



A New World of Learning...

ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

9 June 2009

From the Principal Welcome

We welcome Chloe to Year 2 this week, and wish her happy days at Orange Grammar.

We also welcome Miss Eve Thompson, as an intern teacher with Year 4. Miss Thompson is known to many of our students through her work with the Life Education program.

Human Swine Flu Influenza

Attached to this newsletter is information provided by the NSW Government regarding Human Swine Flu Influenza and its implications for schools. The New South Wales Department of Health has also issued advice indicating that any student who has travelled to, or is travelling to, the greater metropolitan area of Melbourne should be in isolation for 7 days following their return.

2010 Enrolments

With two Kindergarten classes already filled and a waiting list established for 2010, parents with children due to commence Kindergarten in 2011 are now being encouraged to apply for positions. Positions in Years 1-7 are still available in limited numbers. As accommodation and class sizes will be strictly limited it is timely to remind those in the local community who have expressed interest in enrolling their children at Orange Grammar, to apply now in order to avoid disappointment.

Semester 1 Progress Reports

A reminder to all parents and care-givers that Semester 1 reports will be distributed during the week commencing 22 June, with parent teacher interviews scheduled for the following week. Interview request forms will be provided with the report.

Thought for the Week

When we build, let us think that we build forever.

John Ruskin

Birthday Greetings

Belated birthday greetings go to Will in Year 5, who was left off last week's list-sorry Will, we hope your birthday was a happy one. This week our birthday greetings are extended to Sammi, Joshua and Jarrod from all at Orange Grammar School. We hope your special day is a very happy one.

Chapel

Our Pentecost Chapel Service was a delightful



opportunity for our school community to join



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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.

Wednesday 10 June—Science Competition Yrs3-6

Thursday 11 June—Literacy Excursion K-3 to KWS
- Board of Studies Inspection

Saturday 13 June—P&F Cocktail Party, 6.00pm

Wednesday 17 June—Biggest Morning Tea

Thursday 18 June—P&F Meeting, 7.30pm

Friday 19 June—**School Speck** at 7.30pm

Saturday 20 June—P&F BBQ at Bunnings

Monday 22 June—K-6 reports distributed this week

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

together in worship. Many thanks to Miss Mathieu and the dance ensemble (Megan, Claudia, Lara, Abbie, Isabella, Cosette, Tegan) for their contribution to the service and to Mrs Dwyer who accompanied our singing.

Due to Chapel there were no assembly awards last week.

2009 School Speck Concert

The annual School Speck concert, showcasing the talents of school students from our region, and arranged by the Orange Regional Conservatorium will be held on 19 June, commencing at 7.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students

perform to a large audience. As soon as details of our participation are advised by Conservatorium staff, parents will be notified.

Mrs Ann Brown

From the Classrooms

News from Transition

The new rain gauge we placed in our playground at the end of May has already collected 28 mls of rain for the first week in June. We have prepared a rain graph which the children colour in on each of the days that we collect rain. This graph will help us to compare rainfall each month as well as in the coming years. As well as RAIN appearing on our calendar, we have also noted the change in MONTH and SEASON.

'Pets' have become our latest focus after meeting 'Freddo', 'Crystal' and 'Rosie' all in the same week.

We have started a new list of words, starting with 'Pp,' and provided many 'p' activities such as pin pricking, puppet making, puppy purchasing, pea construction, pet masks and pasta and pretzel threading.

The most exciting part of the week was the BUS TRIP to St. Barnabas to c e l e b r a t e Pentecost.

Thank you to Mr Mick Curran and his assistants for carrying out a few improvements to our playground. The children thoroughly enjoyed being given the opportunity to drop pebbles into the wet cement as well as placing their hands in it!



News from Kindergarten

What a busy and creative week Kindergarten has had. They have been completing class Mathematics challenges using the Smartboard, making Day 6 of the Creation Story (Let there be Animals), learning how to log themselves onto the Computers, playing Maths Circus and discovering words that contain the phonograms 'sh', 'ti', 'ci' and 'si'.

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Kindergarten have also been fortunate to have some clever Year 5 visitors come to assist with various activities. Our Year 5 friends have helped paperchip artwork, read stories, listen to reading and also helped to refold the wings of a dove that was being made. Kinder says ' a big thank you' to our Year 5 friends for all their help.

News from Year 1

Year 1 has made a great start to the second half of the term. The boys and girls have started writing descriptions and have been impressive with some excellent writing. They have also been learning about describing words and creating lists for the classroom. Last week we started looking at volume and capacity and enjoyed looking at the different capacity of containers and measuring each with water. HSE has seen us learning about food from the past. We studied a timeline of food from hundreds of years ago and were very surprised to see when different food had been produced. The students then looked at their own lunches, comparing them to lunches from 10, 20 and 30 years ago. They came to the conclusion that kids from the past were very healthy! Well done, Year 1, for another great week of working hard together.

News from Year 2/3

Last week we started a Science unit about organizing spaces in built environments. Each classroom is the same structurally, but we found that each is set up differently to meet the needs of each class. Some of the questions that we posed were:

- Why don't you have an orange chair in the library?
- Why does Kindergarten have different shaped desks?
- Why does Year 1 have a couch taking up so much room when they could sit at their desks to read?
- Why are the desks in groups rather than in rows?
- How did you decide to put the desks like that?

The students were perceptive about the similarities and differences between classrooms and their class maps were carefully drawn and labelled. This unit will look at spaces on pirate ships and end with a design task where the students will create a space to meet the needs of the pirates. Keep up the great work 2/3!

News from Year 4

The focus last week in Maths was on number patterns and decimals. The students looked at

converting fractions to decimals and addition involving decimals e.g. money.

In English we commenced work on 'Expositions,' and worked together to write one on the topic 'Are living expenses too high?' The students are using this example as a guide to write another exposition involving a community issue.

On Friday we welcomed Miss Thompson to Year 4 and look forward to her working with us for the next five weeks.

News from Year 4 Student Teacher

Hello, parents and students of Orange Grammar. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Miss Eve Thompson, I will be on my university prac for the next 5 weeks in Miss Wilson's Year 4 class. In 2007 I graduated with a B. Secondary Education (PDHPE) from the University of Canberra. I returned to uni last year to complete subjects from the Masters of Teaching (primary).

I am looking forward to my time at Orange Grammar and I am excited to have the opportunity to be involved in the school community. So, please, if you see me around, come up and say hi!

News from Years 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 have had a very productive week in their new class rooms. Our new seating arrangement has made it more comfortable and easier to spread out. We have had a reading assessment this week which consisted of play reading in which students had to take on the characters in a variety of roles. Some very funny comedy scenes came from some excellent interpretations. Will celebrated his birthday this week and Josh's isn't far away. Our new sticker reward system is working successfully and students have made a big effort to do that little bit extra to achieve their rewards. Keep up the great work everyone.

News from the P&F—Staff and Council Thank You Cocktail Party

Everyone is reminded of the Staff and Council Thank You Cocktail Party this Saturday 13th June at the Holy Trinity Memorial Hall from 6 to 8pm. We would be grateful if you could support this important event. To assist with planning, please return your RSVP and contribution to the P&F box, located in Administration, asap.

We also remind you of the important requests made in the invitation which was sent out to every family on Monday 1st June. PLEASE deliver the requested items to the P&F box and send the requested email whether or not you are joining us

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that evening. Dress for the evening is smart and a suit or frock is suggested. There will be a meeting this Thursday between 1-2pm at Kelly's Hotel, 133 Lord's Place, for all people interested in helping to organise this event.

Bunnings Fundraising BBQ

All the "blokes" are reminded that the P&F is also holding a fundraising BBQ outside Bunnings on Saturday 20th June. Would any male member of our School community who can spare some time that day please contact Rob Elliott on 6361 4969. The purpose of these events is to assist raise funds toward the purchase of musical instruments and other items to benefit our children. We need at least 16 people to help throughout the day. Please pick up the phone and call to offer your assistance.

The Central West Gifted & Talented Support Group

The Central West Gifted & Talented Support Group has scheduled its 3rd meeting for Monday 15 June, 2009. The meetings are held in the OPS Library from 7.30pm. All interested teachers and parents are invited to attend these meetings. Please direct any enquiries directly to Matt Lamrock – 0408 647 091 or miamrock@komatsu.com.au

The NSWAGTC provides the following services:

- Enrichment and Social Activities for gifted and talented children,
- Information forums, seminars and workshops for educators and parents, and gifted children,
- Resources designed to meet the needs of gifted and talented children,
- A library of specialist printed and audio books,
- Weekend camps for children with development activities to enjoy,
- A supportive network of parents and educators involved with gifted and talented children,
- Our journal, "Gifted", keeps you up to date with the issues and activities relating to gifted and talented children and their education.

Lost Property

A light blue clothes basket of lost property is located outside the Administration Office. Please take the time to check this box regularly,

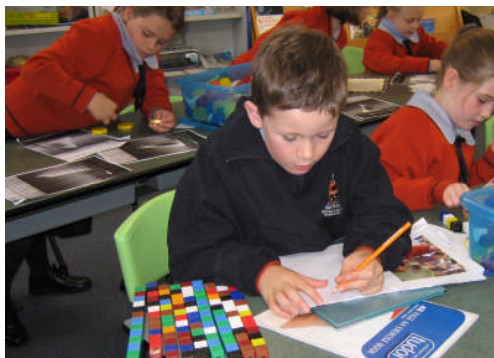
as it contains many items, some of which are not school uniform items. Please also ensure that all items brought or worn to school are clearly labeled with a name. **It is so much easier for us to return a named item to its owner.** Also check your children's clothing to ensure that they are wearing their own clothing. Items that do not belong to your child can be handed to either their teacher or to the Administration Office.

From the Uniform Shop

A reminder that navy blue skivvies can be purchased from Lowes. They can be worn under the sports uniform, should children require additional warmth. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, at all times.

The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from about 2.45pm until 3.30pm. Orders can be placed by phone or email, and collected on the above afternoons. Alternatively, orders can be collected directly from the Uniform Shop during the above hours.

Photo Gallery—Year 2 / 3 measuring unit, and below, PHoto time in Transition.



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