



*A New World of Learning...*

## ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

### 31st August 2009

#### From the Principal

We welcome Hugo to the Year 1 class this week and trust that he will enjoy being part of our vibrant learning community.

Our student population now numbers 102 K-6 students and 41 Transition students and is growing in line with projections. The available places in all classes T-7, 2010 are filling rapidly, with waiting lists in place for a number of classes.

Our 'Book Safari', capably organised by Ms Winters, our dedicated Teacher Librarian, was a fitting celebration of Book Week, and the wonderful opportunities we have as readers. The costumes worn by students and staff alike, generated enthusiasm as well as offering those with creative minds and talents the chance to swap their human form for that of a safari animal. When a visitor to the School later in the day informed me that she had been directed to the Office by a cat, I smiled! Thanks must go to the parents who attended our parade as well as all who supported the Book Fair. Books provide people of all ages with opportunities to be entertained and informed. They can be a best friend, a companion or a teacher. How lucky we humans are to have the ability to read. I encourage all parents to enjoy the wonderful experience of reading to or with their child, as often as possible.

#### IPSHA Athletics Carnival

Our best wishes go with our small team of athletes for a successful day of competition in Sydney on Wednesday. Our students are competing in relays, 100m, 200m, high jump and long jump events. Good luck Fletcher, Jeremy, Hugh, Patrick, Jarrod, Adelaide, Abbie, Tessa and Jaime!

#### Birthday Greetings

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

**Thought for the Week**  
*Victory comes not when we triumph over another,  
but when we triumph over our own limitations.*

#### Eisteddfod Results

Congratulations to our violinists that competed in the primary school string ensemble at the conservatorium today. They did a wonderful job and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

#### Assembly Awards

Transition– Charlie  
Kindergarten– Paddy, Bree  
Year 1– Brock, Zak  
Year 2/3– Nathan, Cosette  
Year 4– Isabella, Tegan  
Year 5– Will  
Year 6– Beth

Mathletics Gold Awards were presented to Hugh, Year 1, Patrick, Year 5 and Joshua Mc, Year 4. Well done, boys on your outstanding achievement in Mathematics.

**Mrs Ann Brown**

#### 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 Library

Thank you to everyone who supported our book week celebrations. We all had a wonderful day.

A big thank you must go to our generous school community for their support of the book fair. As

a result of donations and purchases we were able to buy another \$400 worth of books to add to our collection, which is fabulous!

If anyone is able to help with the covering of these books could they please contact the school? Your help would be really appreciated and would



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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 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

make it possible to get the new books onto the shelves and thus available to the students, quickly.

**News From The Classrooms****News from Transition**

More sensory experiences were explored last week. The children were in hysterics while attempting some visual mirror image tasks. As we moved onto the sense of TOUCH, we played many tactile games and used a variety of textured materials in our art/craft work.



Many interesting natural objects were brought in for News Time which stimulated many senses as we explored their properties.

"Toy Tuesday" enabled children to bring in something from home starting with "T." The drawings of their toys were made into a book.

By Wednesday our room started to resemble a

jungle as children created vines and wild animals in preparation for our Book Week Safari. The children had a very exciting day dressed up in colourful and creative costumes.

As well as naming words that begin with the same initial sound each week, we are also focusing on rhyming. This is a little more difficult, but can be encouraged at home and in the car in order to stimulate children's aural awareness in preparation for 'reading.'

NEXT WEEK we will be focusing on and further developing our sense of HEARING.

**News from Kindergarten**

Last week, the children in Kindergarten created artwork reflecting The Great Barrier Reef. Their journey around Australia has taken them to Queensland and their first stop was The Great Barrier Reef. By looking at different pictures, the class became inspired by the colours and various creatures this wonderful landmark is home to. By using a combination of sponge painting and paintbrushes, the sea and rocks were painted. Oil Pastels were then used to give the creatures and coral their bright and beautiful colours. The children cut the coral and creatures out and glued them onto the rocks or into the ocean. Next week, the children will be creating another picture depicting an aspect of this wonderful country. Well done Kindergarten on making such lovely pictures and thank you to Mrs Mendham for your help with this activity.

**News from Year 1**

Last week was a fun week for Year One. The students looked fabulous in their Safari costumes from Book Week.

In HSIE we focussed on deserts and looked at where the most famous deserts are in the world. We found the Simpson Desert in Australia! We discussed the characteristics of deserts and how dangerous and beautiful they can be and brainstormed ideas about different animals that live in deserts. We researched the Dingo and Bandicoot and discovered what they ate, how they lived and what they look like. We came to the conclusion that many animals that live in the desert are nocturnal because of the severe heat. We have been looking at shapes in maths with a focus on the term 'Symmetry'.

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In our work on discussions we looked at the question 'Should students be allowed junk food at school?' All children were able to contribute ideas to the discussion and have worked very hard to transfer them into their writing.

#### News from Years 2/3

As we continue our "Fun with Water" unit we have been learning about the skills involved with using water colour paints. This is a difficult medium to work with as it involves using water to change the paint consistency and shade. We started by painting on to wet paper to see how it blends and then last week we set off on a more ambitious task. As we had the Book Safari theme to work with we thought it would be nice to contribute to the library display using our talents. We looked at some photos first on the internet to study the colour and patterns before we used water colours to represent some of the jungle animals and their prints. The result was fantastic and I am sure if you visited the library for our book fair you would have been impressed by the artwork. We welcomed Grace to our class last week and have enjoyed getting to know her.

On a completely different note – Mrs Clancy and I are very concerned about the sickness in the 2/3 classroom at the moment. One day last week 4 children were sent home or needed to rest in sick bay. There are students with very bad coughs and flu symptoms in the class. We are concerned that they are infecting others. We ask that if your child is not well, you please keep them at home until they are recovered enough to participate fully in school life. We are aware that some children are adamant about wanting to be at school, because they love being there, and that is terrific but we do need to think of the health and well being of all in our class. Thank you for your understanding.

#### News from Year 4

The poetry produced this week by the students has been humorous, descriptive and well thought out. So far we have looked at the structure of describing, pattern, acrostic and sensory poetry. We have put all our great ideas together to write joint poetry and then progressed to writing our own, based on our interests. Here is one example written by the whole class using our senses: looks, feels, sounds, smells and tastes.

#### Electricity

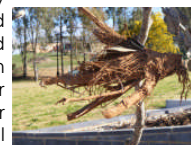
Blue, white and sharp  
A thumping, zappy shock  
Creepy, electric and frightening  
Roasting, hot and burnt  
Cold, tingly metal

We have been learning about different aspects of grammar in fun ways with the introduction of a new game where we need to guess the word based on different clues. The clues uses our knowledge of spelling rules and phonemic awareness. We also revised the difference between proper Nouns and General Nouns using the Vortex on the SmartBoard. Ask us about this because we loved it

#### New from Year 5

Year 5 have been doing a poetry unit and I have been very impressed with their imaginative poems and vivid imagery they have created. In the coming weeks some of their poems will appear in the newsletter for you to read. In Tuesday's Visual Arts classes we have spent time creating sculptures. The end result of these lessons can be seen in the garden beds near the bus stop. They have been the cause of much discussion and speculation about how they got there and what they are. Next week is Literacy and Numeracy week. Our focus for the week will be on Athletics, where the students will participate in the Maths and Literacy Challenge. It looks like lots of fun and will help to hone in on the skills that we have been developing in class.

Our efforts to dress up for Book Week were excellent. We took some photos on the day and I will send the pictures that have been taken to the families that have email addresses for you to look at during the week. Thanks to the parents for their efforts in preparing the costumes for the parade and for supporting the school with the purchase of books at the book fair.



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#### News from Year 6

Year 6 will be running a Fathers' Day Gift Stall every lunchtime this week. All students are invited to come and buy a gift at \$5.00 each.

Some great work was observed last Monday during the gymnastics session at PCYC. Great balancing and co-ordination was displayed by our Year 6 Students.



#### 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, Teloepa 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, Teloepa Way, Orange from 2pm-4pm or you can register online at [www.laanse.com.au](http://www.laanse.com.au)

#### Bletchington Softball

It is almost time for the Softball Season to start again. Season commences the weekend of 24 October 2009. Bletchington cater for all ages, 5 years to Adults. Equipment and uniforms are provided. All new registered players in Teeball and Modball will receive a new glove, provided by Orange District Softball. If anyone is interested and would like further information, please call Jacquie on 0407 934 471



October.

Whether you've been before, or a 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.

#### First Aid Training

We are still looking for some people to complete their first Aid. 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 Google know ASAP so we can go ahead and organise some possible dates.

#### Book Safari Photo Gallery



#### News from the Conservatorium

There are still tickets available for the Orange Regional Conservatorium's Grapevine Series. The dates are: Friday 25th September and Friday 30th

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