



*A New World of Learning...*

## ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**18th May 2009**

### **From the Principal 2010 Enrolments**

Enrolments for 2010 are already exceeding our initial projections. Places in Transition are rapidly filling with limited positions available from the commencement of Term 1, 2010. It is anticipated that our current practice of enrolling children into Transition throughout the year will be phased out due to the high demand for places.

Such is the demand for places in Kindergarten 2010, that we anticipate having two classes. One class each of Year 1 to Year 7 will mean additional teaching facilities will be required. At present there are limited vacancies in each year, although in some cases these amount to only 2 or 3. If you know of anyone who plans to enrol their son or daughter at Orange Grammar for the 2010 school year please encourage them to submit an application form as soon as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

### **Opening Celebration**

Tomorrow marks another significant milestone in the history of our School, with the official opening and dedication of our new campus.

The morning will be classes as normal for our students, who should **wear full winter uniform** to school for the occasion. They will take their places in the marquee at 9.50am.

**Parking will be at a premium and I ask that all those attending note the following:**

- The parking area adjacent to the Administration Centre will be for use by official guests only. There are two spaces, closest to the Administration Centre, reserved for drivers with a disability permit.
- The bus lane and drop off zones will be available for parking after 9.15am. Parking on both sides of the bus lane should be possible.

### **Thought for the Week**

*If you want to achieve great things, you must begin with a dedicated heart and a faith in your calling.*

- Overflow parking will be available on the grass area accessed via the round about beyond the Drop Off Zone.

Once you have parked please proceed via the footpath to the marquee on the netball court.

The program should run for a maximum of 45 minutes, and will be followed by celebratory morning tea.

### **Car Park**

Our road system has been carefully designed to enable all users to do so in safety. It is very disappointing to note unsafe practices being adopted by some parents.

Parents are asked to use the footpaths in our car park-these have been created to enhance the safety of all who use our car park.

Similarly, nobody should be walking through the Bus Lane to get to their vehicle. At times there are five buses in this lane, making it a very busy and potentially dangerous location for pedestrians.

Parents wishing to meet their child at the classroom, should park in the car park. With the removal of the builders' sheds there are now four additional spaces in the car park. For the Drop Off Zone to work efficiently all drivers should remain in their vehicles, progressing in single file into the drop off zone. Staff will assist your child to get into your car, thus ensuring a steady flow of traffic through the zone.

### **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

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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.**

Monday 18 May -Public Speaking at OAGS

Tuesday 19 May-Official opening of the new site

Tuesday 26 May—CWA Public Speaking at All Saints College

Monday 8 June—Queen's Birthday long weekend

Wednesday 10 June-Science Competition Yrs3-6

Thursday 11 June – Board of Studies Inspection

Thursday 18 June—P&F Meeting, 7.30pm

Saturday 20 June—P&F BBQ at Bunnings

Wednesday 25 June-WAS Chess at All Saints College

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

Saturday 7 November—P&F BBQ at Bunnings

Friday 11 December – Term 4 ends– Muffi Day

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.

### **Assembly**

We congratulate the following students who received awards in assembly for last two week.

Transition—Daniel W & Henry

Kindergarten—Tyler & Piper

Year 1—Ethan M & Jackson

Year 2—Grace & Ella

Year 3—Caitlyn C

Year 4—Cameron & Jessica

Year 5—Melisa

Year 6—Lara

Class of the Week Awards have been won by Year 6 for their responsible approach to organizing and running the Mother's Day Stall in Week 2, and in Week 3, Year 2/3 for the tidy manner in which they have looked after their lockers. Well done, everyone in Years 6, 3 and 2!

### **Birthday Greetings**

Birthday greetings are extended to Beth and April who celebrate their birthdays this week, from all at Orange Grammar School. We hope your special day is a very happy one.

**Mrs Ann Brown**

### **From the Classrooms**

#### **News from Transition**

Our new environment provides us with an ever changing backdrop. Last week we watched as our shade cloth was erected over the sand pit and painters and carpenters added finishing touches to our playground. While moving around the school we observe the sections of grass that are becoming greener with each day and other changes that seem to occur on a daily basis. The transition children have shared many BLACK AND WHITE ideas with us at group time, which opened up many new craft and story ideas. After making BLACK dough, then WHITE dough on consecutive days, the children enjoyed finding out what happens when the two colours mix. We watched a tiny part of 'Happy Feet' at the end of the week, to observe penguins in action. Some of the children have taken part in penguin counting games that use a dice and/or require the recognition of numerals.

#### **News from Kindergarten**

Kindergarten had a lovely week. They have spent time learning the ordinal numbers, spelling new words and exploring how different mediums can be used to create art. Kindergarten have been doing some great work with Mrs Willis, who will be working with Kindergarten until the end of the week. We love having Mrs Willis in our class.

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

Last week, Year 1 looked at timelines of their lives. In Maths and Science, we continued to learn about length. We made and flew paper planes and had to estimate and measure the distance of each throw. The students loved this activity! In Art, Greek Ceramic Plates were created by tearing up little pieces of coloured paper and sticking them on paper plates

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to make different images. The plates look fantastic. The students have also been developing their 'recount' skills, by looking at the characteristics of writing a recount. Last week, they wrote a recount about Mothers' Day. Congratulations to the 'Listening Table' for winning the group points competition in our class last week.

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

As we begin week 4 of the term it is very evident how the class has settled well into our beautiful new surroundings. The level of application in the classroom is excellent. Even though the children may not be seated next to their favourite conversational partner during some learning activities, they are realising the importance of taking responsibility for their own learning. We are proud of the students' efforts in this regard.

Everyone has done an exceptional job on their speeches and thoroughly enjoyed listening to each other. The students are looking forward to the Public Speaking Festival and will do themselves proud as they speak in front of a large audience for the first time. Some of our work in English this term has revised the use of descriptive language and we are now exploring how to incorporate this into narrative (story) texts. So far we have written descriptions of our treasure chest and we are keeping pirate journals. The next written task will involve being marooned on a desert island possibly as punishment for a pirate crime so, if your child doesn't return from school today...

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

This week the students have been looking at the elements of music and putting this knowledge into practice by composing original raps about our local community. We are looking forward to listening to each group perform their raps next week!

It was very enjoyable listening to the speeches that were performed on Friday for the class in preparation for the Public Speaking Competition on Monday. It was obvious there was a lot of effort put into each speech and I congratulate each student for their presentation. Each student had the opportunity to hear feedback from other students about their speeches, which will help them further prepare for Monday. A lot of humor was included in the speeches so I am sure they will be enjoyed by everyone next week! Well done year 4.

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

Congratulations to all the year 5 students for their fantastic effort last week during the NAPLAN assessments. It was a credit to all students to see the degree of seriousness and maturity that was

demonstrated over the three days of testing. Everyone came through it without any complaints or concerns. A huge thank you goes out to Rachael for making a cake and sharing it with the rest of the class on Friday. It was a very kind and generous gesture that made everyone feel very special. Thank you also goes to Mrs Dwyer for icing the cake and bringing it into class. As the term continues we are being regularly reminded of the importance of remaining focused and on task during class. There is a lot of work to get through in a very short period of time. We have our speech program this week and the official opening on Tuesday, so with regular variations to our normal routine it is especially important to work really hard during our normal scheduled timetabled lessons. Students are reminded that there will be regular homework sheets for the remainder of the term. Homework will consist of English and Maths works sheets as well as spelling revision for Wednesday and Friday. A check will be made each week to ensure you are keeping up to date with the completion of your homework obligations. Have a great week.

#### **From the NSW Cancer Council**

Are you fed up with junk food ads targeting your kids? Children see around 10 food ads on television every day, and almost two thirds of these are for unhealthy foods. This means children see around 18 hours of junk food ads per year—the equivalent of three full school days! When one in four Australian children are obese or overweight, why do we continue to allow advertising of unhealthy food to children? Add your voice to our campaign and go to [www.burgercorp.com.au](http://www.burgercorp.com.au) and tell Minister Roxon that you, like 9 out of 10 parents, support a ban on advertising of unhealthy foods when children are watching television.

#### **News from Orange City Council's OOSH service**

Orange City Council's Vacation Care facility will be taking bookings for the July School Holidays, between 22 June and 3 July. NO bookings will be taken after this date. For more information, and bookings, please phone Nicole Downey, Administration Officer for the Out of School Hours Care service, on 6393 8615.

#### **Handyman equipment required!**

As our School grows, so too does our need for ongoing maintenance to ensure our new facility is kept looking magnificent. If there are any families who have gardening tools or equipment that they may no longer have a use for, we would love to hear from you with a view to putting them to good use.

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**Photo Gallery—outdoor assembly, Transition black & white art, autumn leaves, computer lab and Transition at play.**



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