



A New World of Learning...

ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

29 June 2009

From the Principal Thank you

As our first term at 7 Murphy Lane draws to a close it is timely to thank our community for supporting the staff and students during a time of transition. Moving is one of the most significant events in life, and to have moved a community the size of ours and to have enjoyed a happy and productive term is testimony to the tireless efforts of our staff. Thank you one and all for ensuring that our students have been able to enjoy this historical milestone in the life of Orange Grammar. Thanks must also go to the P&F and all parents, as well as the dedicated members of our School Council for getting behind the staff in so many ways to make the move and term enjoyable. We are a fortunate School community to have so many positive and supportive members who combine to make our School an exciting new world of learning. I wish all staff, students and their families safe and relaxing holidays and look forward to working with you all during Term 3.

New Musical Instruments

Following successful applications for funds made by the P&F Grants Committee to the Regional Arts Council, a new electronic piano was delivered on Friday. The piano is just one of the musical instruments available for use by our students. Cadia Valley Operations also donated funds for the purchase of Djembes being used by our percussion groups. Their donation will make it possible for us to purchase additional percussion instruments, including Sound Shapes, Congas and Bongos.

Site Developments

We now have Council consent for a front fence to be installed along Murphy Lane, thus making our entrance more attractive. The fence that surrounded our playground on the Holy Trinity site will be relocated during the coming holidays.

Thought for the Week

Far away in the sunshine are my biggest aspirations. I may not reach them but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them and try to follow them.

Louisa May Alcott

Additional fencing will be installed beyond the poplars to incorporate the Maintenance Shed and building envelope for Stage 2.

We hope to have consent to our request to modify the DA attached to Stage 1 by the end of the week. This will see pedestrian access to our school permitted, following the construction of footpaths, and will give the green light to our Media Centre project. As soon as these consents are in place concept plans will be shared with our community.

Enrolments

2010 enrolments are in a very healthy position, with two full Kindergarten classes and with less than 5 places available in Transition. As we expect to have just one class each of Years 1-6 as well as our new Year 7 class, I am now beginning the process of sourcing the best possible teachers to join our staff team, and thus continue the tradition of providing high quality education. Should you know of outstanding teachers who are looking for the opportunity to join our exciting learning community, please encourage them to submit expressions of interest at the earliest opportunity.

Once again, I encourage parents to submit application forms for siblings (it is never too early to apply for a position) and to encourage friends to do likewise so that the planning we are now doing, in readiness for the 2010 school year, can be well informed. Given the current level of interest those who leave it much longer might find their children on a waiting list.

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IT'S A DATE!

Term 2

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

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

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
Friday 14 August—WAS Athletics Carnival
Saturday 15 August—13 September—Orange Eisteddfod, Speech & Drama section
Wednesday 19 August-Mathematics Competition Yrs3-6
Thursday 20 August—Orange Eisteddfod, Years 5/6 Verse Speaking only
Monday 24 August—Orange Eisteddfod, Dance
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 – all classes commence

Muffi Day

Our final day of term is a Muffi Day when students may wear neat and sensible casual clothing to school instead of uniform. A gold coin donation is requested for the privilege of wearing muffi, with all money collected being used to support our two Compassion children, Jeny in El Salvador and Michael in Equador.

Birthday Greetings

This week our birthday greetings are extended to Zak, Erin, and Abbie. From all of us at Orange Grammar School, we hope your special day is a very happy one.

We wish the following people many happy returns during the coming holidays: Jasmine, Andrew R, Elise, Lotus, Zachary O, Ethan M, Aquila, James E, Chloe, Mrs Williamson, Mrs Harbison and Mrs Googe.

Assembly Awards

We congratulate the following students who received awards in Assembly last week.
Transition— Ethan and Evie

Kindergarten— Zachary and Andrew

Year 1— Sarah and Ally

Years 2/3— Jack and Caitlyn K

Year 4— Jessica and Meg

Year 5—Rachael and Jarrod

Year 6—Abbie and Kelsley

The *Class of the Week Award* was won by Year 1, for keeping their locker area tidy throughout the week. Well done, Year 1!

WAS Chess Tournament

Hearty congratulations go to all students who represented Orange Grammar at the WAS Chess Tournament last week. It was wonderful to see how well all players adapted to the 'competition environment' and how much they enjoyed the experience. Special thanks go to Mr C, our Chess Coach, for his encouragement of and expert tuition for our players. Thanks also to Mr Parker and Mr Fryer for providing support and encouragement for the players. Your assistance was much appreciated. Next term the NSW Junior Chess League competition will begin and our Chess players will have the opportunity to play against students from Central West schools. Details will be provided as soon as they come to hand.

Mrs Ann Brown

From the Classrooms News from Transition

This week has begun a learning journey focused on the letter 'M.' The children have been very helpful in compiling a list of words starting with 'M', in fact we've already filled our white board. Children are encouraged to find things at home that start with 'M' and bring them in for news.

We have have found 'm' at the start, in the middle and at the end of words.' We have tasted MARSHMALLOWS and made different flavoured MILKSHAKES, recording our favourite flavour in a graph. We have created MONSTERS during box construction and made monster masks. Our monster show and tell revealed some scary facts about these creatures. We have explored the properties of MAGNETS and made some interesting shapes with a new magnetic set. MARBLE painting produced some



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colourful prints and we are hoping to learn how to play with marbles. Does anyone know the rules?? MUSICAL squares/bumps is one of our favourite listening games and we attempted MIRRORS in pairs, for the first time.

News from Kindergarten

With another busy term drawing to a close, the children in Kindergarten are to be congratulated for all their hard work. They have been very busy learning new things, reading new books, working with the Smartboard and applying their existing knowledge to numerous activities. The children have had fun reading with Mr Lynch and Mrs Webster, playing Buried Treasure with Mrs Miller, creating beautiful artworks with Mrs Mendham and working well with Mrs Willis and Mrs Fairley. Everyone in Kindergarten would like to say a big thank you to all of our special visitors for their help within our classroom this term.

News from Year 1

Year 1 has had a busy week. Students had to hand in their HSE assignments on a piece of technology from the past. The work they have handed in looks fantastic and they should be so proud of their efforts.

They have been looking at time in maths and have really enjoyed using the smart board to express their ideas and knowledge of time.

In HSE students have been looking at classrooms from the past. Students looked at a PowerPoint of classrooms and compared them to their own. Students found this exciting as classrooms from the past were so different from theirs as were the children and teachers.

In art this week we made Mexican head dresses using Mexican symbols, feathers and cardboard to construct the hat. The hats they made look fantastic. Many thanks must go to Miss Thompson who helped out in the Year 1 room.

Well done to the 'Multiple Table' who won the group competition.

News from Year 2/3

What a fantastic term we Pirates have had! We have loved viewing and discussing all the children's pirate projects and hearing all the things they have learned this term. Thank you to all students for their hard work and the encouragement from home. We look forward to the opportunities that splitting the class into Year 2 and Year 3 for some periods of the day will provide for their learning experiences next term. If there are any queries or questions about the class split next term please don't hesitate to ask. A timetable

will be available during Parent and Teacher interviews for you to look at. A copy will also be sent home this week.

News from Year 4

The students looked at subtraction last week using the decomposition method. Everyone also worked with addition, having to find the links between various numbers within a grid. Positional language was revised, as students gave the directions associated with the bike track they had designed.

Year 4 was praised for their wonderful and enthusiastic singing during Father Ben's music session this week. They made an excellent contribution to the school group.

We were lucky to have Hugh visit us on Thursday so that we could get to know him before he joins us at the beginning of term three.

News from the Chess Coordinator

Last Thursday 16 students travelled to All Saint's College in Bathurst for the annual Western Associated Schools (WAS) Chess Tournament. We entered two Senior teams and two Junior teams.

Good quality chess was played and our real stars were the Senior B side of Will, Jarrod, Nathan and Isabella, who were most competitive in their first interschool tournament. Our Senior A side showed patches of brilliance but will need to be more consistent in future competitions.

It was a pleasure seeing our two Junior teams play. Many of them are new to chess this year but they showed excellent composure and knowledge of the rules and etiquette of chess, representing the school with distinction.

Junior tournaments are great fun and the best way for students to improve their game and make new friends playing chess.

The next event is a School Holiday Chess Tournament at Dubbo on Wednesday 22 July. This is not a school event, but it is very well run and all keen players are encouraged to attend. Parents could car share to reduce costs. Contact Alexander Aich on 6884 4561 with enquiries.

Carpet For Sale

We now have only one piece of carpet (that were used on the floor of the Holy Trinity Memorial Hall) left. The carpet is approximately 3mx3m. Should you be interested in purchasing the carpet, please see Mrs Brown or Mrs Googe for more details. Arrangements can be made to inspect the carpet at a mutually convenient time.

News from the P&F Parent Council

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We are in the process of becoming members of the Parents Council. For more information on the Parents Council please visit their website at www.parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au

Bunnings BBQ – 8th August

Transition and Kindergarten will be hosting this fundraising event. More information will be provided to these classes in the coming days. If there are any other parents from other classes who would like to assist please do not hesitate to contact Amarlie Dent.

Cocktail Party Funds

The Cocktail Party raised \$500. Please come along to the next meeting when we will discuss how this money might be used for the School.

SYDNEY FRESH for Kids

The P&F have registered for this program which commences in August and with the assistance of the staff we will be encouraging the children to eat fresh fruit and vegetables everyday. More information will be provided at the commencement of Term 3.

Meet Your Sub-Committees

I would also like to introduce one sub-committee each week from the P&F. This week I would like to introduce the Events / Fundraising Committee. The object of this committee is support and assist the school financially by organising fundraising events. It is split into two groups with the fundraising committee (co-ordinator, Jess Willis) formulating ideas for fundraising events. Once it has decided which events to hold, the event co-ordinator, Chris Googe, then assists the fundraising committee to ensure that this event is a success. If you would like to join this committee and assist with the events that we hold during the year please do not hesitate to contact Amarlie Dent. Your contact details will be passed on to the co-ordinator.

Contact details for Amarlie are phone on 6391 2100 (wk) or email amarlie@kcclaw.com.au

Grounds Request

The School is in need of a lawn mower and wheel barrow. If you have either of these taking up room in a shed and no longer need them, we could put them to good use.

News from Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Orange

Holy Trinity Church, Orange, invite you and your family to our new family focussed Worship Service On Sunday 5 July at 9.30 a.m.

The theme will be 'Accepting God's Help'. The service will be followed by 'brunch' in the Memorial Hall. Future services for this year will normally be held on the first Sunday of each month: 2 August, 6 September, 4 October and 1 November.

For further information please contact me on **6362 1623** or by email at: htassistant@nsw.chariot.net.au.

Do you need Outside School Hours Care?

Waratah Outside School Hours Care provides vacation care during school holidays. They are open from 6.30am until 6.30pm. They provide all meals and drinks for children who attend the program. Please call Kellie on 6361 1854 to make an enquiry or an enrolment.

Explorama! School Holiday Program

NSW Association for Gifted & Talented Children Inc will be hosting a school holiday program at Bathurst on Tuesday 21 July. They will offer 7 different programs specifically catering for children from Transition age to Year 7. There will also be a free parent seminar for those who accompany registered children. Visit www.nswagtc.or.au for individual workshop details and course costs.

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