



A New World of Learning...

ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

October 26th 2009

From the Principal

Our first **Open Day** will be held **this Saturday from 11am to 2pm** and includes an Outdoor Broadcast provided by Star FM. Please encourage your friends to come along and see first hand our new School.

There will be activities for children, including face painting, and refreshments provided by the P&F, as well as opportunities for visitors to meet staff.

Students planning to attend are asked to wear their summer uniform.

Mrs Harbison and I will be participating in a review of Rouse Hill Anglican College from Tuesday-Thursday this week. Mrs Smalley will be taking Mrs Harbison's place in the classroom. Should you need to contact me, please let Mrs Googe know and she will make the necessary arrangements.

Field Days

Last week's Field Days provided many opportunities for staff and parents to promote our School. I would especially like to thank Mrs Googe, Mrs Elliott, Mrs Keene, Mrs Wright, Mrs Willis for their assistance on our stand. I know the public enjoyed being able to ask questions of existing parents and thank these ladies for giving of their time to support the School in this way.

Nut Free School

A Reminder to all parents that Orange Grammar is a nut free environment. Please help us to ensure the safety of all students by making sure foods containing nuts are not included in your child's lunch box.

Birthdays

Best wishes go to Naomi, Emily, Ally, Joey, Amelia and Paddy who celebrate their birthdays this week, from all of us at Orange Grammar. We all hope your day is a very special one.

Assembly Awards

We congratulate the following students who received awards at assembly this week:

Thought for the Week
A family is the basic foundation of the world.

Sara Henderson

Transition—Adrian
Kindergarten— Max
Year 1—Rosanna
Year 2/3—Erin
Year 4— Aquila
Year 5— Eden
Year 6— Claudia

Work of the Week was awarded to Jeremy Elliott for magnificent cursive writing.

News from the Classrooms

News from Transition

Everyone in Transition has returned to school with renewed enthusiasm. We were excited to come back to a larger playground, some new resources and a tap to enhance our sand and water play.

We welcome Naomi, Harry and Hamish and their families to Transition this term and look forward to sharing a happy term with you all.

During the warmer months - Terms 1 & 4- we have outdoor play before morning tea, then stay indoors for the hottest part of the day. There are still some children who don't bring hats to school, so we encourage them to stay under the shade cloth. Could you please check to see that your child does have a hat packed each day?

This term we will NOT be having allocated 'news days.' We will be promoting children's oral language skills in many other ways, two of which are as 'reporters' and 'investigators.'

'Reporters' are the children who, equipped with a clip board, 'write' down what they see happening and who is involved at different activities. Some children use letters or numerals to help them remember information, while others copy children's names and draw pictures of what they see happening. 'Reading' their report to the class not only promotes their language skills but also their memory and recall.

The 'investigators' talk in front of the group about something they have been interested in and want to

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IT'S A DATE!

Sport days are MONDAYS and FRIDAYS, effective from Term 4. These are the only days students may wear sports uniform to school.

Term 4

During Term 4 full summer uniform should be worn to school by K-6 students.

Saturday 31 October—Open Day
Tuesday 3 November—P&F Meeting 7.15pm
Saturday 7 November—P&F BBQ at Bunning's
Sunday 8 November—Auditions for ORC Scholarships (Instrumental and Vocal)
Friday 27 November—Thanksgiving Chapel Service, 2pm, Holy Trinity
Friday 4 December—performance of "Together"
Tuesday 8 December—Presentation Day 10am
Friday 11 December—Term 4 ends—Muffi Day

investigate further or something they have created during the day.

So about 4 or 5 children each day will be chosen to share their accounts with the group.

News from Kindergarten

Welcome back to all the Kindergarten children! Term 4 is going to be a very busy term for everyone with lots of learning to be done. A very big welcome also goes to our new Kindergarten friends Max and Eliza.

It has been wonderful to see how quickly all the children have settled back into the routine of school and how hard everyone is working. Congratulations on such a fabulous start to the term, Kindergarten. You should all be very proud of yourselves!

News Year 1

Year One has made a fantastic start to the term. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Chase and Hannah. They have both made a positive start to their new school. This term is going to be very busy with lots of work and preparation for the end of year performance.

This term students will be looking at the topic, 'Workers in the community' and they have already showed they have a good knowledge of this topic. The students are commended for their efforts last week in reading. I am very impressed with the improvement they are all making. Well done!

News from Year 2/3

Term 4 allows the children to apply a lot of the skills and knowledge they have learnt during the year. We are completing integrated webquest activities as part of our learning this term. Year 2 are

completing a webquest called "An Insects Perspective" and Year 3 are doing a webquest on foodchains. A webquest is essentially a research activity using the world wide web and other resources. They are integrated with other key learning areas. For example year 2 has to write a letter to an exterminator convincing them that their insect of study should not be exterminated. This is an exposition text and is one of our term 4 writing texts. In art our first activity is creating a winged insect. Also, if you remember our pirate portraits on the windows you will be waiting in anticipation for how 2/3 will appear on our windows this term! Mrs Clancy and Mrs Harbison are very lucky that 2/3 are so obliging when it comes to photography and dressing up...especially our new members of the class Macauley and Clary.

News from Year 5

Welcome back for Term 4. It is already shaping up to be our busiest of the year. We have started by hitting the ground running, with preparation for our end of year performance commencing this week. We are also preparing work in English for the open day next Saturday. The class are preparing autobiographies and will have a display in the room that reflects the diversity of our students and the amazing variety of personal history that has been experienced so far in their short lives. It is also fascinating to see what they predict the future holds for them. Starting next week we will be commencing preparation for our Canberra excursion (November 19 and 20). The unit of work will examine the structure of each of the 3 tiers of government in Australia and the people that are in the higher profile portfolios and what their roles are. Please remember that the diary continues to be a really useful channel for communication and I ask if you need to pass on a message then the diary is a really easy way to do that. All students are encouraged to get it out at home each night for you to look at and to sign. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything you want to discuss.

News from Year 6

Year 6 has begun the countdown to the end of Primary School. Lots of revision is going on in preparation for the adventures of high school. We have begun our unit on State and Federal

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government and have enjoyed playing 'who's who' with newspaper pictures and internet photos of politicians.

News from the Uniform Shop

This term, the Uniform Shop will be open as follows:

Tuesday—8.30am to 9.15am

Wednesday—2.45pm to 3.15pm

Thursday—2.45pm to 3.15pm

Orders can also be placed with Mrs Googe by phoning or emailing the Administration Office. Payment must be made prior to the collection of orders.

News from Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity invites you to the "Baptism Bears Reunion"

Date: Sunday, 1st November 2009

Time: 9.30am

The Service will be followed by a sausage sizzle. Holy Terrors playgroup will also be cutting their 10th anniversary cake, followed by the Teddy Bears picnic at the memorial Hall. Please bring a picnic rug and any extra food your teddy might like to eat!

From the Parents' and Friends' Association

Please be advised that the Parents and Friends Association have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening, however, the meeting has been **re-scheduled** for **Tuesday 3rd November** at 7.15 for 7.30pm. Sincere apologies to anyone who has been inconvenienced.

Open Day Morning Tea

The P&F are looking for some parents to assist in the preparation of morning tea for the Orange Open Day. If you are able to bake or provide any cakes, slice or biscuits, please contact Danielle Wright on 0418 662 667. If you are not planning to attend the Open Day, please deliver your baking to the School office on Friday. Anyone available to assist the P&F on Saturday should contact Rob Elliott on 6361 4969.

Fundraising BBQ

The P&F are holding a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings on Saturday 7 November. The fundraiser is being hosted by parents of Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. If there are any parents who have children in these classes and are able to assist that day, please contact Rob Elliott on 6361 4969 for more details.

Parent Direct, Tea Towel and Apron Orders.

Please be reminded that the Parent Direct orders **have arrived** and are awaiting collection from the Administration Office. Tea towel and Apron orders have also arrived, and should have been distributed by your child's teacher, today. Should you be missing and order, or wish to purchase additional tea towels or aprons, please see Mrs Googe.

The Learning Ladder

The Learning Ladder fundraiser catalogues were sent home last Friday, 23rd October. If you are interested in purchasing any products from the catalogue please fill in your order form and place it in a sealed envelope with your payment, either cash, credit card or cheque (made payable to Amanda Wilks). Orders need to be returned to school by 4th November and will be delivered to the school by 27th November. If you require any more information please contact Amanda Wilks on 02 6369 6194.

Lost Property

We still have a lot of unclaimed items left over from Term 3. If your child is missing any uniform items, please check the lost property basket. Unclaimed items will be donated to the School's clothing pool.

Eight Day Games

Orange Anglican Grammar is considering entering a team in the Annual Eight Day Games competition. However, we need at least 10 more parents or friends to commit to the event. It will be held at 6pm each night from November 16 through to November 20. The event concludes with a lunchtime barbeque and presentation on Saturday 21 November. This year, the events are T-ball, Kanga Cricket/Tug a war, Mixed events (PCYC), Commando/Kareoke and Lawn Bowls. The event is not competitive, and is really good fun. If you are interested, or know anyone who may be interested in representing Orange Grammar in the games, please let Mrs Googe know. Nominations are due by Friday 30 October.

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