



A New World of Learning...

ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

28th September 2009

From the Principal Farewell

This week we say farewell to the Crowley family who are relocating to Port Macquarie during the coming school holidays. As a foundation family of the School, we thank Tim, Mary-Clare, Matthew, Jessica and Sarah for the contribution each has made to the life of Orange Grammar. I am sure that all members of our school community join with me in wishing them well in their new home, school and work place. You will all be greatly missed.

We also say 'bon voyage' to Miss Carthew, Mademoiselle Lucy and Father Ben. Father Ben will be on leave throughout Term 4 during a study program he is undertaking in Cambridge, UK. He will return for the commencement of the 2010 school year. We wish Father Ben and Mrs Edwards an enjoyable experience.

Compassion Muffi Day

A reminder that the final day of Term is a Muffi Day. We use gold coin donations contributed on Muffi Day to support Jeny and Michael, our Compassion children.

English Competition

Certificates were presented in assembly last week to the following students who achieved distinctions and credits in the recent English Competition. Congratulations Erin, Isabella, James, Tegan, Joshua and Harry.

Disco

Many thanks to all parents and staff involved in ensuring a wonderful night was provided for the students on



Thought for the Week

"If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all." ISAIAH 7:9

Saturday. The students are to be congratulated for their behavior and for the thought they put into the costumes worn. Well done to all involved in a very happy and successful Disco.

'Together' end of Year Production

Please be sure to have marked Friday 4th December in your diaries for this not to be missed event. Every student will be involved in this, our inaugural production, which will be performed at the Holy Trinity Memorial Hall.

Signage

At last our new signage is complete, with the installation of the main sign at the front entrance to the School, taking place last week. As soon as the electrician has completed the connection, we will be able to display messages on the scrolling screen.



Lectern

The School was recently given a handcrafted lectern by Mr John Freeth. We are most grateful to Mr Freeth for this magnificent gift, and look forward to being able to use it for many school events in the years to come. It will take pride of place in our new Media Centre.

New Chess Champions

The School Senior and Junior (Year 3 and below) Chess Championships have concluded and two most worthy champions have emerged. They have an excellent understanding of chess and were both undefeated through the preliminary rounds and the finals series.

Our Senior Champion is Megan. Megan was the most improved player in the school last year and



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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 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)
Friday 4 December-'Together'
Tuesday 8 December—Presentation Day 10am
Friday 11 December – Term 4 ends– Muffi Day

has now blossomed into a thoughtful, mature and technically accurate player. Her games are delightful to watch and she sets a wonderful example for all our chess students. Our Junior Champion, Nathan, shows a knowledge of chess moves and strategies well beyond his years. He is certain to develop into a very strong player and we look forward to him representing the school at senior level next year. Megan, Will, Jarrod and Nathan also made up our team which won the B division trophy at the recent NSW Chess League interschool competition, so they have had a stellar chess year.

Congratulations to all the 28 students who played in the School Championships. It was a marvellous tournament and a great learning experience. We now play social chess each Tuesday and this is a good opportunity for everybody to further sharpen their skills!

All our keen players have been given an invitation to a Junior Chess Tournament to be held in Orange on Wednesday 7th October, during the school holidays. These competitions are very well run in association with the NSW Junior Chess League. Parents are strongly encouraged to enter

any budding players, as they gain the best chess experience and great fun is had by all (including the parents!). Please ring Joe Cummins on 63 626882 with enquiries.

Birthdays

Best wishes go to Meeka, Skye, Sarah D and Sarah C 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-Lotus, Henry and Demi
Kindergarten– Jessica and Tyler
Year 1– Lexi and Eden
Year 2– Alicia, Claire and Leith
Year 3– Jack and Taelah
Year 4– Jessica
The 'Work of the Week' award winner last week was Jack F.

From the Parents' and Friends' Association

Please be reminded that the basket, in which you can leave your contribution for the Monster Raffle prizes, is in Administration. If you have any Gourmet non perishable food items that you are able to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

News from the Classrooms**News from Transition**

Our 'Home Corner' has been transformed into a little cafe over the last couple of weeks as a result of the most delicious looking cup cakes that have been donated by Mrs Burton. Most of the children have taken on the role of waitpersons as they 'write down' the orders from teachers and friends, deliver the order then clean away the left-overs!

We have invited Mrs Burton to share a cup cake morning tea with us on the last day of term.

Last week we saw canons built in the sand pit as well as at the craft table using smaller materials. Volcanoes erupted in the sand-pit after some careful preparation of the site and mixing of essential ingredients.



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Buttons, beads and blue things were used to make 'b' necklaces and creative pieces of craft work. Many children made their own books of things starting with 'b' while others made 'bug books' using resource books to assist them.

A new box of MOBLO stimulated much interest from our budding engineers who have been encouraged to draw their designs before building them. This new challenge didn't deter their enthusiasm and helped to motivate their drawing skills.

News from Kindergarten

Travelling around Australia has proved quite tiring for the Kindergarten children. They have learnt a lot about Australia including its landmarks, native animals, different types of flora and the foods that are typically associated with being 'Australian'.

Last week, the children consolidated their artistic skills by decorating the word 'Australia'. The children were able to listen to set instructions and use their memory to draw various things that are 'Australian'. Some of the things they drew included a map of Australia, the Australian flag (complete with the Union Jack and the Southern Cross), and something from the Great Barrier Reef.

Well done, Kindergarten, on such a great effort. You should be very proud of your work.

News from Year 1

Year One students have finished their dioramas and they look fantastic! The children should be extremely proud of their efforts. We have been looking at the importance of water in our lives and created drawings of how water is useful to ourselves and the community.

In Personal Development this term we have been focussing on 'relationships'. Last week we looked at how to resolve arguments or different social situations in the playground. In groups we role played these scenarios.

In Mathematics we tackled division. The students loved using the smart board to create problems. They have also been concentrating on the term 'fair sharer' by expressing it through drawing.

It was another wonderful week in the Year One classroom!

News from Years 2/3

As the term draws to a close it is always fantastic to reflect on how the children have improved. 2/3 have been working extremely

hard on sentence construction and improving their use of language in sentences. Last week we used a sentence recipe to ensure that we included the right ingredients in our sentences.

Sentence Recipe

2 nouns (naming words)
2 adjectives (describing words)
1 verb (doing word)
1 conjunction (joining word)

Here are a few examples of sentences the children wrote to follow this recipe.

I will dance at funky disco and then do to the funny movie.

My weird, Indian cousin was going to dry her wet clothes because she fell into a big pond.

One sunny day I was on a path walking and I saw a dog near a dangerous cliff.

Can you follow this recipe at home in your own kitchen ?

News from Year 4

A busy week saw the students completing their Captain Cook posters, Convict Diaries and Historical Maps in HSIE. A highlight for everyone was answering a series of questions in an interactive game, in order to 'Fling the Teacher.' The questions related to our research on Captain Cook and the Voyages of Discovery.

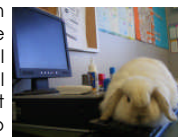
Another enjoyable part of the week was performing 'Our Lips are Sealed,' for the assembly. Congratulations to everyone for entertaining the audience so well and for the enthusiasm shown during the task.

The focus in Maths last week was division, subtraction, and 3D shapes and their properties.

News from Year 5

In week 9 year 5 had a focus on grammar. Our use of adjectival phrases and extended sentences with conjunctions has really improved and resulted in some outstanding written work being done in the daily journal. We have also completed our Powerpoint presentations on the gold rush.

The information in each different gold topic will be combined into one CD and will hopefully provide others with a useful resource in the future. The highlight of our week was the excursion to Strictly Zorro and a visit to the class by a special animal friend on Friday.



News from Year 6

Year 6 is doing a mini unit this week on holiday and travel. Our English will involve discussions on if holidays are

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important or not and we will each design and print a holiday brochure on our favourite or most wanted holiday destination. In maths we will calculate and compare the cost of a family holiday destination in Australia and to somewhere distant. How much spending money will we need? Why? Who knows where we might end up this week.

News from the Choir

Last Wednesday night, 23rd September, the Orange Anglican Grammar School Choir made their first public appearance at Saint Barnabas' Anglican Church. We sang three songs as well as The Lord is my Shepherd. We all enjoyed ourselves and were provided with a lovely dinner. We hope we can perform again soon!

Georgia and Cosette

Tea Towels

As you may be aware we are running the popular tea towel and apron project. We are aiming to raise \$1000 which will be used to sponsor the nursery section of the Hogars Carlos de villegas orphanage in La Paz, South America. During the Christmas holidays, our own Mr Brown will be returning to his home country and volunteering a few weeks of his time to work in the orphanage. The Tea Towel orders are due in by the end of the Term 3 and will be distributed in Term 4, and will make very special Christmas gifts for family members.

Maths Made Easy

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.

News from Holy Trinity

You and your pets are invited to 'The Blessing of the Pets'. Pet owners are required to keep animals suitably restrained at all times so that their precious critters don't devour those of anyone else! 'The Blessing of the Pets' will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Memorial Hall, Anson Street, Orange.

Date: Sunday, 4th October 2009

Time: 9.30am

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

Jesus All About Life

Jesus- All About Life, is hosted by The Churches Of Orange. Please come with your children to participate in a free fun night with skits, games, prizes, songs, clowns, balloon sculptures and Pizza!

At the end of the night the colouring competition winners will be announced and prizes given out. There is one major prize of fun/family vouchers and then prizes for Kindergarten to through to year 6 students.

The night will be at Bowen School Hall, 16th October 2009. The games and fun begin at 6pm and will conclude at 8pm.

The colouring in sheets have been distributed at school last week. Extra copies are available from Administration if needed. The children will have to be present on the night to be eligible to win any prizes.

Orange CraftNCare

The team from Orange CraftNCare will be running their hugely successful program: Craft, Games and Fun, during the October school holidays. This program is suitable for ages 5- 12 year olds.

Location: The Orange Baptist Church Hall, 59 Sale street, Orange

Date: Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday during school holidays)

Time: 12pm-5pm

Cost: \$10 per child

Lunch will be provided each afternoon and is included in the cost. Please pack a hat, jacket and afternoon tea for your child.

To book a place or to make any further enquiries please call Terry Findlay: 02 6360 1133.

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