



*A New World of Learning...*

## ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**11 May 2009**

### From the Principal

It is my great privilege to share with you some very good news for our School. On Wednesday we learned that our application for funding through the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution program for our Media Centre was successful. We are one of 400 schools to receive first round funding.

The P&F Grants Sub Committee learned of its success in securing funds from The Arts Council for the purchase a piano, and from Cadia Valley Operations for the purchase of percussion instruments. We have much to be thankful for and look forward with anticipation to being able to use these valuable additions to our facilities and resources in our teaching and learning, and co curricula programs.

### Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to James, Jarrod and Cameron who have joined our School. Boys, we all look forward to getting to know you and to the contribution you will make to our School.

### Communications

I do apologise to all parents and family members who have found contacting the School difficult during the last two weeks. We are operating under difficult circumstances and appreciate your patience. We anticipate a full suite of communication services being available for our use in the early part of this week.

### Opening Celebration

All families should have received an invitation to our Opening Celebration and Dedication to be held at school on Tuesday 19th May. Please let Mrs Sharp know if you have not received an invitation. **All students will be required to wear full winter uniform on this day.** Many of our students will be performing at the Celebration and so it is especially

### Thought for the Week

*An important reward for a job well done is a personal sense of worthwhile achievement.*

important for high standards of uniform to be worn.

### Cross Country Results

Congratulations to all K-6 students for their enthusiastic participation in our mini carnival last Tuesday. There were many excellent efforts and achievements in all ages. Results in age groups are as follows (in place order boys followed by girls)

8 years and under : Jackson, James C, Ethan McKay and Eden, Jasmine, Sammie.

9 years: Jackson, Nathan, Hugh and Cosette, Georgia, Isabella J.

10 years: Patrick, Josh Mc, Jack D and Jess, Tegan, Isabella F.

11 years: Will C, Harry, Josh Mac., and Britanee, Megan.

12 years: Kelsley, Dennis, Ethan and Abbie, Lara, Claudia.



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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 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

Wednesday 25 June-WAS Chess at All Saints College

Thursday 26 June—P&F Meeting, 7.30pm

Friday 27 June—P&F Teachers' morning tea

Friday 3 July – Term 2 ends: Muffi Day T-6

##### **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

We also congratulate our small team of runners who ventured to Blue Mountains Grammar (pictured on page 1) for the WAS competition on Friday: Jackson, Nathan, Patrick, William, Kelsley, Georgia, Jessica, Cosette, Tegan and Abbie. Many thanks to Mr Brown for coaching our team and to Mrs Harbison and Mr Googe (bus driver extraordinaire) who accompanied Mr Brown and the students to Blue Mountains Grammar. It was reported to be a magnificent autumn day with all children displaying exemplary behavior. All runners did their very best with Jackson achieving the best results for the day. We are proud of you all.

#### **Change of Sports Day**

Please note that sport for K-6 will be held on Tuesdays and **Fridays, effective from Friday 15 May**. The change from Thursday to Friday is to enable our athletics program to be held at Waratahs. Years 1-6 will travel by bus to Waratahs after lunch on Fridays for sport, whilst Kindergarten will have their sport lesson at School on Fridays.

#### **Thank you**

Transition now has its own garden shed thanks to the efforts of the Hallinan, Christie and Elliot families who provided people power to construct the shed last weekend. Thank you one and all!

#### **ACER Scholarship Program**

Another first for our School was experienced on Saturday when the first group of students participated in the annual ACER scholarship testing program. In accordance with the rules of the program offers of scholarships will be made on or after 9th June.

#### **Assembly**

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

#### **Birthday Greetings**

Birthday greetings are extended to Mrs Sharp, our Projects Officer, who celebrates her birthday this week, from all at Orange Grammar School. We hope your special day is a very happy one.

#### **Safety at School**

- 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.

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- If you prefer to park and collect your child, please ask them to wait in the Bus Waiting area directly outside the Music Room.

#### **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 Fleece**s should be worn during periods of cooler weather. As a rule, jumpers should be worn with dress uniform and polar fleeces with sports uniform. The new jacket may be worn over dress uniforms either with or without jumpers as is needed by the wearer.

The jacket may also be worn with sports uniform, either with or without the polar fleece.

**Jewelry** should not usually be worn to school. Wrist watches and medical bracelets are permitted. Girls who 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 most certainly finish off the uniform. Navy tights or knee high socks must be worn by girls with winter uniform. Boys may wear either navy or grey socks with their long grey trousers in winter. School ankle sports socks are to be worn with sports uniform by all students.

**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 with winter uniform.

**Polo shirts** should be worn with sports uniform. Either sky blue or terracotta is permissible. From the commencement of 2010 only terracotta polo shirts may be worn by K-7 students.

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

#### **Lunch Orders**

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 delivered your child's classroom, and will be processed at the office **no later than 9.15am**. We would be grateful if we could have a parent assist with the delivery of orders and money to Food in a Flash, on **Fridays only**. Orders need to be in town by no later than 10am. If you can assist, please let Mrs Googe know. Many thanks to Mrs Tracy Davies, who has volunteered to deliver Monday orders.

#### **Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop, located in the Administration Centre, is open for business on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, from 2.30-3.30pm**. You can either pre-order items, or collect directly from the uniform shop during these times.

#### **Lost Property**

A clothes basket of lost property has been placed outside the Student Services area. Please take the time to check this box, as there are 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**. It is also essential for parents to check labels on their child's clothing to ensure your child is in fact wearing their own clothing. Currently, we are aware of two labeled jumpers that are 'lost' in the hands of a child that does not rightfully own them.

**Mrs Ann Brown**

#### **From the Classrooms**

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

During last week we learned some facts about penguins while reading stories about them and creating them at the craft tables. We also sang

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some simple rhymes about penguins to familiar tunes. We extended our thinking to other animals or things that are black and white and started a list in our room. Some children completed BLACK AND WHITE weaving mats which now adorn our room.

Our new enrolments have settled in very quickly and have shown much interest in working alongside others in the block area, where we are seeing some elaborate constructions being built on a daily basis. The highlight of the week seemed to be on Friday when each child had the opportunity to take the new scooters for their first test run. We are very grateful to Mr George for assembling the three scooters.

#### **News from Kindergarten**

What a busy and creative week Kindergarten has had. In art, they have been discussing the creation story and painting the different scenes. So far, the children have painted images representing the creation of light and the creation of water.

#### **News from Year 1**

We had another exciting and busy week in Year 1. Timeline of the stages of a persons' life were made, and we looked at what activities each stage of life allowed people to do. A 'Time machine' was created in Art this week, with each student responsible for completing a part, however they chose. It looks fantastic! The students have been working very hard on recounts, where they have been looking at the orientation and the characteristics it must include. Congratulations to all Year 1 students for their great effort in cross country.

#### **News from Year 2/3**

Our HSIE unit this term is about the lifestyle of past and current pirates in comparison to our own. We have completed a pictorial timeline of our own life after we made a timeline using photos of Mrs Clancy. We also investigated why people explored the world in ships and how pirates arose from these explorations.

Isabella: Pirates followed explorers so they found new places to go to find treasure.

Claire: Pirates sailed around the world because they wanted to steal or trade spices to make money.

James: The explorers wanted to trade with a new country and the pirates wanted to follow and steal what the explorers have.

Erin: The pirates followed the explorers to find new countries and if the explorers traded money for spices the pirates would probably

steal it to trade for money.

We are starting to collect small empty boxes to use later in the term and would love your help. Please send in any you have to spare, **however, no egg cartons, boxes that have had nuts in them or Chinese/Thai takeaway containers please.**

#### **News from Year 4**

Congratulations go to year 4 for their hard work in preparing art samples for the show at the end of last term and through the holidays. All entries were greatly appreciated by the show organisers and encouragement given to enter the competition next year. James did extremely well taking out First Place and Most Successful Exhibitor for the 10 years and under colour section. Aquila and Lachlan were also very successful both receiving Highly Commended Certificates. This week the class has been very creative and forthcoming with ideas to write a narrative together. Everyone has learnt from the contributions made by each other, and it has also demonstrated the planning, writing and reflecting process. Students took the square metres from last week and put them to use when they were given the challenge of estimating and measuring our new basketball court. Various strategies were used by the different groups to reach an answer, including using the newspaper square as a measurement tool. This led to a discussion about appropriate forms of measurement for different sized areas.

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

Most of our time in English this week has been spent preparing speeches for our public speaking competition. Parent should expect to see some of these at home over the coming week as students complete their drafts and start refining their work. The time limit is 2 minutes and we will be practicing in class to ensure they are accurate.

A special reminder that year 5 are completing their Naplan assessment this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The work they do is not all day as some students thought. Each assessment takes approximately 45 minutes to complete.

I look forward to also seeing the pom poms that students have been making in craft completed this week and they will be put on display in the classroom to brighten up our new learning environment.

#### **News from Ms Winters**

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What an exciting week it has been in the Library/Computer Lab! We began to function as a computer room on Thursday and all classes thoroughly enjoyed their activities. We are learning how to 'log on' to the intranet and exploring Kidpix Delux! Borrowing has also started and students are enjoying the new surrounds. Please continue reading for the Premiers' Reading Challenge. Accounts will be available once our internet connection is secure.

#### **Year 6 Mother's Day Stall**

Thank you to all students who supported the Year 6 Mother's Day stall by purchasing a gift for their mother. We hope that your mother enjoyed her gift. We raised over \$50 which will be used to purchase a gift for the School from Year 6, at the end of this year.

#### **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.

Better Health Channel. (2007). *Eating tips for children (5) – primary school* [Fact sheet]. Retrieved from [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhev2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Eating\\_tips\\_for\\_children\\_\(5\)\\_primary\\_school?open](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhev2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Eating_tips_for_children_(5)_primary_school?open) NSW Health. (2008). *Good for kids, good for life*. Retrieved from [www.healthkids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthkids.nsw.gov.au)

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

The P&F is excited to announce that the recent

Hot Cross Bun Drive raised \$200. We would like to thank the School community for its support of this fundraiser. The P&F Committee will be holding a school get-together on Sunday 24 May. The School community is invited to join us at the new school site between 12 noon and 3.00pm. A sausage sizzle will be held or you may like to bring along your own picnic lunch. Kids activities and games will be organized and we hope that parents will have the opportunity to meet other families and relax in our new school setting.

The next P&F meeting will be held on Thursday 25 June 2009 at 7.30pm in the School Music Room. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### **Million Paws Walk**

On Sunday 17 May, the RSPCA will host the Million Paws Walk at Elephant Park. Bring a pet to the walk for a great day of family fun and help raise money for the RSPCA. The walk begins at 11am, with registrations from 10am. Cost is \$4 for a child, \$7 adult and \$15 for a family. A BBQ, tea and coffee will be available at the conclusion of the walk. Check out the web site [www.millionpaws.com.au](http://www.millionpaws.com.au) for more information, or contact 6362 6171 for local information.

**Photo Gallery**—Transition at play and new court surface and lines.

