



*A New World of Learning...*

## ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**21st September 2009**

### From the Principal

Last week I was invited to adjudicate one of the debates Year 5 held. I was very impressed with the preparation done by all students involved and the enthusiastic manner in which they participated. Debating is an excellent way to develop speaking and listening skills and I offer my hearty congratulations to the students who participated. I also congratulate the audience, made up of Year 3 and 4 students, for their attentive behaviour.

### Birthdays

Best wishes go to Leith, Demi, Patrick, and Mrs Clancy who celebrate their birthdays this week from all of us at Orange Grammar. We all hope your day is a special one.

### Assembly Awards

We congratulate the following students who received awards in assembly last week:

Transition-Michelle, Danielle W

Kindergarten- Poppi-Jane, Charlie, Bree, Paddy

Year 1- Mitchell, Sarah

Year 2- Trinity, Leith

Year 3- Georgia, Lucia

Year 4- Jack D, Isabella, Josh Mc

Year 5- Luke, Rachel

Year 6- Beth, Lara

Christian Studies awards were awarded to Tessa and James C.

Work of the Week award winners last week were Tyler, Caitlyn K and Amber.

### K-6 Disco

Year 5 and 6 students will be selling tickets, at \$4 each or \$10 per family, to Saturday evenings disco during the week. All students are invited to attend this event, which has a Hero theme. Come dressed as your hero and enjoy dancing to popular music. The P&F will be selling drinks and snacks, as well as glow sticks during the evening.

Funds raised by ticket sales are to be used to off set the cost of the Year 5 and 6 excursion to Canberra.

### Thought for the Week

*The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.  
Let us move forward with strong and active faith.*

*Franklin D Roosevelt*

### Chaplain's Corner

This Wednesday 23 September from 6.30pm Orange Anglican Grammar School Choir will be performing at "Cafe Church", at St Barnabas' Anglican Church, Dora Street, East Orange. Students from the choir who have not returned a permission note are asked to please do so by Tuesday at the latest. All students singing in the choir are required to wear full winter uniform.

### From the Parents' and Friends' Association

The P&F will be holding a monster raffle to be drawn on 8th December 2009 at OAGS Presentation Day.

First Prize: Toshiba LCD, 42 inch Flat Screen Television

Second Prize: Large Gourmet Hamper

Third Prize: Gourmet Hamper

The tickets will be \$2.00 each and booklets will be sent home before the end of next week with further details.

In relation to the 2nd and 3rd prizes for the raffle, the P&F is requesting any donations of non perishable gourmet food items. If you are able to assist, please place your items in the clothes basket at Administration.

The P&F have been asked to assist at the Australian National Field Days to be held on 20th-22nd October. If you are able to assist in any way please contact Mr Rob Elliot, Ph: 02 6361 4969, email: rob@elliottslegalplanning.com, or Mrs Amarlie Dent, email: amarlie@kcclaw.com.au.

The minutes from the P&F meetings are now available in Administration for anyone wishing to read them. Anyone within the school community who would like to become a member of the Parents' and Friends' Association is asked to

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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**

Thursday 24 September- 'Strictly Zorro' KWS Yrs 2-6  
Saturday 26 September-DISCO for T-6 6.00-7.30pm  
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  
Tuesday 27 October—P&F Meeting 7.30pm  
Saturday 7 November—P&F BBQ at Bunning's  
Sunday 8 November– Auditions for ORC Scholarships (Instrumental and Vocal)  
Tuesday 8 December—Presentation Day 10am  
Friday 11 December – Term 4 ends– Muffi Day

please contact the association. We are always pleased to receive the extra support. Parents available to assist at the School Disco on Saturday 26th September are reminded to return your form to Administration as soon as possible.

#### **News from the Classrooms** **News from Transition**

The warmer weather allowed us to provide several sensory experiences for the children outside. Swirling shaving foam and paint together while squelching it between their fingers, was probably the favourite! Sensory experiences provide fine motor and eye hand practice while allowing the children to be creative, as they heighten their sensory perception.



Spring bees and butterflies displayed around our room prompted the start of our new list of words starting with 'B'.

Our mystery cans are creating lots of excitement as we try and guess the contents. Many children are able to give suitable clues to help us, which promotes a higher level of thinking as we focus on the clues given.

Ms Bayly has given a challenge to the Wednesday group of children. They have to find a word in their community and ask someone to write it down, including where it was seen, on the paper provided. This week they will reflect on the words found and make a list.

Woodwork activities have been popular as a result of the donated wood off cuts, from a High school woodwork class!

However our supplies are depleted. Can anyone help by donating any wood scraps from carpentry work? They need to be untreated pieces of wood with no sharp edges.

#### **News from Kindergarten**

In Art this week, the children created artworks inspired by food that we know as 'typically Australian'. Using ripped up paper to make a meringue base, the children made Pavlova (complete with strawberries and kiwi fruit) and a jar of Vegemite. The artwork looked very delicious!

Kindergarten were also very lucky to be shown some Aboriginal artifacts. Mrs. Mendham kindly brought in two boomerangs from her trip to Uluru and explained a bit about them to the class. Thank you Mrs. Mendham for sharing your knowledge and experiences with us.

#### **News from Year 1**

Last week Year One wrote poems about the desert and sea, focussing very hard on using descriptive words. The students are commended for their excellent hand writing in their journals.

Sport on Fridays has been very enjoyable with the students showing great teamwork and sportsmanship. They have been having great fun competing in class running relays.

Our dioramas are slowly developing. The ideas that the children have come up with are fantastic



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and well beyond their years.

I should also mention how well Year One has been presenting their morning news. Everyone has been working hard on their presentation skills, which shows how much their public speaking confidence has developed over the year.

#### **News from Years 2/3**

Congratulations to all the Year 2/3 students who have been practicing their times tables. We have seen a huge improvement in how quickly you have been able to recall and apply this knowledge in mathematics lessons.

Year 2/3 conducted an experimental fair test last week on the most water efficient way to wash paintbrushes at school. We found that using a container with a small amount of water was best and leaving the tap running whilst washing was the least efficient. Hopefully your child has been reminding you how to save water at home as well.

Mrs Clancy is attending a residential school this week about language and literacy intervention and will be replaced by Mrs Smalley.

#### **Olivia's Poem**

I came to this school because it's a nice school and all of the other kids think so too.

I love my school. It is a great place to learn, make friends and have fun.

All of the teachers are friendly and support us in all that we do.

I feel very special that I go to Orange Anglican Grammar School.

#### **News from Year 4**

The students built on their understanding of symmetry through hands on experiences and the use of the interactive whiteboard. We discovered how symmetry is all around us with everyone providing examples of things they had noticed through the week including tables, buildings, leaves and even a croissant!

We completed a joint construction about Television this week. Our discussion was written to show two points of view and then summed up with a recommendation. After careful planning and thought, about all the points put into the discussion, the students agreed that we should watch television sometimes.

We continued work on our British Colonisation topic and researched Indigenous leaders. We also continued working on our historical maps in visual arts.

Thank you to Lachlan, Hugh and Jack who have brought in books related to our topic to share with the class. These have been very interesting reading during our fruit break in the morning.

#### **News from Year 5**

Last week was a truly enthralling week of debating! Year 5 really made considerable progress in their understanding of how to structure, present and evaluate debates. There have been some excellent arguments presented and some wonderful insights into the complexity of the world in which we live. We are going to be working further on this area in the future and it is hoped that exposure to this very complex and challenging topic will continue to improve to a point where we feel confident of challenging other schools. As the term draws to a close we will be doing some important assessment tasks over the coming weeks to determine those areas where we have progressed and those that may continue to need extra attention next term.

#### **News from Year 6**

What a tyrant Miss Trunchbull is! This week we will be writing character analyses of the characters in 'Matilda'. In English we have been looking at discussions and it has been very interesting to look at the arguments for and against topics such as homework, graffiti and whether big or small is better.

Last week we looked at the events of the Eureka Stockade in Victoria, in the 1850s, as we learnt more about the gold rush in Australia.

On Friday we said goodbye to Miss Chandler after having her with us for her two week practicum.

#### **Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop has adult size terracotta polo shirts available for sale at \$15.00 each.

Please be reminded that the uniform shop will be open from 2.30pm-3.15pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, for the last two weeks of term. The uniform shop will be open by appointment only over the school holidays. Please contact Administration to arrange a suitable time.

#### **Zoo Adventures- Spring 2009**

Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre's Zoo Adventures is a school holiday program for students attending primary school aged 5-12 years, to be held during the October 2009 school holidays.

These are education programs designed for school-aged students and all activities are run by qualified Education Officers.

Dates: Tuesday 6th -9th October  
Monday 12th -15th October

Age: 5-12 years

Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm

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Cost: \$55.00 per day

All information including booking form and daily activities can be found on our website. [www.taronga.org.au/western-plains-zoo/education/holiday-program.aspx](http://www.taronga.org.au/western-plains-zoo/education/holiday-program.aspx) or alternatively contact the education centre on: 6881 1433.

#### **Maths Made Easy**

Our school is participating in the CSP (community Software Plan) featuring the Australian-Made Maths Made Easy series along with all the regular EdAlive favourites. This will be the only CSP for 2009. As well as the CSP saving, all titles are also eligible for the new 50% Education Tax Refund.

Please consider making an investment. As part of the CSP our school will receive FREE unlimited School Site License for an ED Alive title of our choice. If we receive a strong response from families we will also receive a FREE school version of the Computer Classroom title of our choice. Please return your orders to the school by 30th October 2009.



#### **PCYC Indoor Soccer**

As you may be aware, there is a futsal (indoor soccer) competition being organized through PCYC. Some students are very enthusiastic to play and we are hoping to enter an OAGS team in the Under 11/12 competition. The team plays 5 a side but needs 7 players to register in the competition. The final registration day is this Thursday, 24th September, 5.30pm at PCYC. If you require a registration form or have any other enquiries, please contact Mrs Christie on 0410 601 009 or 02 6365 3701.



#### **Totally Tennis Indoor Centre**

TTIC is holding two different School holiday programs these October holidays.

Week 1: Tuesday 6th—Thursday 8th October

Week 1 is a boys only week. It is a multi sport program for 9 years and up. It will include Tennis, soccer, basketball, cricket, touch football, force back and other fun games. Cost will be \$20 a day or \$50 for the three days. The program will run from 10am-4pm.

Week 2: Monday 12th-Friday 16th October

Week 2 is a Tennis clinic for all genders, 4 years and up. Cost will be \$20/day or \$80/week from 9-12pm or \$30/day or \$120/week from 9am-3pm.

For details and bookings please contact Totally Tennis: 02 6362 9811



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