



Orange East Public School NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Report

What an exciting time November has been for Orange East! Last week we held our voting for our 2016 school leaders. Congratulations to School Captains: Kaylar Forrest & Max Wilson, Vice Captains: Brynn Thomas & Nathan Hewitt and Prefects: Lara Bennett & Codi Quinn.



I would also like to congratulate our new House Captains for 2016! Patterson: Skye Dent & Ty Pallier (absent), Mitchell: Jarrod Howarth & Hayleigh Patrick, Parkes: Kyra Bennett & Mark Selmes (absent), Hargraves: Cara Crowley & Charley Christoff.



I look forward to working with these excellent student representatives throughout 2016! I would also like to acknowledge all Year Five students who presented their speeches last week. They did a great job!



School Spectacular

As I write this newsletter, our School Spectacular students, staff and volunteer parents are travelling down to Sydney with a very busy schedule over the next six days. Tomorrow they journey out to Olympic Park for their first major rehearsals and on Thursday they will rehearse at QANTAS Arena. Over Friday and Saturday they will conduct two performances a day, a matinee and an evening show. I would like to wish them a very exciting time and acknowledge the significant work that Mrs Sweeting, Mrs McNamara and Miss Croker have put into organising and supervising this amazing experience.

I am also very excited to be attending the matinee performance on Friday with our school students and parents. Having seen a few Spectaculars over the last couple of years, it is an amazing performance and each time I am reminded of the incredible talents of our young people in public schools. This year will be even more poignant with our school involved in the concert. There are still 10 tickets available on the Friday excursion but need to be purchased as soon as possible for the necessary permissions/arrangements to be completed. A reminder that we will depart from the Orange East PS bus bay (Spring St) at 6:45am sharp on Friday to allow enough time for travel, morning tea and organisation on arrival at QANTAS Arena. Parents/students attending the excursion need to be at school 15 minutes prior to departure. Students are to be dressed in sports uniform and need to have morning tea, lunch, snacks and a drink as well as money for dinner at McDonalds on the return trip. Our estimated arrival time back at school is 9pm, however this

time will be updated via the School Stream App and Facebook.



Parent/Helper Morning Tea

At Orange East we are very fortunate to have the help of many, many volunteers throughout the year. These roles range from P&C, Scripture, classroom assistance, travel, gardens, canteen, office, special events planning, working bees, construction – and the list goes on. Without this support, simply the school would not be as good or function the way that it does. In recognition of these valuable people we are holding our annual Parent/Helper Morning Tea on Monday, 30th November, at 11am in the School Hall. I extend a very warm invite to any person who has assisted our school big or small over 2015.

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 a few weeks ago, 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. Please be aware that during Mr Cook's absence, Mrs Press will be relieving as Assistant Principal for Stage 2.

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 our Presentation Day ceremony. I sincerely apologise, as I neglected to present the Infant's certificates last week at the Friday Assembly as communicated in last week's newsletter. Students in Year 2 will be presented next Friday (4th December) at the Infants Assembly. The certificates for Yr 3-6 students will be presented this Friday (27th November) at the Primary Assembly. Primary students who are

absent due to the Spectacular will have their certificates presented on the following Monday morning assembly at 9:10am (30th November).



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. The draw for the major end of year prize will take place on Monday, 14th December at the morning assembly (9:10am). We will also draw the end of year PBL prize at this assembly.

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 were presented at last week’s Infant Assembly. The badges for all Yr 3-6 students will be presented this Friday (27th November) at the Primary Assembly. Students achieving Club 200 from this point on will be presented at their next scheduled assembly.

Glen Bourke
Principal

School News

Assembly Awards ~ congratulations to the following students from Infant classes who received a sticker on their award sheet Connor Dunn, Riley Davis, Lillianne Lear, Simone Gow, Tyrone Yates, Will Sligar, Charlotte Ash, Kayla Goodacre, Mia Warren, Haaniah Siddiqui, Macey Paul, Sylvie Prusiak. Congratulations also to Luci Moller, Ngari Gordon and Cooper Smith for reaching their 100 certificate and Layla Barrett for receiving her 150 award.

Principal Awards ~ congratulations Charlie Turner, Will Sligar, Cooper Byrnes, Kurtis Forrest, Annalise Weatherburn and Isabel Tinson who all received a Principals Award.

Assembly ~ This weeks is **Primary** assembly @ 11.40 in the hall. All welcome.

Staff Training

Class Effected	Course	Date
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

Sunscreen ~ the P & C will be donating one bottle of sunscreen for each classroom for the children to use if they need to re-apply throughout the day. It is still important that children arrive at school wearing sunscreen.

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

23 rd Nov to 4 th Dec	Learn to Swim Lessons
27 th Nov	Primary Assembly @ 11.40am
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

Community News

Foodcare Orange ~ is a community service run by volunteers that helps individuals and families access good quality food and household items in an affordable manner by providing a self serve shop with a variety of grocery and personal items. Food care is open every Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Glenroi Community Centre, Garema Road, Glenroi. For more information please call 0467 229 673.