



A New World of Learning...

ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

30 March 2009

From the Principal

As a long and somewhat physically cramped term starts to wind down I would like to pay tribute to all members of our School community for their patience, tolerance and acceptance of our physical situation. Thank you, one and all, for the way in which you have accepted these challenges throughout the term.

Heartly thanks are also due to our P&F who in a style reminiscent of some of the great chefs of the world provided a very welcome and scrumptious morning tea for the staff last Thursday. It was very much appreciated by us all.

Uniform

Thank you to all parents and students for making the effort with uniform last week. All efforts are appreciated.

Bus Passes

Don't forget to collect a bus pass application form and sample letter to the Ministry of Transport if your child will require bus travel to the new site next term and you live within a 1.6km radius of the centre of the School site.

Birthday Greetings

Birthday greetings are extended to James K, Evie, and Greta who celebrated their birthday this week, from all at Orange Grammar School.

Murphy Lane Site Update

Work continues at a pleasing rate on the new site.

We expect that fencing and footpaths will be completed this



Thought for the Week

This is how God showed his love among us. He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9

week, as well as the structural changes to the administration centre. Our netball/basketball court is nearing completion and will certainly enhance the sporting opportunities for our students.

Scholarship Closing Date

If you are intending to enter your child in the ACER Scholarship examination please be advised that the closing date for entries is Friday 3 April.

Mrs Ann Brown

From the Classrooms News from Transition

Most of the Transition children painted self portraits last week which now adorn our room. Other art work was inspired by the colourful autumn leaves we have been collecting.

Our discussions about flour have inspired us to find out what other products are produced on the land, such as milk, eggs, meat and wool, as well as fruit and vegetables.

We are always keen to see the progress made by children when they move from Transition to Kindergarten. Last week we enjoyed listening to two of these children as they 'read' to us on two separate occasions. This is indeed inspiring to all the young Transition children.

News from Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been very busy this week. They have been exploring 3D shapes and looking for examples in the natural environment. As an independent work task, the children have been looking in their pantries and kitchens to find examples of cylinders and cubes. They have done a fantastic job at locating things such as tins of

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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 1 April – Assembly, 2.30pm

Friday 3 April—Hot Cross Buns delivered

Wednesday 8 April – Easter Chapel, 2.00pm

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

Monday 18 May -Public Speaking at OAGS

Tuesday 26 May—Public Speaking at ASC

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

pineapple, ice cubes and even small boxes of tea.

News from Year 1

Last week was very busy for Year 1. The students have been looking at 'chance' in maths. This has been great fun, as the children have been outside using personal experiences. They practiced singing all week. The song they are looking at is (Tracy Chapman) Talking about a Revolution. They have enjoyed making their own actions to the song. The last two weeks will be very busy

with the students doing their talks, making Easter decorations and finishing off their art work. Many thanks to Mrs Dwyer for teaching Year 1 during my absence last week.

News from Year 2/3

After identifying and discussing roles, rights and responsibilities in our home and school family, we are looking at communicating with other people for our HSIE unit. Important communication skills to develop are listening, turn taking and using a clear calm voice. We will do this through role playing different scenarios that may arise in the playground or in general life. This will also include communicating with emergency service workers, and how they communicate with us. Taking the role of the teacher has been very popular so far.

News from Year 4

Last week the students experimented with a variety of different art techniques. One of these included sketching, and the class had a relaxing session outside drawing Holy Trinity church and Father Frank's house. We commenced work on 'Narratives,' looking at the structure and some of the language features used. The wall hanging we are making about 'Values' is coming along nicely and will hopefully be completed by the end of the week.

News from Year 5/6

During week 9 our class was very busy across all subject areas. Our study of the Murray Darling river system is drawing to a close and students will be quizzed this week on their knowledge of the issues that have been highlighted by adventurers Tim Flannery and John Doyle in the 5 episodes of Two Men in a Tinnie. Their epic journey from Queensland to the mouth of the Murray River in South Australia in their little Tinnie Boat, the Bismark, has been fascinating and generated a lot of discussion in HSIE. As the end of term gets closer, the deadline for the completion of work that will be entered in the Orange Show also get nearer. There are some ambitious projects underway that must be completed before the holidays as they will be entered the day after school returns in Term 2. If students want to enter but are not sure what the delivery date is for completed projects, they need to see Mr Macleay for an entry schedule and entry forms. This weeks class prize winners were Patrick, Beth and Ethan. We also have lots of year 5/6 helpers doing a great job at sport on Tuesdays. Our class has some excellent leaders

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and the assistance they have been giving teachers at Max Stuart Park during PE has contributed a great deal to the success of this program. These students include, Lara, Abbie, Mia, Melisa, Megan and Rachael. We have also had some brilliant participation from Dennis, Kelsley and Patrick. Keep up the great work.

News from Ms Winters

All students are reminded to return their library books this week, and also that there will be no borrowing this week. We are beginning to make preparations for the move to the new site, and need to do a complete stocktake prior to the move. Your urgent assistance in this matter would be appreciated.

News from the Chess Club

We will be sending some students to play Chess at Orange Christian School on Tuesday next week. Details will be given to students participating tomorrow. This is the first of many such opportunities which will ensure that every child, who wants to, has the chance to play in competitive matches sometime during the year.



We need a keen parent or grandparent who likes sewing to make about fifteen sturdy drawstring bags to secure our chess pieces. If these were in school colours they would be easily identified and look very smart at interschool competitions later in the year.

Please let Mrs Brown or Mrs Googe know if you can assist. A prototype bag is available at the School office.

News from the Accounts Department

The accounts department is very excited to advise that, from April 1, a new accounting system will be implemented. In line with our environmentally

friendly policy, receipts will not be printed, but can be should you require one.

From the Uniform Shop

After a very long wait, the **sports socks have arrived**. Please ensure your children wear the school sports socks, from now on. We have also been advised that winter pinafores and girls long sleeved blouses will arrive only days prior to Easter. There are some sizes of these items in stock, so please discuss your needs with Mrs Googe. There will be opportunities during the later part of the holiday break to purchase additional uniform items, should you need to do so.

Lowes have also informed us that the navy blue skivvies will be in stock, this week.

News from the P&F

On behalf of the P&F we would like to thank the Flatau, Googe and Keene families, and to Megan Fryer and her friend Sarah who came to help us at the clearing sale BBQ on Saturday, and also to Julie Balcombe, Leanne Davis, the Googe family, Nicola Harbison, Jane Keene, Bec Mackay and Carol Webster who all stepped up at short notice to assist with an additional fundraising BBQ on Sunday morning. We are truly grateful for your efforts!

News from Holy Trinity Church

There will be a family service, this Sunday, at the 9:30am service, with a brunch to follow. All Orange Grammar families are invited to attend this service.

News about Public Speaking in 2009

For those students who participated in the 2008 Orange Grammar Public Speaking event, it was an enjoyable experience. Some students were lucky enough to attend the CWA Public Speaking Contest for schools at All Saint's College, Bathurst. The time has come again for those who have an entertaining streak, the love of performing, the confidence to stand before others, or just have a go at opportunities offered to them to get ready! The 2009 Orange Anglican Grammar School Public Speaking will be held on **Monday 18 May** in the School library, commencing at 1.30pm. All of Years 2—6 will be invited to attend, along with those who wish to be considered for selection to represent our School at the All Saints College event scheduled for **Tuesday 26 May**. Year 2 are invited to participate, as practice for 2010. Only one student from each year will be selected to represent our School at Bathurst. Our judge will

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be Mrs Margaret Brown, the same judge as last year. She will also be an official judge at Bathurst.

All students will be writing speeches next term, in preparation for the event, but only those who wish to enter the event will be encouraged to speak. Topics have been distributed in the classrooms.

A story from Georgia Poole

I was born at Nepean hospital in Penrith on Australia Day, 2001. I even had my photo in the newspaper. After I was born I moved to Hong Kong when I was just 6 weeks old and lived in a tiny apartment with my Mum & Dad. After one year we moved to another apartment that was called Sienna 2. When I was 3 years old I started school at Discovery Bay International School (DBIS). My class was called farm nursery. Farm nursery was a lot of fun. My teachers' names were Mrs Barnett and Mrs Mason. Not long after that we moved to Headland Drive, I had a backyard for the first time in my life and by then Mum had had my little brother Isaac. He was so cute and I was very impatient for he would not open his eyes much. When I was going into Year 2 we moved onto a boat, even though I didn't have a garden. The marina was close to my best friend's house. Her name is Sophie. My favorite thing about Hong Kong was that they had Disneyland. My favorite ride at Disneyland was 'it's a small world'. After two years we moved to Australia. We moved to a farm named "Lynwood" and I started school at Orange Anglican Grammar. I was nervous when I started school in Australia. On my first day my class were making Chinese sweet bread, that made my first day a great beginning. I am now in Year 3 at OAGS and our School keeps getting bigger and bigger! I don't know what will happen next in my life but I really hope it's something great!

Health Co. & H2O. Keep Us on the Go

Thank you to all of you who have supported the health promotion and have provided your child with cut-up fruit and water.

According to the 2007 Australian National Children's Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey majority of children do not meet the recommended dietary guidelines for fruit, vegetables and some minerals. Two minerals that were found to decline in children's diets as they age include calcium and magnesium. A lack of calcium is linked to the debilitating disease osteoporosis. Inadequate magnesium

levels are linked to heart disease, diabetes, asthma, osteoporosis and others.

Dairy foods are the highest source of calcium and magnesium can be found in foods such as rolled oats, brazil nuts, brown rice, spinach, legumes and tofu.

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