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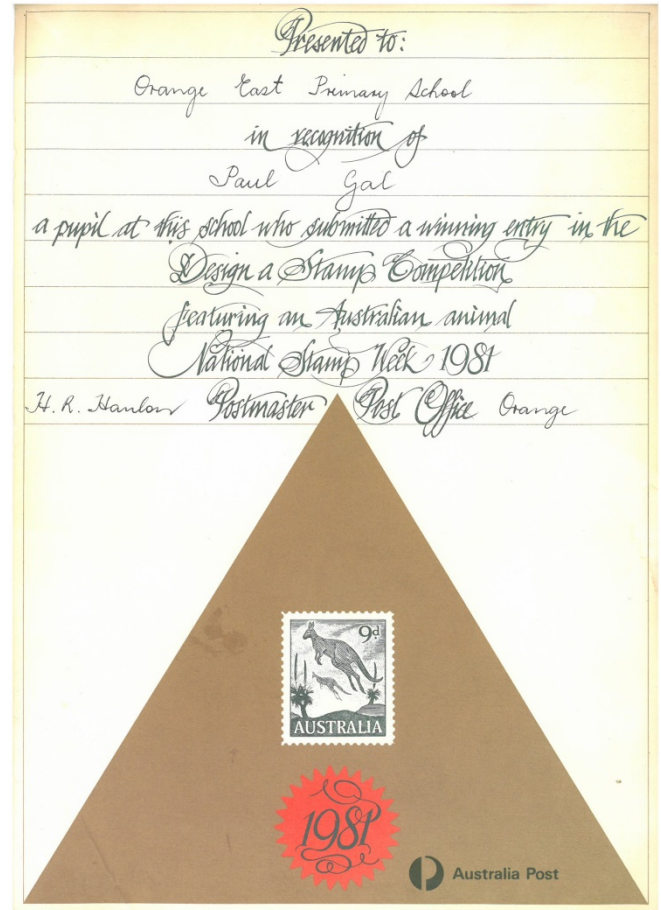
Principal's Report

Thank you to all Orange East PS community members who supported our various 125 Year celebration activities last week. All three events were very successful and certainly a very rewarding and interesting experience for current and past staff, students and parents. I would like to acknowledge the work of the following people in making the celebrations so successful:

Amy Sweeting	Kylie Bennett
Troy Sweeting	Mark Bennett
Erin Child	Sammy Bennett
Kellie Frecklington	Tracey Press
Jodie Taylor	Vicki Baker
Leanne Leahey	Emma Brown
Toni Maclean	Peta Rawlinson
Fiona McNamara	Sue Roughton
Annette Parkes	Michelle Hewitt
Sharlene Anderson	

In particular I would like to thank both Mrs Mclean and Mrs Sweeting for their considerable work in coordinating the celebrations. As a result of the anniversary we are now planning on the creation of an Orange East PS Hall of Fame – for past students, parents and staff who have made considerable contributions to the school/community or have gone on to be particularly successful in later years. If you would like to provide suggestions for this display please contact me via the school office. Candidates will be tabled at School Executive and P&C Meetings.

Congratulations to Jack Morrison who identified the year that Paul Gal won the *Australian Post Design a Stamp Competition* as 1981. Interestingly, Mr Gal contacted us via Facebook to clarify that the stamp depicted was not the actual stamp that he designed but one from an earlier series. Although Mr Gal's stamp was not used, he was presented with a certificate and a wooden plaque. The full certificate is shown on the adjoining column.



Homereading Update

A reminder that the final date for Homereading is Wednesday, 9th December. To be in the draw for the end of year prize – a family weekend away – students must be at least up to Club 150 by this date. Each subsequent 'Club' achievement above 150 places an additional entry in the competition.

While on the topic of Homereading our special badges for students that achieve Club 200 have finally arrived. From now on, each year we will purchase different colour badges for students to wear when they achieve this level. The badges for all K-2 students who have achieved this level will be presented this Friday (20th November) at the Infants Assembly. The badges for all Yr 3-6 students will be presented next Friday (27th November) at the Primary Assembly. Students achieving Club 200 from this point on will be presented at their next scheduled assembly.

ICAS Test Certificates

Over the course of the year students from Yr 2-6 who opted to take part in the University of New South Wales ICAS Tests have completed various exams. The exams covering subject areas including English, Maths, Computing, etc are quite rigorous and provide a great opportunity for students to apply their growing skills in a test environment. The tests are graded and students receive a level of attainment ranging from Participation through to High Distinction. Over the coming Friday Assemblies students will receive their certificates. Students who received a grade of Credit or higher will only receive a copy of their certificate at the assemblies with the original presented as part of our Presentation Day ceremony. Students in Year 2 will be presented this Friday (20th November) at the Infants Assembly. The certificates for Yr 3-6 students will be presented next Friday (27th November) at the Primary Assembly.

Reports

Teaching staff have been very busy gathering information about student learning achievements and summarising assessment data from students' work throughout Terms 3 and 4 as part of the process of writing the Semester 2 reports. Teachers constantly have professional dialogue about student learning and use assessment information to make decisions about student learning achievements against syllabus outcomes. The reports are due to go home in Week 11.

Planning 2016

We will soon begin the process of forming new class groups for 2016. If there is anything that we should be aware of that will affect your child's placement, please contact me in writing, within the next 2 weeks. This is not an opportunity to choose a teacher - but simply the sharing of information that will assist us in making good decisions. This is particularly important if you know that you will be moving away from the area and hence your children will not be attending Orange East PS in 2016. It is difficult to make changes when the classes are finalised and virtually impossible at the beginning of the school year.

Year 3/4C

Unfortunately last week, Mr Cook sustained a fairly nasty injury while playing sport resulting in a broken achilles. While recovering well, he will be absent from school while he recuperates.

Parents of students in Mr Cook's class (3/4C) are advised that from Monday, 16th November to Friday, 11th December (Week 7-10 inclusive) Mr Currall will be teaching the class. A decision on the role of Relieving Assistant Principal (Stage 2) will be made in the coming day.

Glen Bourke Principal

School News

Learn to Swim ~ there are only 2 spots left for the learn to swim program.

Assembly ~ **Infant** assembly will be on this Friday 20th November @ 11.40am

Staff Training

Class Effected	Course	Date
2WK	TEN Training	17-19 th Nov
K/1P	iPad Training	25 th Nov

Canteen ~ The school canteen is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that you have your child's name and class on all orders. Order must be in no later than 9.15am.

P & C News

P & C Meeting ~ meeting will be held **TONIGHT** Tuesday 17th November @ 6.30pm in the staff room. All welcome to attend.

Clothing Pool ~ Clothing pool will be open each Tuesday from 8.55am – 9.15am and 2.55pm – 3.10pm for Term 4. Hats are available for \$10.

If you have any uniforms that your child has grown out of our clothing pool would happily accept them. There is also school bags available to purchase for \$40.

Dates to Remember

20 th Nov	Infant Assembly @ 11.40am
23 rd Nov to 4 th Dec	Learn to Swim Lessons
17 th Nov	P & C Meeting @ 6.30pm
30 th Nov	Parent Helper Morning Tea 11am in the school hall
Thur 10 th Dec	Presentation Day
Mon 14 th Dec	Yr 6 farewell dinner Semester PBL/Home Reading Prize draw

Photos from our 125 Yr Celebrations

