



# Orange East Public School NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Report

Congratulations to our two school debating teams who competed against Millthorpe PS last week. A challenging topic for students to argue 'Homework should be banned', particularly as we had the negative side of the debate! From all reports the students did a great job and are continually improving, with one team coming away with a victory. It's great to see debating back in the school and I would like to acknowledge the talented Ms Scott who has been the primary driver in this program.



Some parents may have received an 'Unexplained Absence' letter this week. This is part of the new School Attendance Policy that commenced this year. An area that has become more rigorous in particular is explanations of non-attendance. The policy clearly states the responsibilities of schools and parents/caregivers in regards compliance with the Education Act and other associated legislation. In section 2.3 of the policy it states that parents/caregivers must provide explanation for absences to school

within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. After 7 days have elapsed it is officially termed an 'Unexplained Absence' and the school must make reasonable attempts to communicate with parents to resolve the reason for absence. For this reason each week we will be sending out letters to parents reminding them if we have not received an explanation for a particular absence that has gone beyond the 7 day mandated period during the previous week. If you receive one of these letters please complete and return to school as quickly as possible. If absences remain unexplained or a pattern of unexplained absences emerges, parents are required to meet with either myself or the Attendance Monitor (Miss Croker) to resolve this issue. In the long term, failure to comply with parental responsibilities in regards ensuring regular school attendance of children can result in Home School Liaison Officer involvement and potentially prosecution if ongoing. Orange East has a very high level of attendance and this is in no small part thanks to the work of parents in valuing your child's education and the incredibly significant impact that regular attendance has on learning. As a school we must comply with this policy but most importantly our goal is to achieve the best possible educational outcomes for each and every student. As always, the key to this success is a great partnership between home and school. If you would like further clarification or support in improving your child/ren's attendance please do not hesitate to contact me, an assistant principal or your child's class teacher. I have included '*Section 2 What are the*

responsibilities of parents?’ taken from ***Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedures*** which I thought parents/caregivers may find of use.

## ***2. What are the responsibilities of parents?***

*Parents must ensure:*

*2.1. their children of compulsory school age are enrolled in a government or registered non-government school or, registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) for Home Schooling.*

*2.2. their children who are enrolled at school attend every day the school is open for instruction.*

*2.3. they provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence through means such as telephone call, written note, text message or email. The 7 day timeframe for explaining absences is a requirement of the Education Act (1990).*

*2.4. they work in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support regular attendance at school. This includes communicating with the school if they are aware of issues impacting on their child’s attendance or engagement with school.*

A reminder to ensure that students are wearing correct school uniform. At the moment we are still in Winter School Uniform with students required to wear the following items Monday-Thursday.

<b>Girls Winter</b>	<b>Boys Winter</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy blue tunic and navy stockings or navy Slacks</li> <li>• White blouse</li> <li>• White socks</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> <li>• Navy polar fleece with OEPS emblem</li> <li>• Maroon bucket hat with OEPS emblem or OEPS beanie</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grey trousers</li> <li>• Light blue shirt</li> <li>• Grey socks</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> <li>• Navy polar fleece with OEPS emblem</li> <li>• Maroon bucket hat with OEPS emblem or OEPS beanie</li> </ul>

Students are required to wear full Winter Sports Uniform on Friday – consisting of yellow polo shirt with OEPS emblem (short or long sleeve), maroon track pants, maroon polar fleece with OEPS emblem, white socks and runners, OEPS bucket hat or beanie. In many cases due to the recent cold weather students have been wearing jackets throughout the week – we ask in this case that the jacket be as close to school colours as possible.



Lastly, I would like to wish all of our students participating at the Orange Eisteddfod as part of one of our dance troupes the very best of luck on Friday. This performance will mark the culmination of many hours of practice over the past terms and I hope all students enjoy the experience. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Mrs Sweeting in choreographing and preparing the students as well as Mrs McNamara who has supported Mrs Sweeting with costume preparation and logistics. Below are some photos of some dancers from today’s full dress rehearsal. The troupes will perform from 9.30am on Friday at the Orange Function Centre, parents and caregivers welcome to attend the concert. A reminder that the hall will be open from

8am on Friday morning for children to start preparing. Please get your child here as early as possible if possible. A reminder that there will be no Friday Assembly this week due to the large number of students/logistics involved in the Eisteddfod.



**Glen Bourke**  
**Principal**

## School News

### Staff Training

Class Effected	Course	Date
KS	L3 – Ongoing Training	Tues, 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug
3/4M	'Idea of North' Choir Teacher Training	Wed, 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug
KR K/1P	Early Stage 1 L3 Training	Thur, 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug (11:10 – 3:30pm)
1C 2WK 2M	Stage 1 L3 training	Thur, 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug 12 – 3:30pm
4/5SM 5/6C 5/6N	Year 5/6 Collaborative Planning	Fri, 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug

**Dance Fees** ~ please be advised that Orange Dance Eisteddfod will be on this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Dance fees must be paid in order to participate.

**Year 6 Shirt Order** ~ forms have been sent home with student's sizes on them. If you have any questions please contact Miss Croker. Shirt orders are due Friday

21<sup>st</sup> Aug and **no late orders will be accepted.**

**Stage 3 Burrendong Excursion** ~ the final payment for the Burrendong Excursion is due tomorrow, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Please ensure you have made full payment for the excursion so that final planning and organisation can happen, with the excursion only 1 month away. A note has been sent home for parents to complete the online Medical and Consent form required for students to attend. If you wish to access a school computer or require support to complete the form please contact the school office to arrange a time. This online form must be completed by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

**Choir** ~ Choir Eisteddfod is Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup> at Orange Function Centre. Competition begins at 9:30am. Permission notes will be sent home next week. Parental assistance needed for transport.

**Assembly Awards** ~ congratulations to the following students from Primary classes who received a sticker on their award sheet Chloe Parish, Hayleigh Patrick, Alex McGlashan, Brandon Bouffler, Connor Shields, Hannah Johnson, Jordana Thurtell, Bianca Griffiths, Chloe Harshman, Corey Moss, Joseph Hathaway and Antonia Van Doorn. Congratulations to Zac Moss for his first sticker and a big congratulations to Chloe Water for receiving her 150 sticker.

**Principal Awards** ~ congratulations Hayley Apps, Georgie Barrett, Jayden Leahey, Kaylar Forrest and Tanisha Symons who all received a Principal Award.

**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** ~ to be held next Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August @ 6.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome to attend

**East Orange Village Markets** ~ all applications have now been processed.

**Clothing Pool** ~ Clothing pool will be open each Wednesday from 8.55am – 9.15am and 2.55pm – 3.10pm.

**Lost Property** ~ there are a large number of jumpers in our lost property, all with no names. If unclaimed they will be given to the clothing pool at the end of term.

**School Bags** ~ If you are having any issues with the new school bags ie: mesh drink bottle holder, zippers etc, please advise the office of any faults so as we can possibly organise repair/exchange. Please notify office by this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

### Dates to Remember

12 <sup>th</sup> August	Final payment Burrendong Excursion due
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Orange Dance Eisteddfod <b>NO INFANT ASSEMBLY in lieu of Eisteddfod</b> Money due for K-2 Steam train Excursion \$12.00
17 <sup>th</sup> August	P & C Meeting @6.30pm in staffroom
20 <sup>th</sup> August	K-2 LVR's Heritage Steam Train Excursion 'YOU CAN DO IT TOO' Performance
21 <sup>st</sup> August	Year 6 Shirt Order Due

## Community News

**Positive Parenting Seminar** ~ Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 5.30 – 8.30pm at Interrelate Orange. Cost \$25.00 (\$15.00 concession)  
Bookings are essential. Please phone 6363 3650

**Freya Blackwood** ~ Shining the light on local Illustrator Freya Blackwood Orange City Library Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 4-5.30pm  
Bookings 6393 8132

### Student Profile

**Name** – Tyhler

**Class** – 5/6N

**My best mates are ...** Emilee FS, McKenzie H and Lachlan W

**My favourite**

**food is ...** sausages but I wouldn't eat – brussell sprouts if you paid me!

**After school I really love**

**To ...** play Terriria on the X-Box

**If I was down to my last \$5**

**I would buy ...**sweets

**One thing I really can't live without is ...**my dog Leon

**When I grow up I want to ...** be a teacher

**I would really like to be like ...**Justin Bieber because ... he's a good singer

**How old is old?....** 125

