



*A New World of Learning...*

## ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**6 April 2009**

### **From the Principal Health and Wellbeing of Students**

Many thanks to all parents for their support of our new 'Fruito' break. Already we can see the difference this nutritional boost is making to our students—many of whom have had their breakfast hours before school starts. Some parents might be wondering why we have chosen to do this at the beginning of the school day rather than during the morning session. Quite simply we sought to provide this opportunity whilst minimizing lesson disruption—it is far less disruptive to do so on our way in to class, than to break during a lesson or activity in which the students are actively engaged.

### **Easter Service**

Our Chapel Service this week commences at 2pm. All parents and friends are most welcome to join us in Holy Trinity on this occasion as we reflect on the significance of Easter.

### **Muffi Day**

Thursday this week, our last day of term and our last day on this site, is Muffi Day. All students may wear sensible casual clothes with closed in shoes instead of uniform. In return we ask for a gold coin donation to our Compassion Fund.

### **ANZAC Day**

As previously advised staff and students will be marching in the annual ANZAC Day March, to be held on Saturday 25 April 2009.

Students who are marching should meet the staff at the Holy Trinity Memorial Hall at 10am. Full winter uniform should be worn, including jumpers. Girls may wear either navy tights or knee high socks. Slouch hats should also be worn. Please ensure that shoes are polished and hair is neatly restrained. The March commences at 10.30am and concludes at Robertson Park following the wreath laying ceremony, at approximately 11.30am.

### **Thought for the Week**

*'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'*

**John 8:12**

### **Assembly**

Last week's assembly was hosted by Year 6 students Ethan and Beth.

Class presentations were given by Kindergarten who showed us their paintings of friends, Year 1 who sang 'Talking About a Revolution' with great actions and moves, and Year 2/3 who described the Easter Bunny, the meaning of Easter and showed their artwork about Dragonflies. We also congratulated the following students, who were presented with awards: Shelly, Daniel, Thomas, Adelaide, Ally, Ethan, Zak, Alicia, Lucia, Will, Samantha, Tegan, Harry and Claudia.

### **Bus Passes**

Parents are advised that Orange Buslines has now finalized timetables for next term. Please ring Tony Dodd at Orange Buslines on 6362 3197 to get details of travel arrangements for your child.

It is essential that parents who require bus passes for their child/ren hand completed forms to the School Office before the end of term.

### **Birthday Greetings**

Whilst we do not have any birthdays to mention this week, we do have a number of people to whom birthday greetings will be due during the holidays: Lucia, Mr Brown, Tom E, Alicia, Charlotte, Miss Mathieu, Caitlyn C James G and Miss Wilson. We hope that your special day will be a very happy one.

### **Murphy Lane Site Update**

It was a very busy week on site last week. Footpaths, fencing and landscaping continued, as did construction of the ramp access into the rear of the Transition building.

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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 8 April – Easter Chapel, 2.00pm**

Thursday 9 April – Term 1 ends– Muffi 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– Muffi 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– Muffi 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– Muffi Day

Friday night's rain was welcome as it will help provide ground moisture prior to turf being laid during the first week of the coming break. Road works at the entrance to our site are nearing completion. Playground equipment and shade sails will be relocated during the second week of the break.

We are hoping to move classroom furniture and equipment during the first week of the Easter break. If you are able to assist by helping with the

unpacking process in our new classrooms, please let me know.



#### **Holiday Break**

On behalf of the Staff team and our School Council, I wish all families a safe and happy Easter break. I also extend my thanks for your support during a challenging term and for the encouragement you provide to our students and staff in the work that they do.

Term 2 marks the start of a new phase in the life and history of the School and I am delighted to be sharing this very exciting time with you.

**Mrs Ann Brown**

#### **From the Classrooms**

##### **News from Transition**



We have enjoyed supervising and guiding the children's active interest in ropes of late.... They use them for tying very detailed knots to parts of the outdoor equipment, around trees and benches as well as to themselves. They have created "spider webs" and "camping" sites with them as well as used them as fishing lines, "to catch sharks", and to abseil down a plastic rock wall! We are most

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impressed with their ability to tie effective and secure knots that are quite challenging for them to then un-tie at pack up time! The children have participated in some 'egg-citing' activities as they prepare for Easter, with the yummiest ones taking place this week.

#### News from Kindergarten



It has been a busy Term for the children in Kindergarten. They have made new friends, learnt to read their phonograms, met new teachers, played new sports and discovered a range of new and interesting concepts. They are to be congratulated for their hard work and effort. Well done, Kindergarten!

#### News from Year 1

Last week, Year 1 students were very busy. They presented their fantastic talks about 'a group in the Orange community'. We heard about the Girl Guides, the SES, the Rural Fire Service and many more. The students presented in a manner well above their years. They also had their final cricket session with Ms Meredith. Many thanks go to Ms Meredith for her help in Term 1.

The students have been enjoying 'Fruit-O' in the mornings and are remembering their water and fruit. They also deserve congratulations for their performance at assembly last week. Singing in front of a crowd is very daunting, but they did a fantastic job. In craft, giant Easter eggs, which the students have decorated, were made. Well done, Year 1!

#### News from Year 2/3

This week we want to share some of our maths learning experiences with you. During the term we have had a different



focus each week which has been reviewed in our weekly maths homework. During the last two weeks of term we have been focusing on multiplication (grouping numbers) and division (sharing numbers). As part of the weekly maths we have 5 group activities involving practical applications for our learning to complete. The students are grouped at their learning level and

have thoroughly enjoyed this student directed learning approach. It has improved their co-operation skills and we have enjoyed watching their enthusiasm during learning tasks. We look forward to more of these experiences after a well earned break.

#### News from Year 4

After listening to and discussing the dreamtime story 'Enora and the Black Crane,' by Arone Meeks, our class began to write their first narrative. The narrative needed to be based on the concept of flying from the story. The students in the class have been excited about starting work on narratives and will be sharing parts of their story with the rest of the class next week. The students also presented a 'still image,' of one part of the story. Everyone tried to identify which part of the narrative each group was representing.

#### News from Year 5/6

This will be the last Year 5/6 class report for Term 1. Looking back, we have had many challenges. Starting the year is always exciting with students returning full of hopes and dreams for the coming year. Students have worked very hard in Term 1 but there are still bigger challenges ahead. I look forward to meeting them head on and have no doubt Term 2 will be really great.

#### Year 6 Mother's Day Stall

During the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2009, Year Six will be holding a Mother's Day Stall every lunch time in the library. There will be some fabulous gifts for you to buy, including soap, makeup bags, coat hangers, photo frames and more. All gifts cost \$5. We want all mums to have an amazing mother's day and be given a beautiful gift bought from our stall.

Money we raise from this stall will be used by Year 6 to buy a gift for the School at the end of the year.

#### Health Co. & H2O. Keep Us on the Go

To assist with keeping your child's energy and concentration levels high at school two good rules can be applied. Firstly, make sure your child gets a good nights sleep, approximately 10 hours. Secondly, ensure your child eats a nutritious, low-glycemic breakfast. This may include wholegrain rolled oats with honey, fruit and yoghurt or eggs on wholegrain toast.

Mann, J.I. 2006. Nutrition Recommendations for the treatment and prevention of type 2 diabetes and the metabolic syndrome [Electronic version]. *Nutrition in Clinical Care*, 64(9), 422-426. Better Health Channel. (2007). *Eating tips for children (5) - primary school* [Fact sheet]. Retrieved from <http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhev2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/>

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#### **From the Uniform Shop**

This week, rain jackets and beanies have arrived, with pinafores due **tomorrow**, Tuesday. Girls long sleeved blouses are due any day. Please liaise with Mrs Googe for any purchases you require.

Also note, that the Uniform Shop will be open by appointment during the second week of the holiday break. Please ring to check the location of the Uniform Shop prior to arriving for your appointment as it is not yet known when the Shop will relocate to the new site.

#### **News from the P&F**

The P&F extends a warm welcome to any parents and friends of our school community to join our vibrant organisation. We encourage all parents and interested members of our community to attend our meetings. The first is held on the second Tuesday of each term. The second is held on the eighth Thursday of each term. Future meetings will be limited to a maximum one and half hours duration. To assist this, any matters of general business should be advised to the Secretary in writing prior to the meeting so they may be included in the Agenda. Where this is not possible, items to be included in General Business may be nominated at the commencement of the meeting and may be dealt with if time permits.

Our current fundraising initiative is to further contribute funds towards the acquisition of musical instruments for the whole student body. We will welcome your energy, enthusiasm and ideas towards making these instruments a reality.

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