

Orama News

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Term 4, Week 11 Thursday December 16th, 2021



Orama Public School wishes you and your family and happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We look forward to continuing great opportunities for our students in 2022.

Future Leaders

In the past week, our year five students have shared their aspirations for their future leadership journey. Each student spoke about learning from others, modelling great characteristics for others, ensuring other students feel safe and welcome and further enhancing the opportunities for students in the future. Ms Fletcher, LS2 and I were very impressed at the speeches. Well done Dylan, Dan, Amity, Itzel and Yeshe.



Presentation Afternoon

Wednesday afternoon was a great moment to celebrate all of the wonderful achievements of 2021. The heartfelt speech given by the Year 6 Leaders and the unveiling of "The Cow" was thrilling. The crowd was enthralled. Every student received their award and book with gratitude.

I spoke at the assembly about our achievements this year, despite all of the interruptions. Across the year we have had 17 non-operational days due to flooding or road closures and 20 days of Covid interruptions. Despite these challenges all of

the students and staff have risen to the challenge of making 2021 a great year. Everyone has continued with a sense of normal and, despite the cancellation of activities, learning has occurred as normal. We have whole school growth in reading and numeracy and the improvements in student attendance has been phenomenal. Many thanks to the Bellingen Lions Club for the generous support of our school. Their contribution is gratefully received. Please see later in the newsletter for the great photos!

2022 Voluntary Contribution

In 2022 we will introduce a voluntary school contribution. It is, in essence, a voluntary school fee. The fee will be \$30 and this cost will cover equipment such as headphones, pens, pencils and other stationary equipment we had previously asked families to provide.

Share our Space

We are fortunate to be offering the school playground as a community space to be used during the school holidays. From Monday December 20th to Thursday January 27th, between the hours of 8am and 5pm. Any security concerns can be called through to the School Security Hotline on 1300 880 021.

2022 Staffing changes

We bid farewell to Sandy Hamilton, our school counsellor, who has been re-assigned to other schools. Sandy had a huge impact on staff and students alike and she will be sorely missed. We welcome Ryan Squires as our new school counsellor and Abbey Hunter as an SLSO working in LS2.

There are minor changes in LS2 with me taking the class for Wednesdays. Kahlia (Ms Fletcher) will continue with the class the other days. LS1 teaching arrangements remain unchanged with myself on class on Mondays and Katie (Mrs KD) with the class the other days. Benn Wolhuter will continue to support the classes every Thursday and alternate Fridays.

Lastly...

Have an amazing Christmas holiday. Rest, eat delicious food and rest some more!

Sincere thanks,

Katharine

Katharine Sutherland, Principal

Students Return to school on Tuesday February 1st

What's on at Orama Public School Term 4, 2021

Week 11	
Thurs Dec 16 th	Last Day 2021 for students
Fri Dec 17 th	School Development Day (teachers only)

Term 1, 2022

Fri Jan 28th	School Development Day (teachers only)
Week 1	
Mon Jan 31st	School Development Day (teachers only)
Tue Feb 1st	Students return Kindergarten start
Week 2	
Tue Feb 8 th	Canteen- volunteer please

