



*A New World of Learning...*

## ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**23 February 2009**

### **From the Principal**

#### **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 Moresby Room at the Orange Ex Services Club on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. Please pass on the details of this evening to any of your friends or colleagues to whom it is relevant.

#### **Federal Government Funds**

Many of you will be aware that the Federal Government is making funds available to all primary schools for the building of libraries, multi purpose halls and general refurbishment. Funds available to Orange Grammar will enable us to fast track the construction of a resource centre (library)-a facility we had not expected to be able to build for a number of years. Planning meetings will continue this week, with an expectation that we might have concept drawings completed in the very near future. Our goal is to create a facility that is flexible in its use, ensures students have access to age appropriate traditional and state of the art resources and promotes life long learning within an inspiring environment.

#### **New Computers**

The first 20 of our new computers were rolled out last week. Transition, Kindergarten, Years 1,2 and 3 are the beneficiaries, with multiple computers placed in each room. Years 4-6 will continue to use lap tops to support class work, but will have PCs installed in their classrooms once we relocate to the new site.

#### **Thought for the Week**

*The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong can active faith. Franklin D. Roosevelt*

#### **Internet Usage Agreement**

Every K-6 student will be issued with a copy of the School Internet Usage Agreement. Following careful explanation of the agreement by staff, students will be asked to sign it as an indication that they understand the rules of internet use when at school. It will be sent home for parents to co sign and, I hope, for you to discuss with your child so as to reinforce safe and appropriate use of the internet. Signed agreements must be returned to school before any student will be permitted to use the internet during class. Athletics is only accessible via the internet so I urge parents to return the agreements to school as soon as possible.

#### **Murphy Lane Site Update**

Stone retaining walls, which will become a



distinctive feature of the site, are taking shape. Piers for the demountable buildings were completed last week, and we look forward to seeing the first of these buildings brought onto the site this week.

Progress is still close to the original schedule, despite the recent, welcome rain, with occupation of the new facilities still on track for the commencement of Term 2.

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## IT'S A DATE!

### Term 1

**During Term 1 full summer uniform should be worn to school by K-6 students. Sports uniform should be worn to school on Sport Days only- Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

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

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

**Wednesday 4 March** – WAS (Kinross) and IPSHA(Sydney) swimming carnivals for selected students,

**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 worn to school by K-6 students.**

**Monday 19 October** – Classes commence

**Friday 11 December** – Term 4 ends

**Monday 14 – Wednesday 18** – Staff days

## Uniform Policy

Our students are fortunate to have a very distinctive and comfortable school uniform. We frequently receive favourable comments about our smart our students look. However, there are a number of students who are letting themselves and their school down by not always wearing full uniform. I encourage parents to ensure that their children always have every item of their uniform available to be worn each day. Your help in this matter is essential if we are to maintain the high standard of dress expected.

### Some points to note for K-6 students:

**Hair** should be its natural colour, and girls are asked to keep it neatly tied back if it is longer than the collar.

Boys are asked to ensure that their hair is also kept to a neat length-collar length is too long! Hair accessories are available for purchase from the uniform shop, and should only be navy blue or a combination of blue and terracotta.

**Jumpers/Polar Fleeces** should be worn during periods of cooler weather. As a rule, jumpers should be worn with dress uniform and polar fleeces with sports uniform.

**Jewelry** should not usually be worn to school. Wrist watches and medical bracelets are permitted. Girls have pierced ears are requested to wear plain studs for safety reasons.

**Socks** represent the most abused article of our uniform and whilst seemingly small, they do finish off the uniform. Navy ankle socks must be worn by boys and girls with summer uniform. School ankle sports socks are to be worn with sports uniform by all students. If you are still waiting for sports socks, and I do apologise for the delay in their supply, please wear plain white ankle socks on sports days.

**School Shoes** should be black lace or buckle up style and must be kept clean. Please note that **boots are not part of school uniform**. Boys wearing boots are requested to ensure that when the time comes for purchasing new shoes for school that lace up shoes are purchased.

**Ties** are to be worn every day, unless students have been notified that they may be left off during very hot weather. As the weather has now become more comfortable, all students are required to wear their ties.

**Polo shirts** should be worn with sports uniform. Either sky blue or terracotta is permissible.

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**Transition** students may wear navy blue skivees underneath polo shirts during the winter terms. Navy skivees are available from Lowes.

### 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.

### Assembly Awards

We congratulate the following students who received awards at assembly last week: **Adrian and Millie** (Transition), **Bree** and **Paddy** (Kindergarten), **Brock** and **Sarah** (Year 1), **Olivia** (Year 2), **Jack** (Year 3), **Aquila** (Year 4), **Melisa** (Year 5) and **Matthew** (Year 6).

### Swimming Carnival

We warmly congratulate all swimmers for their enthusiastic participation in our annual swimming carnival. Congratulations to our 2009 Champions, Lara and Kelsley and to Blue house for winning the points score. Special thanks to staff and parents



for their assistance and support during the carnival. It was wonderful to have so much

encouragement for our swimmers.

A team of swimmers will be announced this week for participation in two carnivals to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> March. **Mrs Ann Brown**

### From the Classrooms

#### News from Transition

We now have beautiful, bright red pockets hanging on the wall above the sign in sheets. These are named and will store all the notes to parents as well as the children's art work, so please check them on a daily basis.

The books on sharks and whales have stimulated the children's interest this week. They have asked some searching questions which we have begun to investigate, like "how long is a shark and can it fit in our room?"

With the assistance of Miss Archer, the children have started to collage a shark outline that is 6 metres long, the size of a female Great White Shark.

We roughly measured 6 metres by lying 6 children end to end on the floor and marking it with tape. Then we rolled out paper to equal this measurement, upon which Miss Archer drew the shark outline. By the end of this week it MAY be complete.

#### News from Kindergarten

Kinder joined Year 1 last week when Miss Meredith came to teach cricket skills. The children learnt how to catch when fielding and how to bowl towards a wicket. It was great to see all the children have a go and enjoy themselves in the process.

#### News from Year 1

Year 1 has had another fantastic week! The students have been busy working on addition in Mathematics and have also been working very hard on their phonograms. In Art they have created Australian icon paintings. Year 1 had a special visitor on Thursday during sport, Miss Meredith, who taught the children cricket skills. All students can be proud of their efforts.

#### News from Year 2/3

As we explore further the SPALDING approach to English, we are reminded that writing is the road on which we travel to develop our reading skills. The children have been writing their own descriptive sentences about our chameleon artworks which they then read to each other. Following are three examples. If you get the chance, come and view our camouflaged chameleons.

This chameleon is camouflaged in the green leaves.

It is creative in lots of ways.

Its fat body is hiding in the crackling leaves.

Its curly tail is dangling off the tree.

It is surrounded by its habitat.

#### News from Year 4

The students had written a recount about our sports day as a whole group. This week everyone commenced writing their own recount based on one of their own experiences. We have been talking about the importance of all the stages of the writing process rather than rushing to complete a finished

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product. As an extension to our work with warm and cool colours, we commenced creating a piece of art work. This will include warm and cool colours and will look at background and foreground.

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

Year 5/6 students played a huge role in last week's swimming carnival. All students participated in at least one event and many swam more than three. There were some very close results and it was great to see the high degree of sportsmanship demonstrated by the students towards each other. The music programme on Friday is now in full swing and the students were very keen to get involved with everyone remembering to bring their instruments. I was encouraged to hear about how many hours had been put into practice at home in readiness for their lessons. Last week all students had the opportunity to log back into their Athletics Programme for the first time this year. There have been some updates in this programme and we will be using it to do Maths activities at home throughout the year. If anyone has difficulty getting access to the website on their home computer please let me know.

### **Poetry by Cossette Craig, Year 3**

#### **Starfish**

The starfish is shaped like a star.  
He doesn't move very far.  
They have tiny cells that detect the light.  
They use these cells like our sight.  
To find the food they need to find.  
They will not hurt you they are kind.

#### **The Mustang**

The mustang is elegant and mighty  
The stockmen say he's flighty  
As he steals the fillies from the herd  
He flies like an airborne bird  
Through the mountains he will run  
Some even say he's having fun  
The most magnificent horse I ever did see  
I hope the stallion will always be free

### **A note from the Uniform Shop**

Many thanks to Jane Christie for making more delightful Orange Grammar scrunchies. Scrunchies are now available to be purchased from the Uniform Shop for a 'donation' to the Compassion tin.

### **Victorian Bushfire appeal**

Carnival Learning has set up a special **Bushfire Appeal** on our website,

[www.carnivalclub.com.au](http://www.carnivalclub.com.au). Simply purchase a book or toy from our special catalogue and **we will match the purchase with another book or toy of the same value**. We are working directly with Victorian childcare, kindergarten and school agencies to ensure that these gifts reach those in need as soon as possible. We want to donate as many books and education toys as possible, so please, we urge you to tell your friends! You don't need to be a member of Carnival Club to help. Just place your order and we'll do the rest. And with items starting at just \$5.00, a little bit can go a long way as we match book for book and toy for toy.

### **Waratah Junior Soccer Club**

Waratah Junior Soccer Club will hold registration days on Saturday 28 February and Saturday 7 March between 12:00 - 4:00pm and Sunday 1 March and Sunday 8 March between 2:00 - 5:00pm at Waratah Sports Club, Telopea Way. All new players to the club receive free socks and all new U6s receive free shorts and socks. Teams range from U6s-16s. Further information contact Joanne Sinclair 63620804/ 0402701854 or Karen Simpson 63631034.

### **Orange City Junior Rugby Union Club**

Orange City Junior Rugby Union Club requires players in their Under 7 and Under 9 teams. Rugby games are played on Sundays in Gala Day format. Cost is \$30.00 for a single and \$40.00 for a family (two or more from the same household). For more information, please contact Tony Dalton on 6362 0182. All players are welcome, regardless of rugby skills. The Waratah under 11's side is also looking for additional players. There are currently two players from Orange Grammar in this team, who would love to see fellow students join the team.

### **Traditional Irish Step Dance classes**

Following the success of a Traditional Irish Dance workshop held in Orange last November we are pleased to confirm regular classes will be starting in Orange for children and adults from 3rd March 2009. Classes will be held fortnightly on Tuesdays, starting on 3rd March at the Baptist Church Hall, Sale St, Orange. For further information or to join a class please Call Sue 63664368 or Sarah 6365 6234. Classes for children will be held 3.45pm-4.45pm and will cost \$7.50 per lesson. Adult classes will run from 5.15pm - 6.15pm and cost \$10 per lesson.

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