



A New World of Learning...

ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

23 March 2009

From the Principal Home/School Partnership

Orange Grammar is committed to fostering open lines of communication between staff, parents and students. Much time is given to ensuring that information flows freely and promptly from School to home. Issuing the weekly newsletter and updating our website are two ways we seek to ensure that every family is kept in touch with what is happening at School. Every member of staff is available for, and willing to engage in, direct communication with parents should there be any need. Please feel free to ask questions, raise concerns or seek clarification. Remember, if you do not speak up, we will not be in a position to do anything to assist you or your child.

Respect is
Everyone's right.
Show all
People and property
Equal
Care, compassion and
Tolerance

Uniform

When parents agree to accept a position at the School for their child, they agree to the conditions of enrolment. Number 9 states that their child will wear the prescribed uniform. It is disappointing to note that a small number of students appear to be consistently disregarding this condition of enrolment. To punish young children for this, in my view is punitive, as it is in fact the responsibility of the parent to ensure that their child has correct uniform available every day. Our more senior students on the other hand, have no excuse for not wearing their ties-girls and boys! An important aspect of growing up, is learning to take responsibility for oneself and one's possessions. Of equal importance is the development of

Thought for the Week

It is not so much of our friends' help that helps us, as the confident knowledge that they will help us.

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pride in one's personal appearance. I encourage all parents to assist their children in developing both habits. I also request that parents ensure correct uniform is available for their child/ren to wear to school every day. Uniform infringements are being recorded and loss of privileges will occur for repeat offenders.

Parents are reminded that **Winter uniform is to be worn** from the commencement of **Term 2**.

ANZAC March

Orange Grammar will be participating the annual ANZAC Day march and wreath laying ceremony on 25 April. As details come to hand I will publish them in the newsletter. It is my hope that the School will be well represented by students of all ages. Those who are able to march will be expected to wear Winter uniform. All students from Transition to Year 6 are invited to participate in the march, which starts opposite Newey's Dry Cleaning and finishes at Roberston Park.

Assembly

At last week's assembly we congratulated our swimmers for their efforts and achievements at our own carnival, the WAS carnival and the IPSHA carnival. Ribbons and certificates were presented to all students who participated. Year 5/6 entertained us with an iconic 'Men at Work' Australian song, and Year 1 shared their origami sea paintings.

We also congratulated the following students, who received awards: Greta, Jessica W, Matilda, Zachary, Jasmine, Jackson, Leith, Nathan, Trinity, Isabella F, James E, Megan and Beth.

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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 March – Chapel, 2.30pm

Saturday 28 March—P&F BBQ at Borenore

Wednesday 1 April – Assembly, 2.30pm

Wednesday 8 April – Easter Chapel, 2.30pm

Thursday 9 April – Term 1 ends– Mufti Day

Term 2

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

Tuesday 28 April- Classes commence

Tuesday 5 May—P&F Meeting, 7.30pm

Tuesday 12-Thursday 14 May-NAPLAN Testing

Years 3 and 5

Wednesday 10 June-Science Competition Yrs3-6

Thursday 11 June – Board of Studies Inspection

Saturday 20 June—P&F BBQ at Bunnings

Thursday 26 June—P&F Meeting, 7.30pm

Friday 27 June—P&F Teachers' morning tea

Friday 3 July – Term 2 ends– Mufti Day

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

Saturday 8 August—P&F BBQ at Bunnings

Wednesday 19 August-Mathematics Competition

Yrs3-6

Friday 2 October – Term 3 ends– Mufti Day

Term 4

During Term 4 full summer uniform should be worn to school by K-6 students.

Monday 19 October – Classes commence

Tuesday 20—Thursday 22 October—Australian

National Field Days

Saturday 7 November—P&F BBQ at Bunnings

Friday 11 December – Term 4 ends– Mufti Day

Supervision Before and After School

The School provides supervision in the playground for 30 minutes before school starts and for up to 30 minutes after school finishes. This means that from the commencement of Term 2, supervision will be provided from 8.35am and until 3.30pm. Whilst the School has no real choice in the matter, I do understand that this might cause difficulty for some working parents. Please do not hesitate to let me know if the new times will cause you difficulty so

that we have sufficient time to find a solution to everyone's satisfaction.

Bus Passes

All Kindergarten to Year 2 students, regardless of their home address, are entitled to free bus travel to and from school.

Only students in Years 3-6 who live within a 1.6 km radius of the new site will need to apply to the Ministry of Transport for a bus pass on the grounds that there is not a safe pedestrian route to the school. The Ministry of Transport is aware of the situation, but needs individual parents to write, requesting a pass. A letter is available at Reception that can used as a proforma.

Murphy Lane Site Update

This week's progress includes the formation of footpaths as well as work in the Admin centre to create a Music Room and spacious Reception area.

Absences from School/Requests for Leave

It is a **legal requirement that all absences from school be explained by parents/ guardians.**

Ideally the office should be alerted either by phone call or email on the morning of the absence. A letter, explaining the absence should be provided for the class teacher on the student's return to school.

It is very important that the School is informed of any foreseen absence in advance, and that requests for leave for purposes other than medical reasons are made in writing to the Principal.

Whilst leave for holidays during term time will be granted, teachers should not be asked to provide work for students to do during their absence. It will be the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child/ren catch up on any work missed.

P&F

I congratulate our executive team on their re-election at the recent AGM of the P&F.

President-Rob Elliott

Vice President-Carrol Webster

Treasurer-Heather Fryer

Secretary-Amarlie Dent

This team has served our School well for the past 6 months. I look forward to working with them as they seek to raise friends and funds for our school in the coming months.

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From the Classrooms **News from Transition**

One of our focuses last week was on recognising, matching, naming and tracing around geometric shapes. We found shapes in our environment. We used a number of shapes to make a recognisable object. We discovered that two of the same shapes placed together, can make a totally different shape. e.g. 2 triangles can make a diamond.

Extra collage shapes were provided at the pasting table. We cut out shapes then pasted them onto matching silhouettes. We explored multi-attribute blocks, learning about shape, colour, thickness and size. These blocks were the basis of many fine motor tasks as well as memory games. We cooked two cakes in circular and square tins. We learned how to secure nuts onto the ends of bolts, as we joined wooden shapes together in a mechano set. Undoing them was even more challenging.

We enjoyed having Mr Googe in our classroom on Thursday as an assistant. He brought in an adult and 3 baby quails for the children to observe, before they were taken away to their new home.

News from Kindergarten

In Mathematics Kindergarten have been learning about 2D shapes. They have been talking about the various features and properties of 2D shapes, looking for examples in their environment and making the discovery of how pictures can be constructed using a variety of 2D shapes.

News from Year 1

Year 1 has been looking at groups in the community. Students have created their own groups which they believe will benefit the community. They have created names for the groups, rules and different dress uniforms. In art, students created symbols and pictures for their groups. The students have been doing a fantastic job on two digit subtraction and addition. They have also finished their stories and have typed them up on the computers, and they will be made into a book. The students participated in a cricket game with Kindergarten. Miss Meredith umpired the game and helped the students develop their skills. This has been another great week for Year 1. Mr Brown will be attending two days of professional development in Sydney on Thursday and Friday, and will be replaced by Mrs Pauline Dwyer.

News from Year 2/3

Over the last two weeks, Year 2 and Year 3 have

been learning about their rights and responsibilities at home and School as part of their

integrated unit of work which combines HSIE, English and Art outcomes. This week they learned that everyone has rights and that these rights are protected by law.



They made 'nobody has the right to hurt us' posters using the drawing techniques they have developed over term. Many students chose to draw how they feel when others hurt them. This reinforced the School value of respect for others and the importance of treating everyone with kindness and compassion.

Year 2/3 have also been reading Storm Boy. If anyone in the School community has a copy on either DVD or video, please let the classroom teacher know, as the children would love to watch it.

News from Year 4

We have been continuing our work on procedures this week, participating in joint and individual activities, to help us learn the structure and language that is appropriate to use. We have been reflecting on 'values' this week, and have come up with a list of words that we believe to be important values for ourselves and our school. We will be using these words to make a wall hanging for our new classroom.

News from Year 5/6

Our preparation for Orange Show got into full swing this week. Students have commenced construction of a diorama that will display their Lego constructions that are based on a variety of themes ranging from "out of space" to "road construction". I would encourage any student wanting to enter work in the Art Section to let me know, and I will assist them in their preparation. Mr Macleay will be participating on a Professional Development activity on Thursday. Mrs Brown will be teaching Year 5/6 for the day.

News from Ms Winters

Kindergarten is looking at different types of materials and how to recognise these materials. Year 1 is going to be looking at snails. Year 2/3 students have been working on prepositions and identifying fiction and non fiction books in our library. Year 4 has been dissecting flowers and examining them closely. Year 5/6 students have been working on their word processing skills.

Premier's Reading Challenge

We would like to invite all students to participate

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in the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2009. This year, if you **do not** want your child to participate **please let us know**, otherwise we will be entering all students. If you do not want your child's name printed in the honour roll, please let us know and we will discuss alternatives for them. Ms Winters is endeavouring to label books which are part of the challenge to help students.

We are aiming for 100% participation which would be an outstanding achievement! If you would like any other further information please feel free to contact Ms Winters or alternatively go to <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> to check out the challenge for yourself!

Parent Spalding Course

We hope to be able to run a course for parents once we have relocated to our new home. Watch this space for details.

From the Uniform Shop

Terracotta wool jumpers are now in stock, as well as some lovely, small scrunchies in School colours. Please see Mrs Googe to arrange your purchase. Beanies, rain jackets and sports socks are due to arrive any day.

Efforts are under way to source a jacket/tracktop that will be suitable to wear with both dress and sports uniform on cooler days.

The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8.30-9.30am and, if necessary, between 3-4pm on the same days. Appointments can be made at other times, by arrangement.

Lost Property

A light blue clothes basket of lost property has been placed in the Year 2/3 locker area. Please take the time to check this box regularly, as it contains many items, some of which are not school uniform items. Please also ensure that all items brought or worn to school are clearly labeled with a name. **It is so much easier for us to return a named item to its owner.**

Currently, we are aware of a "missing" size 10 burnt orange polo shirt that is labeled, on an **internal** seam, with a hot pink name tag. The shirt was separated from its rightful owner during the recent swimming carnival. Please check your children's clothing to ensure that they are wearing their own clothing. Items that do not

belong to your child can be handed to either their teacher or to the Administration Office.

News from the P&F

Following the AGM of the Parents' and Friends' Association, last Thursday we are pleased to announce the following people were elected to the Executive Committee.

President: Mr Rob Elliott
Vice President: Mrs Carrol Webster
Treasurer: Mrs Heather Fryer
Secretary: Mrs Amarlie Dent

Thank you to all who attended the meeting.

The P&F Executive would like to sincerely thank the Johnsen family, for their kind donation of a first aid kit and cash box. These items will be of great assistance during all our fundraising activities.

On **Saturday 29 March**, the P&F Fund Raising Committee has been invited to provide a **BBQ/sausage sizzle at Borenore for a clearing sale**. We are in urgent **need of volunteers** to help operate the stall throughout the day, from as early as 7.30am. If you are available to help at any time on the day please let the P&F know by completing the form below, and returning it to School by Wednesday 25 March.

Please also note some new P&F dates that have been included in the calendar for upcoming fundraising activities. Please mark the dates in your diary now, as we will again be calling for assistance from the School community to ensure the success of these activities. The P&F hopes that many hands will make light work—if every family commits to helping with one of these activities the load will be light for all and the rewards significant.

P&F Clearing Sale BBQ-29th March 2009

Name/s: _____

Times available: _____

Contact details: _____

Chris Googe will contact you to confirm the times you will be needed and to provide all relevant details.

Christian Women's Conference

Christian Women's Conference is a day for Christian women from our region to come together for fellowship and to learn from the Bible. This year.....

Armour is the New Black. Talks given by Ruth Muffett on Spiritual warfare, Satan, sin and the Son. Saturday 2 May at 9.30am at KWS, Orange. Phone Lesley on 6361 2206 for bookings and more information.

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