hill, Madison Smith, Isobel Coady-Jiear. We wish you the best of luck in all your events this Friday.

HEALTHY KIDS, HEALTHY FUTURES SURVERY:

The Orange Community Health Centre is going to run a program next term with a focus on developing good habits in children and some of the topics that could be covered include lunch box ideas, how to get your children to eat fruit and vegetables and how to read a food label. We are lucky enough to be the only school in Orange to run such a program! The program will be determined from your responses on the surveys and the topics you are most interested in. Please fill out the survey that was sent home with your child today and return it by this Friday 14th March.

SCHOOL CALENDAR:**Week 7**

Tuesday	11.03.2008	5SB & 5C Mt Piper
Thursday	13.03.2008	Band Workshop OHS
Friday	14.03.2008	Regional Swimming Carnival

Week 8

Tuesday	18.03.2008	Hockey Gala Day
		P&C Meeting
Wednesday	19.03.2008	Easter Hat Parade
		Easter Raffle drawn
Friday	21.03.2008	Good Friday

Week 9

Mondy	24.03.2008	Easter Monday
Tuesday	25.03.2008	Kindergarten Interviews

Week 10

Friday	04.04.2008	Athletics Carnival OHS
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