



Orange East Public School NEWSLETTER



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Welcome back to the 2016 school year with an especially warm welcome to all our new students and their families who are commencing their partnership with us at Orange East. It is always great to be back after a restful holiday and I look forward to working with all families to support the education of our students.

With many important pieces of information to pass on, I thought a short newsletter would prove useful for parents/caregivers.

As many of you would be aware, with Ms Hughes achieving the position of Deputy Principal at Bletchington PS we are in the process of employing a new Instructional Leader for Orange East as part of the Early Action for Success program, which still has 12 months to run at the school. We advertised as per DoE policy late last year. Unfortunately there were no suitable applicants and we are now in the process of readvertising the position. In the interim I have sort approval for Mrs Wright to relieve as Instructional Leader until we have successfully appointed a suitable applicant for the remainder of the year. Mrs Wright has extensive experience as a K-2 teacher, assistant principal and has been trained in both L3 Kindergarten as well as Stage 1. We are very fortunate to have a teacher of Mrs Wright's calibre to fill this position and I know she will do an outstanding job. This means that Ms Stokes will now be relieving as Assistant Principal K-2 across the whole week. Again a wonderful result for our school, with Ms Stoke's depth of knowledge and experience in K-2. While Mrs Wright relieves as Instructional Leader, Mrs Bourke will continue with Mrs Kable in a job share position teaching Year 1/2BK. I have included an updated table of the school staff below:

Grade	Teacher
K	Ms Stokes (Relieving AP)
K	Mr Rae
1	Mrs Carrigan

1	Mrs Waters
1/2	Mrs Bourke/Mrs Kable
2	Mr Mellis
3/4	Mrs Sweeting/Mrs Laughton
3/4	Mr Cook (AP)
4/5	Miss Scott
5/6	Mr Neal
5/6	Miss Croker (AP)
Release Teachers	Mrs McKay (Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Program) Mr Meares (Stephanie Alexander Garden Program) Miss Cheney
Library	Mr Meares
Reading Recovery	Mrs Press
IT Support/ Training	Mrs Press
Instructional Leader	Mrs Wright (Relieving)
Learning Support/ Intervention	Mrs Pulbrook, Mrs Press (K-2) Mrs Hewitt (3/4) Mrs Maclean (5/6)
Norta Norta Program	Mr Meares
Dance	Mrs Sweeting (Primary) Mrs Waters (Infants)
School Learning Support Officer	Mrs Bennett, Mrs Leahey, Mrs Frecklington, Mrs Kjoller, Mrs Corby (Kitchen)
Office	Mrs McNamara, Mrs Gold, Mrs Watson
Cleaning Grounds	Mrs Bowman Mr Visser
Canteen	Mrs Roughton

Chaplaincy

Orange East PS has been very fortunate to have received funding to allow us to employ a School Chaplain for a number of years. At the end of each year we submit an application for continuation of funding in this program. Very late last year we received advice that schools who have had this program for a number of years would no longer be funded and as such, consequently this program will not be continuing at Orange East in 2016. We would like

to acknowledge and thank Mr Osborn, our School Chaplain for the past two years for his commitment and enthusiasm for our school community. We wish him well in his future endeavours and hope to see him again soon.

Canteen

The canteen will commence operation tomorrow (Friday) with the Summer Menu continuing as per last term. If you get the chance, please stick your head in and have a look at the new paint job thanks to Mr Visser over the school holidays. With the new oven (thank you OEPS P&C) and new flooring to go down this year not to mention the culinary skills of Mrs Roughton and her team of volunteers – *Café East* is the place to go! A reminder, if you are interested in volunteering in the canteen, please contact the school office.

Stationery Packs

Please note all basic stationery has been purchased for all students and this cost will be met by the school. There will be no stationery pack charge this year. This also includes Kindergarten students. Parents of students in Kindergarten this year who have purchased a pack will be reimbursed over the coming week.

Stationery for each class will be managed and distributed by the class teacher, as per the system they set-up in their room. The stationery, including books, has been purchased corresponding to the year level/needs of the students. If parents wish to purchase additional items we suggest a pencil case, coloured pencils and/or textas for individual use – all clearly labelled. Over the coming weeks teachers will send out their class newsletter/note which will detail any additional items they would like sent in i.e. tissues, paint shirts, etc.

Sports Day Change/ Assembly Time Change

Please note that in 2016 we will be making a change to our weekly sports day. Instead of Friday, we will now hold our sports day every Wednesday. This means students are required to wear their full sports uniform every Wednesday. All other weekdays, students are to wear regular uniform. This decision has been made to support the provision of a full sports session which was often impacted in 2015, particularly in infants, by the length of time required for assembly. It will also allow parents the opportunity to launder the regular uniform mid-week, which many parents have indicated is helpful.

Please note that next Wednesday, 3rd February parents may choose to dress their children (K-6) in regular uniform if they wish for the purpose of those important first-day-of-school photos! We ask that from Week 3 onwards that only sports uniform be worn on Wednesday.

This has also allowed the opportunity for us to move the assembly time every Friday into the afternoon from 2:15 to 3pm. As many parents are aware, throughout 2015 we actively sought to bring to an absolute minimum, interruptions to key learning time between 9am and 1pm. With the change in sports day this will again allow a greater amount of time in class in this key learning period.

Please note there is no Friday assembly this week. Our first assembly will commence next Friday, 5th February for Year 3-6 classes.

P&C Clothing Pool

Please note that clothing pool will be open most mornings and afternoons for the next few weeks. School bags, hats and second hand uniforms are available to purchase at very reasonable prices. As always any donations of uniforms are greatly appreciated. Many thanks to Sharlene Anderson for providing this valued service.

Homereading

Homereading information and log book packs will be sent out over the coming week. Please note that the first official (recordable) date for Homereading commences on Monday, 8th February (Week 3). A reminder that you may only record **one entry per day** – regardless of how many books may have been read. As in the past we suggest approximately 10 minutes for K-2 and 15 minutes for Year 3-6. Please adhere to the guidelines provided to ensure fairness for all.

School Swimming Trials

Next Tuesday 2nd February, we are holding our school swimming trials at Orange Olympic pool. We are ONLY inviting those students turning 8 years and up who can confidently swim 50 metres to compete at the trials. There will not be any free swimming time or novelty events. Permission notes will be sent out tomorrow (Friday). Please note all students who have returned their notes and money by Monday morning will be watching a Dive Safety presentation. This is a compulsory procedure in all DEC schools. Students will not be permitted to attend the trials if they have not viewed this presentation. Parent volunteers are most welcome and would be greatly appreciated. There will be supervision for students not attending the trials back at school.

**Glen Bourke
Principal**

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Dates to Remember

Tues 2 nd Feb	School Swimming Carnival
Wed 3 rd Feb	Kindergarten's First Day
Fri 5 th Feb	Primary Assembly