



A New World of Learning...

ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Thought for the Week
*Be certain your feet are planted in the right place
before you stand firm.*

24th August 2009

From the Principal

Welcome to Nikita, Connor and Grace who are joining our school community this week. We all hope your time at Orange Grammar is happy and rewarding.

This week we celebrate Children's Book Week by going on Safari! Ms Winters has planned some very special activities for the students and staff to enjoy, whilst celebrating this annual event. It is timely to remember the importance of literacy skills and to acknowledge the rich contribution quality literature makes to our lives. A Book Safari Parade will be held on Wednesday to which parents are warmly invited. The parade will commence at 2.15pm on the basketball court. Why not take the time to share a favourite book with your child this week, in recognition of Book Week?

August is a month of performance opportunities for our students with many participating in sporting and cultural competitions. It has been my very great privilege to observe the confidence and obvious school pride, with which our students approach these challenges. On all occasions the students have been well presented and I have received many compliments about their appearance. Whilst competitions mean there are winners and losers, I have been delighted to note the gracious acceptance of the results shown by our students. Well done, girls and boys – you are all winners for participating.

We are very fortunate to have a staff team that puts the students first, and makes possible these wonderful learning experiences. Heartly thanks to Mr Brown, Mr Macleay, Miss Mathieu, Mrs Clancy, Mrs Harbison, Miss Wilson, Mrs Dwyer and Father Ben for giving their time and talent to assist in the preparation of our students for these experiences.

Thanks must also go to the many parents who provide support for the students by assisting with training,

transport, make up and who provide abundant encouragement to both students and staff.

NSW Minerals Council Enviro Smart Grant

The School has been awarded an Enviro Smart Grant of \$500, which will be used to establish a vegie patch, composting program and worm farm. Representatives of NSW Minerals Council and Cadia Valley Operations visited the School to present the cheque last week.

IPSHA Athletics Carnival

A team of nine athletes has been selected to represent Orange Grammar at the IPSHA Carnival to be held at Homebush on September 2nd. Congratulations Fletcher, Jeremy, Hugh, Patrick, Jarrod, Adelaide, Jamie, Tessa and Abbie. These students will participate in 100m, 200m, relays, high jump and long jump events and we wish them all a most enjoyable experience. Parents should by now have received details of the carnival and possible accommodation.

Tree Planting and Jeans for Genes day

In perfect weather we were able to plant over 100 native trees along the western boundary of the School site. Under the expert guidance of Ren from Naturally Green, we learned how to plant and protect tube stock. We were delighted to have Mr Day, Chairman of Council, Mr Gavin Prestley, Orange City Council, together with representatives of PRD Nationwide join with staff and students for this environmental project. The students are very keen to monitor the progress of 'their tree', so no doubt there will be regular trips to the boundary to check on progress. The same day we held our own Jeans for Genes Day and \$175 was raised for this very worthy cause. Thank you to all who contributed to a successful day, especially Mrs Googe (tree planting) and Miss Wilson (Jeans for Genes).

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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 24 August—Orange Eisteddfod, Dance
 Monday 31st August— Orange Eisteddfod, strings
 Wednesday 2 September—IPSHA athletics carnival at SOPAC, Homebush Bay
 Wednesday 9 September—Spring Chapel Service at Holy Trinity
 Thursday 17 September—P&F meeting, 7.30pm
 Thursday 24 September- 'Strictly Zorro' KWS Yrs 2-6
 Tuesday 29 September—KWS Prep Show, Yrs T, K, 1
 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
 Saturday 7 November—P&F BBQ at Bunning's
 Tuesday 8 December—Presentation Day 10am
 Friday 11 December – Term 4 ends– Muffi Day

Eisteddfod Results

We congratulate the following students for their achievements in the 2009 Orange Eisteddfod:

1st Under 8 Bible Reading - Georgia
 Highly Commended Under 9 Bible Reading- Isabella

2nd Verse Speaking -Year 5
 Highly Commended —Year 2 and Under Dance Group

Assembly Awards

Transition– Mackenzie, Andrew B
 Kindergarten– Piper, Thomas B

Year One– Hugh, Rosie
 Year Two– Olivia
 Year Three– Caitlyn K
 Year Four– Joshua M, James E
 Year Five– Eden, Megan
 Year Six– Georgina, Kelsley

Birthday Greetings

This week our birthday greetings are extended to Ella S, Nikita, Rosie, Tristen and Miss Montier (Accounts Office). From all of us at Orange

Grammar School, we hope your special day is a very happy one.

Mrs Ann Brown

News from the Library

Just a reminder that this 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!

The Safari Lunch Orders are due in by Monday 24th August.

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.

New From The Classrooms**News from Transition**

We have continued learning about our senses with last week's focus being TASTE and TOUCH. This also stimulated the start of a new list of words beginning with "T". Some of our activities included sorting and classifying objects, according to senses; the making of tactile letters and shapes, for feeling behind our backs; turtles; tooth-brushes for our



toothy grins and several tasting experiences. On tree planting day we planted some seeds donated by Liam, which the children are encouraged to spray each day. Ms Bayly taught some children how to play TUNNEL ball, which was rather challenging considering the children's height and the size of the ball!

News from Kindergarten

As the children were travelling around Australia last week, they encountered some interesting Australian animals. They looked at a koala, a kangaroo, a possum, an echidna and a wombat. The children also saw some other animals like a cat, a dog and a cow and then had to distinguish between the animals we consider as native

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Australian animals and those which are not. It was interesting to listen to the children's reasoning as to why an animal is considered 'native' or 'non native' with some making comparisons between the appearance or habitats of the animals to help with their justifications. All the children are to be congratulated for their participation in such a lively learning session.

News from Year 1

Year one has continued looking at, 'The Great Barrier Reef' and last week students focused on two marine animals that live in the reef. These were the Blue Ringed Octopus and the Sea Turtle. We learnt about the main features of each including their diet, predators and how they lived. The students loved learning about these creatures.

In art Year One continued the wet environment theme, by creating rock pools and looked at the different colours in rock pools and the creatures found in them. In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes. We played a game on the geo boards to see who could create a shape with the most sides. The student who won made a 22 sided shape!

All students are congratulated for the great book work in their journals. Well done!

News from Years 2/3

In week 1 we started an experiment where we dissolved 1 teaspoon in some water to see what might happen. This week we discovered that the water evaporates and there is only salt left.
By Amber

RAIN

Rain rain pouring rain
It trickles down my window pane
And as I lay here still in bed
I hear it pounding on the shed.
Suddenly I hear a drumming
It's the sound of thunder coming.
After that a flash of lightning
Now it's getting kind of frightening.
And then my mum comes in to say
"do not worry, it's ok."

by Cosette

News from Year 4

A focus in maths last week has been 'position'. Students have used coordinates to locate animals in a zoo map, entered facilities based on

specific coordinates and described the route between two positions on the map. We commenced our unit on poetry, looking at the purpose and language features of the text type. We have also enjoyed the humorous rhyming stories of Andy Griffiths in The Cat On The Mat Is Flat. In our art unit we discussed traditional Indigenous homes and looked at the difference according to location, climate and purpose. Students will be considering these factors and appropriate materials to construct a practical Aboriginal dwelling.

New from Year 5

Our big event last week was the Eisteddfod presentation. The lead up to our performance has been very nerve racking but the final performance was excellent. All the students in year 5 looked very professional in their perfect school uniform and the standard of the verse speaking was good enough for them to be awarded second place. Well done everyone. Another highlight each week has been on Mondays when we go to the PCYC. The students have really enjoyed the Box Fit classes with Bobby the boxing instructor. The level of fitness needed to be a boxer is amazing and everyone has come away absolutely exhausted from the experience. We also spent some time on Tuesday planting trees and everyone wore their Jeans to raise money for Jeans for Genes day. A very busy and eventful week, with a special thank you to all the parents and relatives who helped with transport to the eisteddfod. It was much appreciated. Here are some photos of our gym work.



News from Year 6

Year 6 is continuing to discover gold with some excellent information reports being written on the discovery gold at Ophir in 1851.

Year 6 will be holding a Father's Day stall during the week beginning Monday 26 September. All gifts are priced at \$5 and are from the same company that supplied gifts for the highly successful Mother's Day stall. The stall will be held at lunch times in the covered area at the front of the Year 6 class room.

All Year 6 students are reminded that diaries must be brought to school every day.

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Fee Reminder

Fees were due in the first week of term. If you have not yet paid Term 3 fees or made prior arrangements to pay fees progressively, please do so as a matter of urgency. Prompt payment of fees is essential for the efficient running of the School.

Orange Little Athletics

Little Athletics fosters fun, family, fitness whilst encouraging the development of athletic skills. Orange Little Athletics 2009/2010 season commences on Friday 23rd October, 2009 and runs until mid March 2010. Competition nights usually last approximately 2 hours. Training is also offered on Monday afternoons. Competition takes place at Waratah Sports grounds, Telopea Way, Orange. Registration day will be held on Sunday, 13th September, 2009, at McDonalds Orange from 2pm-4pm and Sunday 20th September, at Waratah Sports Club, Telopea Way, Orange from 2pm-4pm or you can register online at www.laanse.com.au

Next P&F meeting

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

News from the Conservatorium

The Orange Regional Conservatorium's Grapevine Series is on again: Friday, 28th August, Friday 25th September and Friday 30th October.

Whether you've been before, or are looking for a new way to relax after a hard week of work, you can wind down with delicious morsels of food and wine, purchased by the glass in the ORC foyer, before experiencing an invigorating program of music performed by ORC's first class musicians. Tickets are \$20/adult or \$15/concession for each concert. To book your tickets call ORC Administration on 63617974.

News from Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity invite you to their next Family Service.

Theme: Faith That Works

Date: Sunday, 6 September 2009

Time: 9:30am

The Service will be followed by brunch in the Memorial Hall.

Mind Challenge 2009

Western NSW Developmental workshops offer challenging and exciting courses for primary school students. These workshops are designed to enrich, stimulate and extend children's understandings in a range of subjects and interests. Students are also provided with an opportunity to interact with children of similar abilities and interests. The workshops cover

many different subjects, from science to art. Students are encouraged to select courses that are of interest to them.

Date: Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th October, 2009

Time: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Place: Orange East Public School, 45 Spring Street

If you have any enquiries regarding Mind Challenge 2009, please contact Sean Montgomery

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First Aid Training

Some members of the teaching and administration staff are due to renew their first aid qualifications. If we have 16 people who wish to do this it is only \$75/head for a 6 hour course. It will most likely be offered over 2 afternoons. If there are any parents or other members of our school community who would be interested in completing their first aid please let Mrs Googe know ASAP so we can go ahead and organise some possible dates.

Photo Gallery



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