

Orange East Public School



NEWSLETTER



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Excursions

Well done to our Year 5/6 students who attended the Canberra excursion last week. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. They had a wonderful time learning about our parliamentary system and the importance of people, institutions and processes to Australia's democracy. Attending staff were very impressed by our senior students' standard of behaviour and great attitude. On speaking to the students, this was an incredible experience that they will take with them for many years to come. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Mrs Maclean, Mr Neal, Miss Scott and Mr McGregor in supervising the students. I would particularly like to thank Miss Croker and Mrs Maclean for the substantial work in organising this experience and Mrs Watson and Mrs McNamara for managing the finance and payment aspect of the excursion.

PACER Rebate Acknowledgement

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs and was factored in to

excursion costing. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. It is a requirement that this rebate is acknowledged via our school newsletter.



Congratulations also to our K-2 students who attended an excursion out to the Bee Keeper's Inn last Tuesday. Staff reported back great behaviour and a really worthwhile experience for the students. Thank you to Mrs Press for organising the excursion.

Stage 2 students will be travelling to the Blue Mountains tomorrow (Wednesday) visiting a number of attractions in and around the Katoomba area. Photos and further details next week.



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 Years 3-6 will be presented this Friday (18th November) at the 2:15pm Primary Assembly. The certificates for Year 2 students will be presented next Friday (25th November) at the Infants Assembly.



2017 School Planning

We will soon begin the process of forming new class groups for 2017. 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 2017. It is difficult to make changes when the classes are finalised and virtually impossible at the beginning of the school year.



Homereading Update

A reminder that the final date for Homereading is **Tuesday 6th December** (log books handed into class teachers). To be in the draw for the end of year prize – a \$400 Big 4 Holiday Park voucher – 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.

Thank you to our parents and caregivers for your encouragement and support of our children to keep developing this vital skill. Please remind your children to keep reading to be in the running for the end of year prize and also for their chance at the weekly minor prizes. All students who reach 200 'reads' are also presented with a special Club 200 badge.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Over the course of the year, some parents may have received an '*Unexplained Absence*' letter. This is part of our school system in assisting families to ensure that they meet the obligations of the Education Act. 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 '*Unjustified Absence*' and the school must make reasonable attempts to communicate with parents to resolve the reason for absence. For this reason, each week we send 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 A MATTER OF URGENCY.

If absences remain unexplained or a pattern of unexplained absences emerges, parents are required to meet with either myself or the Attendance Monitor (Mrs Press) 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.

Some food for thought below. Please note: this graphs assumes conservatively at 5 lesson per day. It does not take long for non-attendance to have a significant impact on student learning.

Attendance During one school year	Equates to days absent	Which is approximately	Which means the number of lessons missed
94%	10 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons



School Gates

A reminder that all gates, with the exception of the Spring Street gate, are locked each morning at approximately 9.15am. Access to the school after this time is via the Spring St gate but please close it behind you. This is to ensure the safety of students, particularly if they are at risk of absconding from school grounds.



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 10.



- Congratulations to one of our school grandparents, Mrs Daphne Monaghan who received a NAIDOC award as *Elder of the Year* at last Saturday's NAIDOC Community Awards night. A couple of staff members attending the evening were very proud to see one of our community members recognised for her contribution.
- Please note Mr Cook will be on Long Service Leave from Monday, 21st November to Tuesday, 6th December. Mr Sillette will be teaching 3/4C during this period with Mrs Laughton and Mrs Sweeting sharing the role of Relieving Stage 2 Assistant Principal.

Glen Bourke
Principal

Assembly ~ This week will be a Primary Assembly (3-6) commencing in the hall on Friday at 2:15pm.
Class Item will be presented by 3/4C

Assembly Awards – Congratulations to the following Infant students Mia Warren, Bobby Burns, Macey Paul, Riley Blake, Oscar Paul, Aiden Quinn, Grace Duffy, Addisyn Tabbernor, and Blair Morris for receiving a sticker on their award sheet. Congratulations to Arden Thurtell for completing his 50 certificate. Well done!

Principal Award~ congratulations to Charlie Turner, Luci Moller, Caiden Parkes, Kaylah Meyers, Louis Byrnes and Ava Lanser.

Learn to Swim Yrs 1-6 ~ There are now only 14 places available.



School Spectacular Bus ~ there are still tickets available for School Spectacular Bus. If you are interested in auditioning for School Spectacular in 2017 come along this year and see what all the excitement is about.

School Student Transport Scheme ~ Transport for NSW are now accepting applications for 2017. We encourage all students who will be commencing Kindergarten 2017 to apply now. The link to apply for a bus pass is:

<http://apps.transport.nsw.gov/ssts/howtoapply>

TfNSW have also advised that any student with an expiring bus pass at the end of 2016 should apply to update their details prior to Dec 31 2016.

This applies to all students who are:

Currently in year 2 and year 6

Have changed address or school

Have approval on special circumstances

The link to update student details is:

<http://apps.transport.nsw.gov/ssts/updateDetails>

Chromebook Payment ~ Reminder for Year 6 students attending CRTHS payment for chromebook is due by Friday 9th December.

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. Orders must be in no later than 9.15am.

Clothing Pool~ Thank you for all the support in purchases from the clothing pool. As you re stock your children's uniforms for summer please consider donating items of clothing they may have grown out of to the clothing pool. All money raised is used to benefit the students of our school.

P&C



Dates to Remember

Tues 15 th Nov	P&C Meeting @ 7pm in Staffroom All welcome
Wed 16 th Nov	Stage 2 Blue Mountains Excursion
Fri 18 th Nov	Primary Assembly @ 2.15pm Class item 3/4C
Mon 28 th Nov	Learn to Swim 28/11 to 9/12
Thurs 8 th Dec	OEPS Presentation Day @ CRTHS 12pm
Mon 12 th Dec	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Tues 13 th Dec	Stage 1 & 2 Disco
Wed 14 th Dec	Year 6 Final assembly

Movember Update

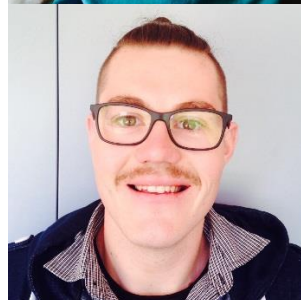
Over the course of the past two weeks you may have noticed some of the men of Orange East sporting an assortment of moustaches. No, we are not on a mission to bring the 'mo' back, but rather have banded together to support the Movember cause this year.

Movember is a fundraising initiative with the aim of improving men's health. Over November our team – Mr Neal, Mr Mellis, Mr Rae, Mr McGregor and Mr Bourke are committed letting their moustaches run wild in an effort to raise funds for this great cause.

If you are interested in supporting our team and donating to Movember there are three ways you can contribute to our Mo growing effort:

1. Donate online at <http://mobro.co/oepsmobros>
2. Or, write a cheque to 'Movember' referencing my registration ID (9682817) and mail it to: Movember, PO Box 60, East Melbourne, VIC 8002, Australia
3. Make a donate via the school office

Around the mo's



OEPS SUMMER 2016	
Menu	
	
<u>SANDWICHES</u>	<u>HOT FOOD</u>
(Made on Wholemeal Bread)	(All Hot Food oven roasted with no added oil)
Vegemite/Honey/Jam \$1.50	Macaroni Cheese \$3.50
BBQ Chicken/Leg Ham off Bone/Tuna \$2.00	Chicken Fried Rice \$3.50
Egg \$2.00	Twista Pasta Bolognaise \$3.50
Egg, lettuce and mayo \$2.25	Chicken Burger, lettuce and mayo \$4.00
Salmon \$2.50	Chicken Tenderloin Wrap \$4.00
Additional Fillings .25c	Crumbed Fish Fillet Wrap \$3.50
(Tomato, Carrot, Lettuce, Cucumber, Beetroot, Cheese)	Chicken Tenderloins \$1.50
Toasted .50c	Chicken Nuggets .50c
<u>SALADS</u>	Crumbed Fish Fillets \$1.50
Chicken/Ham Salad Bowl \$4.50	Pizza - Ham and Pineapple only \$2.50
Tuna/Salmon Salad Bowl \$4.50	Meat Pie - Large \$4.00
Egg Salad Bowl \$4.00	- Small \$1.00
(Free Range Eggs)	Sausage Roll \$3.50
<u>SNACKS</u>	Rais in Toast .50c
Red Rock Deli Chips \$1.00	Hot Cheese Roll / Cheese and Tomato \$2.00
Pretzels .70c	Sweet Potato Chips \$3.50
(Plain, Honey Soy, Salt and Vinegar)	Sweet Potato Chips + 3 Nuggets \$5.00
Grain Waves \$1.00	Noodle Cup Chicken or Beef \$2.50
Popcorn \$1.00	Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets .50c
Jelly Cups Red or Green \$1.00	Gluten Free Chicken Tenders \$1.50
Seasonal Fresh Fruit Cups \$1.00	Gluten Free Wrap \$4.00
Frozen Yoghurt \$2.00	Gluten Free Wrap with Salad \$4.50
Strawberry or Raspberry .50c	
Ice Sticks .50c	<u>DRINKS</u>
Paddle Pops \$1.00	Moove Milk - Flavoured: \$2.00
Tiny Teddies .50c	(Chocolate / Strawberry)
Gingerbread Babies .50c	Milo Popper \$1.50
Homemade Cup Cakes .50c	Juice Box \$1.50
Eucalyptus one packet per child .50c	(Apple, Apple & Blackcurrant, Tropical, Orange)
<u>EXTRAS</u>	Spring Water (600ml) \$1.50
Large Paper Bags .20c	Up & Go: \$1.50
Spoons .10c	(Chocolate, Vanilla, Banana, Strawberry, caramel)
Sauce Tomato .30c	Hot & Cold Chocolate Cup \$1.00