



A New World of Learning...

ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

17 August 2009

From the Principal

NSW Junior Chess League

Congratulations to all players for their commitment to Chess. Each player played nine games over the past two weeks, no doubt learning more about this great game. Hearty congratulations to the B1 team of Megan, Will, Jarrod and Nathan who won the competition. The trophy is proudly displayed in Reception. Special Thanks to Mr Cummins and the parents who assisted with transport and support for our athletes.

Silver Award for OAGS Web Site

Mrs Googe attended a School Marketers Conference in Adelaide last week. We are delighted to announce that our website won a silver award in the website competition. A panel of judges composed of parents (young and older), an educator, a marketer, a designer and a photographer judged the entries in the *2009 School Marketing Awards*. Our School has been presented with a framed certificate which is displayed on the Reception counter.

WAS Athletics

Congratulations to our team of 26 athletes who gave their best and achieved many 'personal bests' at the carnival on Friday. We came home with many ribbons, broad smiles and a sense of achievement. Well done everyone. Special thanks to Mr Brown for his expert coaching, to Mrs Dwyer and Mr Googe for their assistance on the day and to the many parents and friends who provided support.

Congratulations

Congratulations go to Luke who sat for his 2nd Grade AMEB Piano For Leisure exam last week and achieved an A - Honours. Well done, Luke. Keep up the good work.

Thought for the Week
Without a talent, nurtured and perfected, the finest instrument would stand silent.



Enviro Smart Grant

Today we were presented with a grant of \$500. This will be used to establish or vegie patch and compost program.

Eisteddfod

As many of our students begin their participation in the 2009 Eisteddfod this week, it is timely to wish them an enjoyable experience.

Having the confidence to perform in front of others is a wonderful attribute. Best wishes to our Bible Readers, Verse Speakers, Dancers, Choir and musicians.

Assembly Awards

Transition- Tristen, Ulli
Kindergarten- Sammi, Andrew
Year 1- Jasmine, Brock
Year 2- Amber, Jeremy
Year 3- Cosette
Year 4- Cameron, Hugh
Year 5- Josh, Harry
Year 6- Kelsley, Jaime

Birthday Greetings

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

Mrs Ann Brown New From The Classrooms



News from Transition

Many children are coming to school

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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.

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
Monday 17 August—20 August— Orange Eisteddfod, Bible Reading
Monday 24 August—Orange Eisteddfod, Dance
Monday 31st August— Orange Eisteddfod, strings
Wednesday 2 September—IPSHA athletics carnival at SOPAC, Homebush Bay
Thursday 17 September—P&F meeting, 7.30pm
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
Tuesday 20—Thursday 22 October—Life Education Van
Saturday 7 November—P&F BBQ at Bunning's
Friday 11 December – Term 4 ends– Muffi Day

without their sun hats this term. Even though it is winter we are still experiencing some sunny, warm weather during mid-morning when we are in the playground. Could you please ensure your child has a hat packed each day, for their protection. Our counting skills are being extended to numbers beyond 20, due to the increase in enrolments on some days. Each morning we count the number of children and find the correct numerals that represent that number. We are also "adding one more" when a child arrives after the count. We have been exploring our 5 Senses, concentrating on SIGHT AND SMELL this week. Blindfolds have been required for many activities as we experienced life without our SIGHT. We discovered that smelling substances, without being able to see them, is quite tricky. In the coming weeks we will explore TASTE, TOUCH and SOUND. Please return your child's portfolio if you haven't already done so, as we continue to record their learning

journey until the end of the year.

News from Kindergarten

Kindergarten has begun their journey around Australia. In HSE, the children have made their marks on the map by travelling from Orange to Sydney. It was interesting for the children to see that, even though places may look close by on a map, the distances involved can sometimes be quite lengthy. Once the children arrived at their destination, they had the chance to explore some of Sydney's famous landmarks with the Smart board acting as a helpful tour guide. As a class, they looked at the Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Harbour Bridge and The Three Sisters, discussed the features of each and whether the landmarks were part of a built or natural environment. The children added these landmarks to their travel diaries using coloured pencils to replicate each of the images. Next week, the journey departs from Sydney as we continue to explore our country. Stay tuned to see what wonderful place the children encounter next.

News from Year 1

Last week Year One looked at The Great Barrier Reef. They looked at what different kinds of marine life live in the reef. Students have also looked at what a reef is and how it is formed. They then created their own interpretations of coral reefs. They found it very interesting to learn how many different kinds of marine life lived in the Great Barrier Reef.

The class has been practising very hard at sentence writing. They have been looking at different sides of an argument in discussions. Our topic last week was 'Should we go to school?' All students made enthusiastic contributions to this specific topic!

In art we looked at perception and created river scenes using pastels to show depth. These pastel drawings look fantastic! Come in and see them.

News from Years 2/3

Last week was a very exciting week for us, we were waiting with anticipation to see the performance of 'I Am Jack'. We have been listening to this story as our class novel and were looking forward to seeing it performed on stage. Jack is an eleven year old boy who is bullied at school and along with years 4, 5 and 6, we were all enthralled with the actor's ability to play all of the characters from the book by himself.

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Year 2/3 have been discussing how Jack coped with being bullied and were able to ask questions after the performance. We were thrilled to see Nana's purple underpants, we did expect her to show them at some stage.

Bullying is a very pertinent issue in the present times and it is terrific for years 2-6 to be able to see this performance. Please ask your child to tell you what you got out of this opportunity.

News from Year 4

A few weeks ago the students commenced scientific drawings of Australian flora. This week everyone focused on Australian fauna and used watercolour pencils as a medium to create a range of insects. The results were very effective and students are to be congratulated for their attention to detail. There was a focus on mass and multiplication this week in Maths. The students are developing their skills to multiply with trading and make mass conversions. We are coming to the end of our work on information reports. Everyone worked in groups this week to write and publish an information report about Sydney's Indigenous people.

News from Year 5

Year 5 have commenced a unit on Poetry in week 4 and have been working on developing an understanding of the different types text structures that poems have. It is timely, given that our Verse speaking eisteddfod presentation is during week 5 (this Thursday). The class is making good progress with the poems but it is extremely important that they practice every night this week to ensure the words are firmly embedded in their memory. Please ask them to recite the poems to you at every opportunity. Permission notes have been sent home last Wednesday and have been slowly coming back in. It is hoped that we will be able to transport the students to and from the venue in private vehicles, so please indicate on the note if it is possible to assist. Parents are very welcome to attend.

News from Year 6

Year 6 students continue to grow in the independence with written tasks. Very pleasing research was done on hardships endured by prospectors in the early days of the gold rush in NSW and this information was collaboratively discussed and used in writing diary entries and letters to reflect the life of people prospecting for gold. Multiplication and division activities have dominated maths with some improvement in

problem solving and mental strategies evident. Kindergarten was a great audience and enjoyed our recitation of humorous poems last Thursday.

Fee Reminder

Fees were due in the first week of term. If you have not made prior arrangements to pay fees, please do so as a matter of urgency. Prompt payment of fees is essential for the smooth running of the School.

News from Orange City Junior Cricket

The Orange city Junior Cricket club is looking for new players of all ages. It is a friendly club with all ages including Kanga Cricket. They have good policies in relation to safety, positive encouragement and coaching. Girls are also encouraged to participate and follow in the footsteps of rep player Hannah Grady, a past player of the year.

Interscholar Chess Tournament

We have a vibrant Chess Club and our students have made exponential progress with chess this year. This was evident from our results in the NSW Junior Chess League Interscholar Tournament which concluded in Blayney today (17th AUG).

Our seniors, Harry, Luke, Josh and Matthew were most competitive in their first year in A grade, finishing 6th with a team score of 13.5/32

Our B1 team of Megan, Will, Jarrod and Nathan played sensational chess, placing 1st with 28.5 points from a possible 36. Captain Megan led by example and she received strong support from her team, especially 8 year old Nathan who held his own against much older opponents.

We had the most girls of any school playing in the competition and our all-girl B2 team of Isabella, Meg, Erin and Alicia played strongly as a team and had enormous fun. Our junior B3 team members James, Leith, Oliver, Trinity and Lucia all show great potential and will only benefit from playing other schools.

Congratulations to all players who represented OAGS with distinction. A special thank you to the many parents who provided transport, supervision and joined in the fun of the day. Your support of our junior chess players is much appreciated!

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Next P&F meeting

Please be reminded that the next P&F meeting will be held on Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm.

Eisteddfod Participation

Good luck to our Bible readers (Lucia, Georgia, Erin, Caitlyn C, Isabella J, Taelah, Jessica, Megan, Adelaide H, Mia and Rachael) and Year 5 verse speaking choir who will perform this week.

Many Thanks to the wonderful sewers who have made beautiful costumes for our dancers. We appreciate your help so thank you Mrs Fisher, Mrs Christie, Mrs Gunther, Mrs Davis, Mrs Poole, Mrs McKay and Mrs Sloan. Both groups will perform next Monday: K-2 in the 10.30 session and 3-6 in the 12.30 session.

We are looking for some parent helpers to assist with make up and dressing for our dance groups on Monday 24 August 2009. As we have two dance groups performing at separate times of the day, the dressing times will be 9am (for the K-2 group) and 11.15am (for the 3-6 group). If you are able to come in at either of those times to help with applying make up or costume dressing, could you please let Mrs Clancy or Miss Mathieu know.

The string ensemble will perform on Monday 31st August in the 1.30pm session.

From the Library

Just a reminder that next week is book week and we will be celebrating in style. Wednesday 26th August, 2009 is our dress up day. The theme is Book Safari!

A special safari lunch will also be offered for this day. We will be sending home order forms for the lunch this week, so please keep an eye out for these in your child's bag. We will hold our dress up parade on Wednesday 26th August at 2.15pm on the basketball court, weather permitting. Parents and friends are more than welcome to attend. Don't forget that the book fair will be open from Tuesday 25th August till Thursday 27th August, please come into the library and have a browse.

Jeans for Genes and Tree Planting Day

Please be reminded that Tomorrow (18th August) is Jeans for Genes and Tree Planting day. Students are to wear jeans and support Genes for jeans day with a gold coin donation.

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