Clowning around at the library

ROLL UP! Roll up! It's circus time at Orange City Library.

Next week's pre-schooler story time has gone circus theme and staff are asking parents and their children to dress up for the occasion.

Storytime's Fiona Hawke said dressing up was a great way to have fun reading and wrap up the end of the school year.

"We expect to see children dressed as clowns, maybe even a lion tamer or as monkeys, acrobats, ring masters or other circus performers," she said.

"All the stories we read on the day will have a circus theme, and will be followed by a circus craft activity."

Special guests at the Tuesday and Thursday sessions will be Orange High School circus troupe performers.

School principal David Lloyd said the group of year 9 and 10 students is looking forward to the opportunity to perform.

"They love performing and showing off their skills," he said.

"It's an elective performance class it's year 9 and they've been practising since the beginning of the year."

No bookings are required for these sessions.

Circus theme storytime sessions will run at 11am on December 10, 11 and 12, and also at 2pm on December 12.

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BALANCING ACT: Orange High School circus troupe performers (bottom) Eden Buckingham, Angel Tulevu (middle) Aiden Baker, Isabella Bankovic, Freya Hawke, Brock Campbell (top) Elliot Hawkins will hold special performances at Orange City Library.

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VIEW at lunch

THE ladies of the Orange Day VIEW Club held their last meeting for 2013 on Friday.

They got together for a Christmas lunch celebration at the Orange Ex-Services' Club.

Club program officer Pat Daly said 75 people attended and the VIEW Club choir sang Christmas songs during the event.

"We had lots of lucky door prizes and our ordinary monthly raffle," she said.

"I think everyone had a lovely time, we had lots of good comments."

The next Orange Day VIEW Club meeting will be held on Friday, February 28 at 11.30am for a noon start at the Orange Ex-Services' Club.

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Val Tilston, Wilga Quick and Joy Campbell. 1129view3

Cheryl Lobsey, Debbie Bulloch and Elaine Baker. 1129view2

Monica Street, Enid Rutherford and Wendy Stoker. 1129view5

Pamela Brown and Denise Gilbank. 1129view6

Marj Moss and Yvonne Whipple. 1129view4

ALL THINGS KIDS

Giving children a great head start in life

Children at The Willows receive a visit from the fire brigade.

THE Willows Preschool and Early Learning Centre is packed to the rafters, but will farewell 25 children to big school in the next couple of months, so now is the time to grab those spaces for 2014!

There will be spaces spread evenly throughout the service, however most services are full again by February when school term commences, so get in quick.

The Willows has been operating for 17 years, offering senior and junior preschool rooms as well as an early learning service, run by 27 qualified and experienced educators and teachers, using the Early Years Learning Framework.

At The Willows, they love mud-playing, singing, exploring, dancing, storytelling, experimenting, cuddling, painting, climbing, digging, eating, planting, reading, researching, riding, investigating, gluing, building, finding, posting and having fun!

In fact, The Willows boasts the largest outdoor area in town, and breeds chickens, rabbits and chocolate Labrador puppies.

The Willows, at 55 Dalton Street, is open 52 weeks a year, from 6.45am to 5.45pm weekdays

Cinema packed with fun and entertainment

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"If you have 10 or more in a group we can cater for your needs, including a discount on your tickets and candy bar items. We can arrange everything for you, so you can sit back and relax," manager Helen Oliver said.

"Odeon 5 Cinemas regularly holds advanced screenings, arthouse films, and more, keep watching our website for more details. Give us a call to talk about what we can do for your special event including children's birthday parties."

Ms Oliver said there were plenty of children's movies hitting the big screen at Odeon 5 in time for the Christmas holidays, including include *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2,* Disney's *Frozen* and *Walking with Dinosaurs*.

Children's tickets cost $12.50, or it's $50 for a family of two adults and two children, both fantastic value.

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