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NEWSLETTER NO. 8, WEEK 8, TERM 1, 17th March, 2008

Dear Parents and Guardians

Well, I hope you took the opportunity to come in and see 5W's great artwork in the foyer last week! Mr. West had the children recreating a painting called "Hills Hoist With Parkland" by Chris O'Dougherty, better known to fans of 'Mental as Anything' as Reg Mombassa. Congratulations on an excellent effort 5W!

This week it is 4B's turn to beautify our foyer - I can't wait to see what they have in store!

Our swimmers performed very well at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo last week. Both Senior and Junior Girls' Relay teams have qualified for the State Carnival, as has Braydon Cato. Others may also have qualified but at this time we don't have the full results from Friday.

The band workshop held at Orange High last Thursday was another outstanding success. Thank you and congratulations to Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Armstrong and the staff from Orange High for their organisation and commitment.

Even though this week is only four days long, it will be very busy again.

Tomorrow sees our girls' participating in the regional Hockey Gala Day. I know this event has been much anticipated and wish the girls and their coach, Mrs. Adams, every success.

Don't forget the P&C meeting on Tuesday night at 7.30pm. This will also be the Annual General Meeting so come along and get involved in this great group.

On Wednesday we will be having both our Infants Easter Hat Parade and our Easter Raffle Draw and our tennis team takes on Blayney. I know that Mrs. Snare has high hopes for the team in 2008, so good luck!

Finally, on Thursday our Girls' Soccer Team travels to Grenfell to take on the locals. The girls have been training hard under their coach, Mrs. Dixon, and I am confident that they will give a good account of themselves.

Have a lovely week and a safe Easter break.

Mike Willis, Principal

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS:

All tickets need to be back to school by Wednesday this week as the prize draw will take place on Wednesday afternoon from 2:30pm in the bottom quad C.O.L.A. area.

A big thank you to all the families who have supported this P&C Fundraiser in any way. You have all contributed to the success of the day.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:

We apologise for any inconvenience in the change of days for the Athletics Carnival. The confusion and change of dates has arisen from the unavailability of venues.

The Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 28th March, 2008 at Orange High School.

HALF DAY HOLIDAY PLANNED FOR ORANGE:

The half day holiday planned for Orange on 11th April does not apply to Calare Public School.

If your child is absent on this day, a note explaining absence will need to be provided.

BROKEN BAY EXCURSION:

A reminder that payment for the Broken Bay excursion will need to be made by early April. More information will follow towards the end of this week.

HELP! - ANZAC DAY WREATH

We need assistance with our Anzac Day Wreath which will be presented at the Anzac Day March on April 25th in Robertson Park. If there are any parents who would be able to assist in making the Anzac Day Wreath we would be very appreciative. Please contact Colleen Alchin as soon possible.

EASTER SCRIPTURE CLASSES:

This Thursday 20th March there will be special Easter assemblies in the hall for Scripture. Parents are most welcome to attend and meet the team of scripture volunteers as well as see a little of what your children are learning in scripture.

9:30am - 10:00am K, 1 & 2

10:00am - 10:30am Years 3 & 4

10:30am - 11:00 Years 5 & 6

EASTER HAT PARADE - YEARS K-2

A reminder that parents/friends/guardians of students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to attend our Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday at 12:40pm. You are also invited to stay and have lunch with your child after the Easter Hat Parade. A special canteen menu is available for this day.

P&C MEETING

The P&C is a great forum for getting your views heard and considered. The next meeting will be held tomorrow night March 18, 2008 in the staff room commencing at 7:30pm. This is a very important meeting as it is also the Annual General Meeting.

All parents are encouraged to attend and become an active participant in the running of the P&C. The meetings are very informal and do not take up too much of your time but it is important to remember that the decisions that affect your children are made by those that attend the meetings. I look forward to seeing you there. Simon Kempson, President

RELAY TEAMS SWIM TO STATE:

Well done to our swimmers who were part of the Orange District Swim Team and swam at the Western Region Trials last Friday. All swimmers swam to the best of their ability amongst some very tough competition from across the region. Congratulations to the whole team on making it to this level. Well done to all our clever swimmers and a big congratulations to Braeden Cato who will be swimming at State level in April.

The exciting news however is that both our Junior and our Senior Girls Relay teams qualified for State with two great relay swims. The Junior team consisting of Olivia Kerwick, Chloe Barrett, Lauren Kerwick, Natasha Stevens and the Senior Team consisting of Isobel Coady-Jiear, Lucy Hill, Louise Kempson and Madison Smith will be off to Homebush in April to swim in the P.S.S.A. State Carnival. Congratulations girls, we are very proud of you representing Calare and wish you the very best of luck at this fabulous venue.

Many thanks to all parents for their support and help at the various carnivals. It has been greatly appreciated. In particular thanks must go to Leanne and Rory Kerwick and Jenny Kempson, who have helped out getting our swimmers to marshalling and organising relay teams etc. The carnivals would not run near as smoothly without our parents' support.

CANTEEN NEWS:

The K-2 Easter hat parade is being held this Wednesday and we have attached a special menu. This menu is only available this Wednesday for the Easter Hat Parade. This will replace our normal lunch menu for the whole school. Parents & Grandparents are invited to place orders with their child's lunch orders before 9:30am in a separate lunch bag. Parents and grandparents lunches will be distributed with their child's lunch in their class lunch box. Our normal snack food and drinks will be available on the day.

Hot Cross Buns are available to buy in the morning before school commences for Easter only. At 50c each they are a nice warm Easter treat. They go really well with a hot chocolate. Great start to the morning. We also have available in the morning, apple slice which can be heated up, raisin and cinnamon toast, jelly cups, chocolate mouSse, 100% juices and flavoured milks in chocolate, strawberry and banana. Happy Easter, Catherine, Belinda & Di - Canteen

CALARE NETBALL CLUB:

Any girls who missed registration days last weekend but would still like to play netball this year, particularly in under 9's and under 10's, please ring Jo Eslick on 6361 2797 before the end of this week.

VACATION CARE FOR CHILDREN 5 TO 12 YEARS.

Orange City Council's next Vacation Care (Monday 14th April to Thursday 28th April, 2008 and Pupil Free Day (Monday 28th April, 2008) . Bookings will be taken from Monday 31/03/2008 to Friday 04/04/2008 9.00am to 4.00pm. Kenna Hall - 45 places, Glenroi - 16 places. Book early to avoid disappointment. Contact office on 63938600 for more information.

Vacancies also available FOR Before and After School Care. Contact 63938615 for more information.

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Week 8

Tuesday	18.03.2008	Hockey Gala Day P&C Meeting
Wednesday	19.03.2008	Easter Hat Parade 12.40 PM Easter Raffle drawn 2:30 PM
Friday	21.03.2008	Good Friday

Week 9

Monday	24.03.2008	Easter Monday
Tuesday	25.03.2008	Kindergarten Interviews
Friday	28.03.2008	Athletics Carnival OHS

Week 10