Orara Valley Tennis Day
The Orara Valley Tennis Tournament which was scheduled for this afternoon at 3:30pm at Westside Tennis Centre has been postponed. The new date will be released next week.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen/Garden Meeting
There will be a meeting regarding our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden in the school library at 3:10pm on Monday 26th October. All welcome!

Second Kindergarten Orientation Day
On Monday we had our 2016 Kindy’s visit where they met up with their “buddies” who will be helping them start their journey into Karangi Public School. They participated in lots of fun activities including planting a bean. We look forward to seeing them again on Thursday 5th November for another exciting visit.

Canteen Survey
Attached to this newsletter is a survey regarding our school canteen. Your feedback would be greatly appreciated. Surveys must be returned by Wednesday 28th October. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Grandparents Day
Thank you to all Grandparents who attended our Grandparents Day today as well as to Mrs Clark for her organisation and Mrs Phillips and Mrs Flanagan for their assistance. A big thank you to all parents who provided goods for this as well. Photos will be put into next week’s newsletter.

K-2 Safety Excursion
On Wednesday our K-2 students went to Coffs Harbour for a Safety Excursion. They went to the Police Station where they saw the crime garage, gaol cells, finger printing machine and were also able to have a look at the inside of a patrol car.
After recess in the park they went to the Fire Station where they learnt the fire safety procedure ‘stop, drop and roll’, they watched a fireman get into all his protective gear and were able to go through the fire truck and finally got to use the fire hose.
They had lunch then unfortunately all the ambulances were called out so they had to return to school. Thank you to Ms Hart for her organisation of this day.
**Year 2 Bus Passes**

A reminder that Busways requires all children to complete a new application form for free travel for students who are progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2016.

Busways has sent a letter and application form to all current eligible Year 2 students via the post. They have asked that you return these forms as soon as possible to the school so that they can be signed and sent back to Busways enabling the students bus passes to be processed and ready for the start of Term 1 2016.

**Parent Line NSW and school Issues**

Parent Line’s professional counsellors are dedicated to helping parents discover healthy and positive ways to connect with kids and manage challenging issues. We help more than 7000 families every year struggling with many different issues.

We can assist parents who are worried about a child’s physical development, social skills, behaviour and anxiety issues. Parents can call us 7 days a week and we will help them identify the issue and assist in finding positive ways to address this. Our lines are open Monday to Friday 9am-9pm and Saturday & Sunday 4pm-9pm.

We also provide online chat twice a week where parents can access a counsellor online via our website to chat about concerns. We also offer an email service where parents can ask us a question.

Go to [www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au) or [info@parentline.org.au](mailto:info@parentline.org.au) or phone 1300 1300 52. There are also brochures available at the front office, please feel free to take one.

**Year 5/6 News**

**The 5/6 Excursion to Canberra**

Last week we travelled for 11 hours with our teacher Miss Callagher and our SLSO, Elliott Keen to Canberra for our stage 3 excursion. We also were joined by other 5/6 students from the Orara Valley schools. We arrived late at night and were very tired. The next day we went to Mount Ainslie Lookout, toured the Embassy, the National Portrait Gallery and Questacon. We also met John Howard and Malcolm Turnbull at Questacon.

Later that day we went to New Parliament House and toured the Senate and House of Representatives. At 8pm we went to Telstra Tower on Black Mountain. The view from the top over the city was amazing. The next day we went to Old Parliament House where we were allowed to sit where the politicians used to converge. We also went to the Senate Gardens and smelt the many beautiful flowers; some were planted when the original Parliament House was built.

Later that day we went to the Australian Institute of Sport and
played some games in ‘Sportex’. During the afternoon we visited the Australian War Memorial and learned about the many wars that have taken place and the soldiers and nurses who participated in these wars. On Thursday, the last day of our excursion, we departed at 7:45am arriving in Coffs Harbour at around 7:30pm. All the participating schools enjoyed our time in Canberra and learned all about our cultural history.

by Delphi and Elicia, 5/6

P&C NEWS

**Voluntary School Contributions……..Have you paid?**

We are already in term 4 and the P&C was alarmed to find out that only 40% of families have paid their voluntary school contribution! The total fee is $60/child which works out at only $15/child/term and this money goes to resources in the classroom. These resources ensure your child’s learning experience is supported with material (pens, pencil etc.) to aid their learning. Without the voluntary contribution from parents and carers it means the school’s budget needs to be reallocated, away from other resources like library books and sport equipment.

So the P&C are encouraging all parents that have not yet paid to please do so before the end of term. How about you pay it online!

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**TERM 4 WEEK 4**

**FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER**

9.00 - 2.30 : Anne Finn & Stacey Hambrook

*Cooks: Anne Finn & Shakira Cheers*
**Road Safety Update**
After a number of meetings with Council and the RMS it has been decided that the ‘school zone’ will be adjusted in line with the RMS regulations and that dragons teeth will be painted on the road approaching the school to remind drivers to slow down. Also in coming weeks a map of where people can and cannot park will be sent out.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden**
There will be a meeting held on Monday 26th at 3:10pm in the school library for any parents wishing to participate in the Stephanie Alexander Garden or Kitchen. All welcome!

**K-2 Safety Excursion**