



A New World of Learning...

ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

4 May 2009

From the Principal

Welcome one and all to our first newsletter from our permanent home! We not only survived our first week, but immensely enjoyed the spacious grounds and new classrooms. The Administration Staff members are also enjoying the luxury of appropriate spaces for their varied functions and our hard working staff finally have their own sunlit common room in which to take well deserved breaks.

Hearty thanks must go to the staff for their magnificent efforts to ensure that all was in readiness for the students. Thanks also go to the parents and children who assisted with the relocation process. Many hands made the rather onerous task that much lighter for all.

During the weekend one of our two new sheds was erected thanks to the Christie and Keene families. This shed will house the K-6 sporting equipment.

We will need to erect the second shed next weekend in the Transition playground. If you can help we would be grateful to have your help at 2pm on Saturday.

This term we especially welcome new students Finn, Lincoln, Darcy, Piper, James, Taelah, Jarrod and Brittaneé to Orange Grammar and wish them much happiness in their new school.

Opening Celebration

An Opening Celebration is planned for the morning of Tuesday 19th May. Invitations will be distributed to all families this week.

ANZAC Day

Many thanks to the staff and students who participated in the annual ANZAC march and wreath laying ceremony on ANZAC Day. It was wonderful to have so many involved in this very important day in the life of our nation.

Thought for the Week

Ask yourself always: how can this be done better? GC Lichten-

My thanks to Abbie and Joshua who laid a wreath on behalf of our School community.



Flag Raising Ceremony



One of the first functions we enjoyed together on our first day of term was to raise the flag and sing with pride, our National Anthem. It was a very happy occasion for staff and students alike.



Assembly

Assemblies will be held each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Whenever possible they will be held outdoors on our hard court area. Parents and relatives are most welcome to join us for assembly.

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IT'S A DATE!

Term 2

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

Sport days are Tuesdays and Fridays and these are the only days students may wear sports uniform to school.

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 19 May—Official opening of the new site
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
Friday 11 December – Term 4 ends– Mufti Day

Birthday Greetings

Birthday greetings are extended to Millie and Maya who celebrated their birthdays last week, and to Nathan and Gian who celebrate their birthdays this week, from all at Orange Grammar School. We hope your special day was/ is a very happy one.

Safety at School

Our architect has worked hard to design a school that offers maximum safety for our students. There are a number of ways in which parents can help us to maintain high standards of safety.

- Please close all gates after you.

- Do not park your car in the Drop Off Zone or Bus Lane during the following times: 8.40-9.05am and 2.30-3.15pm. Parking in these areas is permissible at all other times.
- Please drive to the far end of the Drop Off Zone to allow as many cars into the zone as possible. If you can not see your child in the waiting area please do not park and leave your car. The staff will assist in locating your child and escorting them to your car as quickly as possible. In the event that your child is not in the Drop Off Zone you will be asked to leave the zone and park in the main car park.
- If you prefer to park and collect your child, please ask them to wait in the Bus Waiting area directly outside the Music Room.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders will be available from this week. Students in Transition to Year 1 may order their lunch on Mondays and students in Years 2-6 may order their lunches on Fridays. Orders need to be at the office, ready for processing **no later than 9.15am.**

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop, located in the Administration Centre, is open for business during the following times:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2.30-3.30pm.

We have sourced a smart jacket to be worn with sports uniform. The jacket may also be worn with regular uniform over jumpers during the winter term. These jackets are now in stock and can be purchased for \$28.00.

Cross Country

During sport on Tuesday this week, all K-6 students will be given the opportunity to run in a cross country race against those of the same age. A team of 8-12 year olds will be chosen to represent Orange Grammar at the WAS Cross Country Carnival this Friday at Blue Mountains Grammar School. Details of this carnival will be given to the students selected.

Mrs Ann Brown

From the Classrooms

News from Transition

What an exciting week we had in our new school environment. We walked around the

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school grounds each day learning who was in each class room, where the Library was, the offices and music room. Each pathway led us into a different area. We talked about the difference between seeded grass and turf, and why we don't walk on these areas. We watched a mobile crane as it carefully placed the top onto the framework, above the playground equipment.

We observed the turf being laid in our Transition playground and excitedly ducked the sprinkler system as it was being tested. We welcomed Father Ben, for Christian studies; Mrs Fairley for our first French lesson and Mrs Ryles to our classroom for singing. The Transition children also visited Miss Winters on Thursday for a library session. These classes will take place on a weekly basis.

Most of the Transition children made 'edible necklaces' which were entered into the cooking section of the Orange Show. Congratulations to Adrian for receiving 1st prize; Gian-2nd prize; Elise-3rd prize; Millie-4th prize and Andrew- 5th prize. The other Transition children received Highly Commended certificates.

News from Kindergarten

Welcome back to Kindergarten! It is lovely to see everyone keen to learn and ready to work hard. A big welcome also goes to our new friend, Piper. We are all very excited to have her in our class.

The children have a very busy term ahead. Some of the things that form the focus of this term include learning new words, working on different number activities, telling the time and exploring rhythm and movement. There are numerous fun activities planned that will be shared each week in the newsletter.

News from Year 1

Year 1 has had a great start to the new term. With a new school comes great excitement. The students have loved discovering their new environment and are loving the new classroom as they now have a big new space in which to learn. This term the class will be creating recounts and descriptions in English. The students began creating journals that will be continued every week. We will be looking at measurement in Maths, and will be stepping back in time in HSIE when we explore 'the way things were'. French knitting was started in art last week, with some terrific progress already made. I am looking forward to a fantastic term with the girls and boys of Year 1.

News from Year 2/3

"I am so excited about moving to the new site. I

cant wait! I feel more excited than the teachers. I am going to get very excited as soon as I see it." by Isabella.

Year 2/3 are very excited to be back from holidays and in their new environment. They will be Pirates for Term 2 and have already placed flags in their room to establish their 'Pirate Rule' and have had their photos taken dressed as Pirates. We look forward to many Pirate



adventures ahead. Examples of some Pirate Problems used to date are: "There were 60 cannon balls. 28 were fired. How many cannon balls were left over?, There were 6 cutlasses, but only 3 Pirates. How many cutlasses did each Pirate have?" Students have had to communicate using mathematical language to decide which operation was required to solve these problems. We also welcome, Taelah and James, two new students to our class.

News from Year 4

The students were highly excited about everything new this week and it was great to see everyone returning with enthusiasm and energy. We have been making the most of all our space and facilities and easing into the routines and processes of each day. For the first few weeks of term we will be continuing our work on Narratives in English. This week the students had the challenge of completing a short narrative, after it was read up to the resolution. Everyone worked well in pairs to come up with various endings to share with the rest of the class. Maths involved work with square metres, and the students, again working in pairs, did a fabulous job of making a square metre out of newspaper. I look forward to a very productive and successful term with the students.

News from Years 5 and 6

We have started this term in a sprint. Not only have we moved into our new classroom but we have had the Orange Show to prepare for. Year

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5 and 6 both had entries in the Craft and Lego sections. There were 2 first prizes. Megan received a first place for her craft entry and Luke received a first place for his Lego construction. Highly Commended certificates were awarded to Lara, Josh, Beth and Ethan. All students that made the effort to enter something in the show should be congratulated whether they received an award or not. It is the contribution to your school and the community that matter, any awards are a bonus. I hope everyone is looking forward to a productive and educational term as there is much to do and learn over the next 10 weeks.

Year 6 Mother's Day Stall

Year 6 will be selling a fabulous range of gifts for our beautiful mothers at lunch time, in the Music Room, every day this week. All gifts are \$5.

Health Co. & H2O. Keep Us on the Go

Peer pressure is a strong force that persuades primary school children to eat treats. Treats normally consist of high sugar, salt and/or fat content with little nutritional value. Enjoy taking the time to teach your child what nutritional value is in individual foods and why it is good or not good for them. Limit the amount of non-nutritional treats your child has each week. Peer pressure can also have a positive effect on our children if they are teaching each other why fruit and vegetables are good for us and how they make us healthy and feel good. Some ideas for healthy treats include cheese, fresh or dried fruits, raw vegetables or fresh fruit. There are many fruits to choose from in the shops today. Try to limit chips, sweet biscuits, muesli bars, fruit straps, salami and other processed meats, cordials, juices and soft drinks. If your child won't drink anything except juices, try watering down the juice until your child can replace the juice with water.

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NSW Health. (2008). *Good for kids, good for life*. Retrieved from www.healthkids.nsw.gov.au

News from the P&F

The next meeting of the P&F will be held, tomorrow, Tuesday 5 May, in the Music Room, commencing at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

ANZAC DAY Reflections from Year 5/6

For me ANZAC Day is about
For the fallen.
For the brave.
For the loved ones we lost.
For the day we remember is today.
As we say the Ode.
As we be silent for one minute.
As we honour them.
For the day we remember is today.
For the day they went to Gallipoli.
For the wars they won and lost.
For the day we remember is today.
For we remember.
Today.
by Harry

I love ANZAC day because when I march or hear the Last Post I feel like my pop Ransie is standing right next to me crying with me. Wiping my tears away that are rolling down my face he would be crying with me and I would be standing there proud with his medals on. I cry because many died just to make my country free and safe from war and bombings. I'm so very grateful that it brings me to tears when I think about it. I miss my family for dying in the war but I'm glad they died fighting to be free.
by Abbie



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