



*A New World of Learning...*

## ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**16 February 2009**

### **From the Principal Bushfire Appeal**

Thank you to the many families who donated to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal. Thanks also the staff and mums who helped pack boxes and deliver the goods to Tynan Transport on Thursday afternoon. I am sure that our donations will be gratefully received.

### **Year 7 2010 Information Evening**

Parents of our current Year 6 students, together with members of the local community who may be interested in enrolling their son/daughter at Orange Grammar for their secondary education, are invited to attend an information evening to be held in the Room at the Orange Ex Services Club on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. Planning is well under way for our first secondary cohort and we hope to get an accurate indication of the number of students we will be catering for in the Year 7 class/es. Please pass on the details of this evening to any of your friends or colleagues to whom it is relevant.

### **Assembly Awards**

At each assembly we award certificates to students for a variety of reasons which can include citizenship, effort, achievement and participation. In our newsletters we list these students as we believe they deserve such recognition. Each student has been placed in one of our two 'colour houses'. Throughout the week students are encouraged to earn points for their house through their efforts and achievements. It is always an exciting time at assembly when the points for the week are tallied and a winner announced.

We congratulate the following students who received awards at our first assembly for the year:

**James** (Transition), **Charlie** and **Jessica L** (Kindergarten), **Laura** and **Rosie** (Year 1), **Claire** (Year 2), **Oliver** and **Cosette** (Year 3), **Josh Mo** and **Lachlan** (Year 4), **Harry** and **Deniz** (Year 5).

### **Thought for the Week**

*Every day we must carefully build into our character what we want to be like when we are old; for every day we are becoming what we will one day be.*

### **Fee Reminder**

**Fees were due in the first week of term.** If you have not made prior arrangements to pay fees, please do so as a matter of urgency. Prompt payment of fees is essential for the smooth running of the School.

### **Welcome**

This week we welcome Ms Sue Montier, in a part time capacity, to the administration staff. Please introduce yourself to Ms Montier when you come into the Office and help make her feel welcome to the Orange Grammar community.

### **Staff Achievement**

Six members of the teaching staff completed their Spalding Literacy training over the weekend. We are indeed lucky to have teachers who are prepared to undertake such an intensive training course. They have completed 40 hours of training since 22 January. Well done, teachers!

**Mrs Ann Brown**

### **From the Classrooms ORC Music Programs**

Each class has now commenced their Music program under the direction of the very capable staff of Orange Regional Conservatorium.

Transition, Kindergarten and Year 1 are enjoying their singing sessions with Mrs Riles.

Year 2-6 students have been given a choice of instrument

this year, with strings, guitar, percussion and brass the options. We hope to be able to



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## IT'S A DATE!

### Term 1

**During Term 1 full summer uniform should**

**Wednesday 18 February** – Assembly, 2.30pm

**Thursday 19 February** – Orange Grammar swimming carnival

**Friday 20 February** – Music in the Gardens, P&F picnic, from 6.30pm

**Wednesday 25 February** – Chapel, 2.30pm

**Wednesday 25 February** - WAS Swimming Carnival for selected students, KWS

**Friday 27 February** – Music in the Gardens, P&F picnic, from 6.30pm

**Wednesday 4 March** – IPSHA swimming carnival for selected students, Sydney

**Wednesday 4 March** – Assembly, 2.30pm

**Friday 6 March** – Music in the Gardens, P&F picnic, from 6.30pm

**Wednesday 11 March** – Chapel, 2.30pm

**Wednesday 18 March** – Assembly, 2.30pm

**Wednesday 25 March** – Chapel, 2.30pm

**Wednesday 1 April** – Assembly, 2.30pm

**Wednesday 8 April** – Easter Chapel, 2.30pm

**Thursday 9 April** – Term 1 ends

### Term 2

**During Term 2 full winter uniform should be worn to school by K-6 students.**

**Tuesday 28 April**- Classes commence

**Wednesday 10 June**-Science Competition Yrs3-6

**Thursday 11 June** – Board of Studies Inspection

**Friday 3 July** – Term 2 ends

### Term 3

**During Term 3 full winter uniform should be worn to school by K-6 students.**

**Monday 27 July** – Staff day

**Tuesday 28 July**- Classes commence

**Thursday 30 July** – School Photographs

**Tuesday 4 August**- English Competition Yrs3-6

**Wednesday 19 August**-Mathematics Competition Yrs3-6

**Friday 2 October** – Term 3 ends

### Term 4

**During Term 4 full summer uniform should be**

form some performance groups in the second half of

the year. All students who have been loaned instruments and music books are requested to take care of them and to be sure to bring them to school every Friday.

### News from Transition

While exploring the underwater kingdom, the Transition children have created some colourful collages, some fancy fish and starfish sandwiches. We have also learned about the lives of many sea creatures by reading some wonderful books borrowed from the Orange City Library.

We have also been drawing, counting and recording the number of people in our family and classifying body parts according to numbers 1 and 2. We will do more classifying this week, with more numbers introduced, like 5, 10 and maybe even 20.

### News from Kindergarten

As we begin Week 4, the Kindergarten students are working hard to learn lots of new things. They have been spending time learning phonograms, new words and even sharing in the reading of stories. Well done, Kindergarten!

### News from Year 1

Year 1 has had a busy week. Students have been looking at one national icon, the Harbour Bridge, and at its characteristics. They have also been doing fantastic pastel drawings in art. In sport we been learning to catch and transforming the skill into games.

### News from Year 2/3

Our focus in Mathematics last week was on length. We had to estimate, then choose appropriate units to measure classroom items. We also had to explain why we chose that unit. You can see how well we can work together.

### News from Year 4

Each student's music group commenced this week, creating great excitement and curiosity amongst Year 4. Everyone was eager to see or hear about what each student had chosen to play, and share their own experience with others. The students have been demonstrating a love of literature through classroom activities, Drop Everything and Read time and library. In class, we Have all been enjoying modelled reading time with the story, George's Marvellous Medicine, by

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Ronald Dahl. We worked with column graphs in Mathematics this week. This included recording data accurately, looking at the language associated with the data strand and collecting information from graphs.

#### **News from Years 5 and 6**

On Thursday February 12 Year 5/6 had their first excursion for the year to the Orange Regional Art Gallery. The purpose of the excursion was to view the Pearls of Arts Project Exhibition and to familiarize ourselves with the role of the Art Gallery plays in the wider community. We were introduced to the Gallery Director, Brenda Gray and she told us about the new sculpture that has been installed on the lawn of the gallery. The students were engaged and respectful during the visit and demonstrated a real willingness to learn about the gallery and the artworks on display.

In the weeks ahead I would like to remind parents that I will be very closely monitoring students and their willingness to follow our classroom code of conduct. I will be using the student diary to communicate the areas of concern as they arise and would ask that you check your child's diary regularly and sign it as an indication that you are also aware of where improvement needs to be made or the areas where improvement has been made. I am confident that this level of accountability will assist students in being on task and responsible for their behavior in class. Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### **News from Miss Winter**

We are working hard across the grades during RFF (release from face to face). Year 5/6 have been investigating 'packages'; Year 4 are getting to know our garden buddies; Year 2/3 are working hard in their integrated language activities, whilst Year 1 are embarking on a school yard safari. Kindergarten are exploring their classroom and the playground. We are having fun getting to know each other.

#### **Library News**

All classes have recommenced borrowing with enthusiasm. Throughout the year we will be learning all about information skills and our general knowledge of the library. The Premier's Reading Challenge has commenced and I encourage all families to return their permission note that enables students to participate. The library is opened at lunchtime on Thursdays.

#### **News from the Orange Regional Conservatorium**

The ORC would like to offer OAGS students the opportunity to continue their instrumental studies in a one-to-one situation. This is the logical progression for instrumental and vocal studies beyond the introductory music programs currently offered at the School. Initially, these lessons will take place at the Conservatorium after school hours. We are, however, committed to offering these lessons at the school, once there is room and availability at the new site. For more information regarding one-to-one lessons with the ORC, please contact them directly on 6361 7974 or by email at [admin@orangecon.org.au](mailto:admin@orangecon.org.au).

#### **Reminder - outstanding Health & Medical forms**

Thank you to all parents who have completed and returned your child's Health & Medical forms. These forms are given to children who enroll at the school and allow us to be informed in the case of an emergency regarding your child. If your child is new to the school and you have not yet returned a Health & Medical form, we urge you to do so urgently. If your child has previously been attending the school and requires a new Health and Medical form, please arrange for one to be collected from the Administration Office.

#### **News from St Barnabas' Anglican Church Kidz' Club Resumes**

Children from school years K-6 are warmly invited to come along and join Kidz' Club at St Barnabas' Anglican Church, corner of McLaughlan & Dora Streets in Orange. Kidz' Club will be at a slightly earlier time this year, between 4.30pm - 6.00pm, on Thursday afternoons. Afternoon tea and games will be followed by a Bible based story, singing, drama and craft activity. For further information please phone Father Gary or Anne on 6362 5349. All welcome.

#### **Lunch Orders**

Just a reminder to all students who order lunch to ensure that money is secured in order bags. Some good ways to ensure coins don't fall out are to place a zip lock bag or an office envelope inside the brown paper bag. This ensures your money arrives safely to the office.

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