



*A New World of Learning...*

ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**7th September 2009**

**From the Principal**

It has been a delight to attend the various sections of the 2009 Orange Eisteddfod in which our students have competed. For many the experience was a new one, and one that presented a challenge. Every student who participated should feel pleased with their achievements-I was certainly very proud of you all.

Many thanks to the staff and parents who prepared the students for the eisteddfod and who assisted with makeup, dressing, transport and provided moral support.

**2010 Kindergarten and Year 7 Orientation Programs**

Information regarding the Orientation program for 2010 Kindergarten students will be mailed to parents this week. As there are 40 students enrolled in Kindergarten 2010, we have planned four sessions in the third and fourth week of Term 4, to make the experience more personal for each child. Full details will be provided in the mailed invitation.

An experience day has also been planned for students in Year 7, 2010. This day will be held in late November, with information being mailed to parents in the coming weeks.

Both opportunities are designed to ensure a smooth transition for the students. It is our hope that as many students as possible will be able to attend.

**IPSHA Athletics Carnival Results**

Our hearty congratulations go to the 9 athletes who competed at SOPAC last Wednesday in the third and final IPSHA Athletics Carnival. 15 schools were represented at the carnival, and each event comprised 8 timed heats. Each Orange Grammar athlete competed to the best of their ability and with good sportsmanship. Special thanks to Mr David Brown for his expert coaching of the team and to the wonderful group of supportive parents who provided support and encouragement on the day.

Results are as follows:

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**Thought for the Week**

*If we did all the things we are capable of doing  
we would truly astound ourselves.*

Thomas Edison

Junior Boys 4 x 100m relay-4th  
Senior Girls 4 x 100m relay-5th  
8 years 100m-Fletcher and Jeremy won their heat and were 1st and 6th overall.  
8 years 200m-Fletcher and Jeremy won their heat and were 1st and 9th overall respectively.  
10 years 100m-Hugh and Patrick won their heats and placed 9th and 23rd respectively  
11 years 100m-Adelaide was 3rd in her heat  
12 years 100m- Abbie was 1st in her heat and Jamie was 3rd in her heat  
11 years 200m-Adelaide was 3rd and Tessa was 4th  
12 years 200m-Jaime was 2nd and Abbie was 2nd  
10 years and under High Jump-Jarro was 3rd  
10 years and under Long Jump- Hugh was 6th

Results of the three IPSHA carnivals have been used to select an IPSHA team to compete at the Combined Independent Schools Carnival on 15 September. The CIS carnival brings together the best athletes from independent schools in NSW. We are delighted that Fletcher has been selected to run in the 8 years 100m, and Jarrod has been selected to compete in the 10 years and under High Jump at the CIS carnival. Congratulations, Jarrod and Fletcher, and good luck!

**Assembly Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards in assembly last week.

Transition- James, Lotus

Kindergarten- Matilda, Zachary, April

Year 1- Laura, Hugo

Year 2- Grace

Year 3- Isabella J

Year 4- Samantha, Lachlan

Year 5- Tom

Year 6- Ethan, Hayden

Work of the Week Awards were awarded to Bree and Isabella N.

#### 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**

Wednesday 9 September-Spring Chapel Service at Holy Trinity  
Thursday 17 September—P&F meeting, 7.30pm  
Friday 18 September— Parent Direct Orders due  
Thursday 24 September- 'Strictly Zorro' KWS Yrs 2-6  
Saturday 26 September-DISCO for T-6 6.30-8pm  
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  
Friday 23 October– ORC Scholarship Applications due (Instrumental and Vocal)  
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  
Sunday 8 November– Auditions for ORC Scholarships (Instrumental and Vocal)

#### Chaplain's Corner

This Wednesday afternoon there will be a school chapel service at Holy Trinity Church, commencing at 2pm. Parents and friends are most welcome to join with the school community for this service of worship.



We will be giving thanks to God for the beauty of springtime. The transition from winter to spring is an exciting time of year. In Christian studies, students have been reflecting on the ways in which spring brings us feelings of hope and joy. After the chill and bleakness of winter, the warmth, growth and activity of spring may reassure us. It is as though nature itself is reminding us of the central teachings and hopes of the Christian faith: that darkness will give way to light, that hope triumphs over despair and that death is not the end but a new beginning. Nature's spring is a little echo of the spirituality of resurrection that Christ opens up to all of us so that we may share new beginnings in Him.

Father Ben

#### Parents' and Friends' Association

The next P&F meeting will be held on **Thursday 17th September** at 7.30pm in the Year 6 classroom. All are welcome to attend.

#### News From The Classrooms

##### News from Transition

The Transition Room is blooming with Spring fever. Some children have produced wonderful still life pictures of flowers. Through observation they have noticed differences in scents, colours, petals, leaves and the number of flowers per stem.

We are now focusing on the 5th sense...SOUND. We have been exploring the different sounds made by musical instruments, have made some of our own using recycled materials, played a variety of sound/ listening games and differentiated between loud and quiet during musical expression.

We have introduced a 'Mystery Can' which goes home with a different child each day. The child places mystery objects in the can that we then have to try and name, after listening to the sound it makes when shaken. The child also has to come with some 'clues', (usually written by a parent), to help us identify the objects if required.

We have guessed corks, coffee beans, marbles, pop corn, and a plastic donkey.

We are now naming words that begin with 'N' in an effort to make Michelle's lamb, 'Nellie', get better, because "she won't get better unless we do 'n'."

Next week the children are encouraged to bring in an item for 'noisy news' but it can't be shown!

Each child will hide and make the noise. We will then either find the child or guess the object.

##### News from Kindergarten

While continuing on their journey around Australia, the Kindergarten children found time to stop in the desert and listen to a Dreamtime story. As they were listening to 'How the Water got to the Plains', the children observed the different colours of the natural environment and took notice of the animals in the Outback. When the story was over, the children recreated the scenes using various art mediums. Water colours, crayons, paintbrushes and sponge painting were selected to transform plain white paper into the wonderful Dreamtime story. Everyone is to be congratulated on their excellent listening, observational skills and very hard work.

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### News from Year 1

Last week Year One students started their art project on wet and dry environments. Over the next few weeks they will be designing and creating dioramas of a desert or sea scene.

We started looking at poems about the school during the week. Our playground provided the inspiration for our poems. We wrote down key words to describe things we heard, smelt, saw and felt. We then transferred these key words into a small poem about the school.

The class has also been working hard at exploring different 3D shapes in Maths by looking faces, edges and corners of 3D objects. We have also learnt to draw the different shapes without any help!

### News from Years 2/3

The very talented Year 2 and 3 students have been busy reading and writing poetry. Here are some examples for your enjoyment.



#### WATER

Water, water, water,  
Dirty, clean, salty water,  
Big and small ponds of water,  
Dashing, crashing, smashing, water,  
Warm, cold, lovely water,  
Water, water, water.

#### A string poem by Georgia

The positive and negative impact that humans have on our environment caused some interesting discussion on Thursday. It is a fantastic skill to be able to listen to many different points of view as the children learn about the world around them.

### News from Year 4

We continued looking at poetry last week with students taking a close look at ballads and limericks. In addition, the students have either found a poem that they like or written their own poem to recite to the class. We worked with angles and triangles last week learning to draw, identify, measure and classify different types. One way we did this was to identify the shapes and triangles in a tangram, and to measure the angles in order to label them as acute or obtuse. We

completed our research projects on Captain Cook by using the information we collected to design an information report or fact sheet.

### New from Year 5

Year 5 completed their poetry unit last week and were really challenged by the comprehension and evaluation process that we used to determine their strengths and weaknesses in their poetry writing. I was really pleased with the standard of the narrative poems and would like to encourage everyone to continue writing poems in their spare time. It would be really good to continue publishing student poems in the newsletter each week.

We have commenced a unit of work on Expositions and will be focusing on our language skills in the use of persuasive language. We will also be developing our ability to argue in support of or against a particular point of view. The end result will be a formal debate.

#### The Flowers

The flowers reflect on the morning sky  
The flowers wave to me goodbye  
I love my flowers.

The flowers smell like sweet cherries  
The flowers look like dancing fairies  
I love my flowers.

#### By Megan

### News from Year 6

Thank you to all of the students who purchased a gift from our Father's Day Stall during the past week. We hope all of the Father's enjoyed their special day on Sunday.

In PD and health we are discussing a unit about making healthy lifestyle choices. Students have been relating to the fact that good or bad choices can effect us both emotionally and physically.

We have also enjoyed reading the book Matilda, by Roald Dahl. We have been very amused listening to the escapades that are unfolding between Matilda and Mrs Trunchbull!

#### Disco Night

A joint P&F and Year 5 and 6 venture is planned for Saturday 26 September. A DISCO will be held in the Holy Trinity Memorial Hall. More details will be sent home later this week.

Year 5 and 6 students will be selling tickets, with the takings being used to offset the cost of their excursion to Canberra in Term 4.



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### 2009 School Chess Championships

Congratulations to the 28 players who have been competing in the School Senior and Junior Chess Championships each Tuesday during the winter months. Many are in their first year of chess and the improvement in their play has been amazing.

The six finalists in each division are now playing a round-robin for the school championships. The seniors are Luke, Josh, Harry, Megan, Will and Jarrod and the juniors are James, Isabella, Trinity, Erin, Nathan and Leith. Many close games are expected over the next month.

Everybody else can relax and continue to enjoy social chess each week. They said to the famous golfer Gary Player that he was lucky and he replied 'yes, and the more I practice the luckier I get'. This certainly applies to becoming a really good chess player!

**Joe Cummins**

### Conservatorium Scholarship Opportunities

The Orange Regional Conservatorium offers a number of scholarships annually to music students who demonstrate aptitude, dedication and genuine interest in instrumental and vocal tuition. Applicants do not need to be at an advanced level to apply.

Auditions will be held on **Sunday 8th November 2009**.

Should you wish to apply for a scholarship please see Administration for an entry form.

All applications and entry fees will need to be returned to the Orange Regional conservatorium Office, 73a Hill Street, Orange, no later than **Friday 23rd October 2009**.

For all further enquiries please call 6361 7974 during office hours.

### Parent Direct Order

You are reminded that the Parent Direct and Chalk orders are due next week. This is a great fundraising program for the school and will enable us to purchase additional educational materials for use by all students. Please complete your order forms and return them, together with payment, to administration by 18 September 2009.

### 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 Googe know ASAP so we can go ahead and organise some possible dates.

### Bletchington Softball

Bletchington Softball club would like to advise that if you are interested in playing Teeball, Modball or Softball and missed our recent registration days please contact Jacquie on 0407934471 to obtain further information. Alternatively you can obtain a registration form on our website [www.bletch softball.net.au](http://www.bletch softball.net.au) in the resources section.

### Orange Waratahs Cricket Club

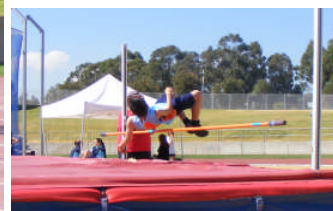
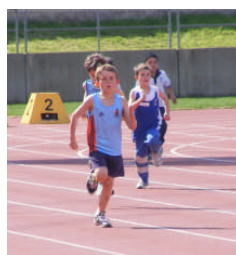
Orange Waratahs Cricket Club will be holding its next junior sign on day at the Waratah Sports Club on the 13 September for the 2009/2010 season. Junior registrations will be taken on the day between 11am and 1pm.

Waratahs are looking for players (both boys and girls) from Kanga's, right through each age group top Open Juniors. Kanga's and U/10's play on Thursday evenings, whilst other age divisions play on Saturday mornings.

### WAS Carnival

After the recent WAS athletics Carnival, a component of an electronic game was left on the bus. If you think it belongs to you, please see Mrs Googe for more details.

### IPSHA Photo Gallery



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