



A New World of Learning...

ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

10 August 2009

From the Principal

Welcome to Jaime and Georgina who have joined the Year 6 class. We all hope your time at Orange Grammar is happy and rewarding.

Best wishes go today with our 16 chess players who will have the first of their 9 matches in the NSW Junior Chess League competition at St Mary's Catholic School. We thank Mr C for his dedicated approach to coaching our players and trust that the day will be a very positive experience for all involved.

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all participants in our athletics carnival, held in very cold conditions last Friday. The enthusiasm shown by all students was delightful and saw many excellent personal performances. My thanks to the staff and parents who assisted on the day. Special thanks to Mrs Clancy and Mr Brown for their organization.

Assembly Awards

Transition– Bayden and Finn
Kindergarten– Flynn and Adelaide
Year 1– Eden and Lexi
Year 2– Fletcher
Year 3– Will
Year 4– Aquila
Year 5– Dennis and Billy
Year 6– Tessa

Birthday Greetings

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

Mrs Ann Brown

From the Classrooms

News from Transition

During our second week of term we explored

Thought for the Week
Sometimes we get discouraged when we fall short of our goals. In those times, we must remember that in heaven's eyes, our best is always good enough.

magazines for words and pictures that begin with the letter 'S'. After we filled a whiteboard with

words we then drew a SUBMARINE and began filling it with MORE 's' words. The children wove wool across paper plates to create SUNS. They coloured and cut around a spiral shape to make smooth, slithery, slinky SNAKES. SMILES adorned their paper faces and SNOWFLAKES were created from folded circles.

The children were captivated for several days, by the antics of three lizards before Adrian took them back to their natural environment. Many children drew and dictated stories about the lizards, which are now displayed in our room.

The children have been given a news and a library day. Both lists can be seen on the notice board near the sign-in sheets.

News from Kindergarten

Kindergarten has had a busy week. With Miss Carthew. They started some interesting work on their 'Australia' unit by looking at a map of Australia, identifying and labelling the different states. The children also learnt that each state has an animal on its emblem. This was followed up by a Creative Art lesson where the children made koalas out of paper plates. It was great to see everyone working so hard to capture the colours of a koala and incorporate it into their constructions.

Well done for your efforts so far Kindergarten. Keep up the hard work.

News from Year 1

Year One has been looking at Wet and Dry Environments in HSIE. They made posters of both wet and dry using pictures from different

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IT'S A DATE!

Sport days are MONDAYS and FRIDAYS, effective from week 2 of Term 3. These are the only days students may wear sports uniform to school.

Term 3

During Term 3 full winter uniform should be worn to school by K-6 students.

Monday 10 August— Inter School Chess

Wednesday 12 August- 'I am Jack', Yrs 2-6

Friday 14 August—WAS Athletics Carnival

Monday 17 August— Inter School Chess

Tuesday 18 August—Genes for Jeans Day AND Tree Planting Day

Wednesday 19 August-Mathematics Comp. Yrs3-6

Thursday 20 August—Orange Eisteddfod, Years 5/6

Verse Speaking only

Thursday 20 August-27th August— Orange

Eisteddfod, Bible Reading

Monday 24 August—Orange Eisteddfod, Dance

Wednesday 2 September—IPSHA athletics carn-

ival at SOPAC, Homebush Bay

Thursday 24 September-'Strictly Zorro' KWS Yrs 2-6

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 – all classes commence

Tuesday 20—Thursday 22 October—Australian

National Field Days

magazines and also discussed their ideas about where there are wet and dry environment around Australia. They came to the conclusion that dry environments are in the middle of Australia and wet environments are mainly the coastal areas.

Desert paintings representing dry environments were created in art.

In Mathematics the students have continued looking at different graphs. This includes both picture and column graphs. Students have been working very hard to draw neat graphs so the data can be easily read.

In discussion we have focussed on the question 'Should our class have a pet?' Throughout the week we have been looking at both positives and negatives of this topic. Each student has contributed some fantastic ideas.

News from Year 2/3

We have been exploring the water cycle this week and can explain many technical words like evaporation, condensation and precipitation.

We have also worked well with addition, with and

without trading in maths.

We have tried to simplify the homework this term by specifying tasks on set days after many queries last term. However, as this does not seem too suit families all homework will now be given out on a Monday. Please remember that spelling lists are only dictated in class on Wednesday and Thursday so your child will not have been exposed to the words if they attempt activities early in the week.

News from Year 4

This week the students continued work on British Colonisation and looked at the exploration of the East Coast of Australia by Captain Cook. The students also took a scientific approach to drawing to produce a realistic interpretation of Australian fauna. This gave them the opportunity to experience how early colonial artists documented specimens. The students did a great job of focusing on the detail of the various plants.

There was a heavy focus on subtraction in Mathematics this week. Some students worked with concrete materials to help their understanding of the concept while others used the decomposition method to complete the algorithms.

Each student is currently working on an Information Report on an Australian animal. We are certainly learning some interesting facts.

New from Year 5

Our classroom has been very productive this week. We have discovered the complexities of crossword puzzles and how technical they are to construct and also how accurate they need to be so that others can solve them. Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for our Year 5 Crossword Fundraiser. You could win a prize for solving our crossword challenge. There was also the UNSW English competition on Tuesday and Year 5 are to be congratulated on the serious attitude and application that was demonstrated in the completion of this important learning opportunity. We have also started a sculpture project in visual arts and will spend the rest of the term making 3D statues from found natural materials. The coming week is also very busy. There is a chess competition and an excursion to Orange Civic Theatre to see a performance of 'I am Jack'. Lastly, I hope parents are hearing their children reciting our poems for the verse speaking eisteddfod performance over and over again until it drives you mad! Please encourage as much practise as possible. It is very important that everyone has an equal role to play in our presentation. Please keep an eye out for permission notes next week and return them as quickly as possible.

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News from Year 6

Excellent work is being done in poetry with students reading, writing and reciting a variety of poems– humorous, nonsense, dramatic. A group of the humorous variety is being prepared for presentation to Kindergarten on Thursday. Formal homework begins this week. Homework will be given out on Mondays and due back on the Friday. Please be reminded that diaries need to be brought to school each day. We welcome Jaime and Georgina to our class and hope they have a great time with us. Our prefect roles this term are:

Class supervisors– Claudia and Taylah
Computers– Matthew and Kelsley
Assembly– Beth and Tessa
T-1 Assistants– Abbie and Laura
Sport– Hayden and Ethan
Absentees– Georgina and Jamie

News from the Library

We have been working very hard in the library and computer room! Students have been learning how to add a table to documents and lots of basic word processing. New books have been added to the libraries collection over the break and students have been eagerly borrowing these. Coming up very shortly is Book Week. We will be celebrating this by having a dress up day, the theme this year is Book Safari! The dress up day will be held during book week on **Wednesday 26th August**. We are expecting imaginations to run wild with this theme!

We will also be offering a special safari lunch that students can pre order for this day. The lunch will be a sausage sandwich, pop top, small packet of namee noodles and a lollipop. The cost will be \$4. We will send home order forms in a separate note, closer to the date.

We will be having a special Safari Parade that parents and friends are welcome to attend. Times and dates will be advised as soon as possible. We will be holding a book fair in the library during the week. It will open Tuesday 25th August and will run for three days, until Thursday 27th August. It will be open before and after school. Please come in and support our fair!

News from Orange Waratahs Cricket Club

Orange Waratahs Cricket Club will be holding Junior sign on days at the Waratah Sportsclub on both the 23 August and 13 September for the 2009/10 season. Junior registrations will be taken on the day between 11am and 1pm.

Waratahs are looking for players (both boys and girls) from Kanga's, right through each age group to Open Juniors.

Kanga's and U/10's play on Thursday evenings, whilst all other age divisions play on Saturday mornings.

Should parents have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Junior Coordinator, Anthony Daintith on either 63604309 or 0408249700.

News from the P&F

Thanks to all parents and friends who contributed to the running of the Transition and Kindergarten hosted Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 8th August. Our efforts were rewarded with a profit of just over \$900.00 This will make a valuable contribution to the schools music and reading resources and we shall keep you posted as to when these purchases are made.

The P & F is hoping to run future Bunnings BBQ's with different class groups hosting each event. We would encourage all who are able to help to get involved. As can be seen from last weekend's results the BBQ's provide a valuable opportunity to gain community support for our fundraising efforts.

News from the Handyman

Our Handyman would like to thank the following people:

- * The Elliot Family for the use of their mower
- * Banks, Bolts and Fasteners for the tools
- * Lots Of Colour for the plants
- * The Rural Centre for their generous donations and on going commitment

We are also looking for some decorative pots for our plants to place around the grounds, if anyone has any available or would like to donate any to the school please contact School Administration.

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