



Newsletter

Week 5 Term 3

2025

Giinagay,

We have had an exciting start to Term 3, with NAIDOC celebrations, athletic carnivals and choir performances in Sydney. What a way to celebrate NSW Public Education Week with a stunning performance! A huge thank you and congratulations to all our staff and the students for their enthusiasm and commitment to our wonderful school.

I would also like to thank Mr Stanley for the wonderful job he did in his time here at Orama Public School. His effort and care for the school and students are evident and he is a testament to the amazing teachers we have in the public education system. We are all so pleased that we will continue to see him at our Small Schools events.

Our newsletter will now be in weeks 5 and 10. They will contain important information from the Department of Education, myself and staff. They will also hold photos of past events and are a record of celebrations and learning that our students connect and engage with.

Every fortnight we will email our What's On @ Orama PS flyer which will hold upcoming events and some photos of our students.

Looking forward to a fantastic rest of term.

Tasmyn Lessells

Athletics Carnivals

Congratulations to all students on your effort and participation at our fabulous Small Schools' Athletics Carnival and to those students who went on to represent our Small Schools at District Athletics. This Tuesday Luis, Leno, Jasper and Sam competed at the Mid North Coast PSSA Athletics Carnival at Coffs Stadium, we are so proud of them for their efforts and Orama spirit!

Sydney Choir Excursion

I am sure every child came home with such excitement about their time. Some of the highlights were Paddy's markets, sushi, playing hide and seek, the Manly ferry and of course, singing in the Opera House! A huge thank you to all the staff members who helped make this excursion possible. There was so much work done in the background and without our amazing staff, events like this just wouldn't be possible.





In week 7 we celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week, a time to highlight the essential skills that ignite every student's potential. Our aim is to build confident, capable learners. We acknowledge the role literacy and numeracy play in empowering learners and shaping future success.

Below are some ideas for literacy and numeracy activities at home.

NSW Department of Education



Literacy and Numeracy Week Activities for home

Primary literacy

Scavenger hunt sounds

Choose a sound or letter (for example, 's'). Search around the house for things that begin with that sound. Say the word, write it down, or draw it.

Who Am I? game

Think of an animal or character. Give 3 clues and have someone guess. Swap roles. Optional: write clues down first.

Sticky note story

Write one sentence on each sticky note to build a story. Move them around to change the sequence.

Letter to a toy

Write a short letter to a favourite toy or stuffed animal. Ask questions or describe your day.

Read and act

Choose a book. After reading a page or two, act out part of the story with props.

Syllable clap

Clap out the syllables of everyday items (for example, toothbrush = 2). Make a list of items with 1, 2, or 3+ syllables.

Name 5

Choose a category (for example, animals, food). Name 5 items and use them in a silly sentence.

Weather reporter

Look outside and write or say a weather report as if you were on the news. Add fun details (for example, toothbrush, "It's raining cats and dogs!").

Build-a-word

Use paper, pebbles, or magnetic letters to make simple words. Change one letter at a time (cat → hat → hot → hop).

Primary numeracy

Select the links or scan the QR code to learn more about these primary numeracy activities.

Creating schedules

[Creating schedules](#) are a fun way to learn about time and being organised.



Guess the colour

Play [guess the colour](#) to explore ideas of probability.



Handfuls

[Handfuls](#) create collections of objects to get your child estimating numbers.



Nature walk

Take a [nature walk](#) collecting different items that can be arranged in length.



Pig (dice game)

Improve your child's confidence with addition while playing [pig](#).



Rubik's cube

Explore the algebraic formula to solve a [Rubik's cube](#).



Scavenger hunt

Go on a [scavenger hunt](#) to learn the basics of positioning.



Sketching a portrait

Use shapes while [sketching a portrait](#) from plants to family members.



Snakes and ladders

[Snakes and ladders](#) is a great board game to build mathematical skills and understanding.



Story book spotting

[Story book spotting](#) builds language to identify and describe illustrations when reading.



Everybody has a responsibility to help children

Families, caregivers, the student, the school and the community

- All kids in NSW must go to school by the time they turn 6.
- They must go to school or be involved in training or employment up to the age of 17.
- The law says they must attend school every day.
- If they do not go to school they will fall behind in their learning.
- Children who go to school every day do better and have more opportunities.

Missing school matters and EVERY DAY counts

If kids go to school...



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OPEN INVITATION
ORAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

WELCOME
P & C
RE-FRESH

HELP SAVE OUR P&C
2:30 - 3PM
29TH AUGUST

We only need 5 volunteers to run our P&C!

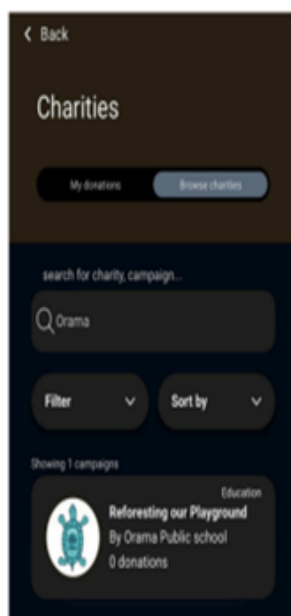
Our P&C fundraises for our students to have great experiences.

Return and Earn for Orama!!

You can now donate your eligible bottles and cans directly to us from ANY machines located near you using the Return and Earn app.

Simply:

- Open the app - [FREE app HERE](#)
- Look up "Orama Public School" under the 'Charities' menu
- Press 'Set as Payout' to set up donation as your active payout method
- Scan the app and start returning containers
- Press 'TRANSFER' on the RVM screen when finished



Support us, donate your 10-cent refund with the Return and Earn app from any machine in NSW

Community Happenings

THE CYGNET SPRING SERENADE

6 SEPTEMBER @ 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



SATURDAY
13 September 2025
Bellingin Park 7:30am-1pm

BELLINGEN SPRING PLANT FAIR

bellinginplantfair.org

Bellingin Park
Sat September 13th
From 7:30 am

The Bonsai Bus @ Bellingin Autumn Plant Fair

REDUCED PRICES ON SELECTED STOCK

Plenty of stock plants, starters to semi mature
Some potted Bonsai suitable for beginners
Potting Media : Akadama, Pumice, Kiryu, Kanuma
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JAZZ

ROGER BURKE QUARTET AND FRIENDS

BELLINGEN BREWING CO.

SUNDAY
AUGUST 24, 2025

5 - 7:30PM
FREE ENTRY



3RD - 6TH OCTOBER 2025

LOVEFEST

BELLINGEN
COMING HOME

A scenic view of a river flowing through a valley, with mountains in the background under a sunset sky. The word "LOVEFEST" is written in large, colorful, geometric letters across the middle of the image.