

Orange East Public School



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Schools Spectacular

Last week, 12 students from our school travelled down to Sydney to take part in the 33rd *Schools Spectacular* (the first at the new venue, Qudos Bank Arena). I would like to congratulate this talented group of boys and girls who embraced the opportunity and represented our school fantastically. The show was amazing and they really were stars - they even set a new entry in the *Guinness Book of Records* for the *Largest Amateur Theatre Cast in the Southern Hemisphere*! I would also like to acknowledge the hard work that Mrs McNamara and Miss Croker and particularly Mrs Sweeting put into entering the group, fundraising, practising and general excursion coordination – this is all before even going away to Sydney. Thank you also to Mrs Watson, who travelled away with the group last week to support the students and parents. During last week, rehearsal and performance days extended far beyond school hours. Watching the performance on Friday it was apparent the excitement and sense of achievement the students took out of this experience. I always feel a great sense of pride in watching our public students at the *Spectacular* but having our students participate for the second year took this to a whole new level. Thank you on behalf of students, staff and parents for giving this amazing opportunity to these kids, I'm sure that it will stay with them as a highlight of their primary school years. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the parent group in fundraising and assisting with supervision and transport.

While on the topic of the Schools Spectacular, well done to all students who went away last Friday on the excursion to watch the performance. As I've said, this was an amazing experience for our students who enjoyed the incredibly high standard of performances of students from public schools around the state. I would also like to congratulate the students on their excellent behaviour. Thank you to Mrs McNamara for organising the excursion (including brilliant tickets) as well as Ms Delboux and attending parents for assisting with supervision of the students throughout the day. Lastly, a big thank you to Mrs Maclean for her organisation leading up to and on the day.



Presentation Day

Next Thursday, 8th December we are having our annual Presentation Day at Canobolas Rural Technology High School Hall starting at 12:00. As in previous years it is expected that all students attend this event as there will be no supervision at school with all staff attending. Please note that the general permission provided earlier in the year will be used to cover students. The presentation day is an opportunity for teachers to acknowledge students' effort and achievement in curriculum, citizenship, cultural and sporting events. It is also an opportunity for our school community and families to come together to celebrate and share the moment with their children. With this in mind I'd ask all parents to respect the occasion and stay for the duration of the event and refrain from taking your children during the ceremony. Thanking you in anticipation for your support in this matter. Travel will be by bus, which will be paid for by the school. If you wish to take your child home at the end, please advise your child's teacher.



Year 6 Graduation Assembly

Also, some advanced notice that Wednesday, 14th December from 2:15pm is our final Graduation Assembly for Year 6 where they will be presented with their Graduation Certificate. Parents or family members of Year 6 are most welcome to attend this special ceremony in the hall.



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.



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 Thursday, 15th December at 11am in the School Hall. I extend a very warm invite to any person who has assisted our school big or small over 2016.



- **Lastly, an important reminder that the final Primary (Yr 3-6) Assembly will be this week (Fri, 2nd Dec) and the final Infants (K-2) Assembly will be next week (Fri, 9th December).** As such, these will be the final opportunities this year to get stickers on Achievement Awards for these students.
- 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.

Glen Bourke
Principal

Staff training

Class Effected	Course	Date
KS	Management Training	Thur, 1 st Dec

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 3/4SL

Assembly Awards – Congratulations to the following Infant students Riley Davis, Wade Fox, Simone Gow, Kaylah Meyers, Felicity Hack, Paige Tinson, Charlotte Ash, Macey Paul, Sylvie Prusiak, Cooper Byrnes, Riley Blake, Olivia Stinson, Claire Anlezark and Nevaeh Graham for receiving a sticker on their award sheet. Congratulations to Louis Byrnes and Logan Graham for completing their 50 certificate Will Sligar, Mia Ferris and Lucy Goodace for achieving their 100 certificate and Audrey Whiting for competing her 150 certificate. Well done!

Principal Award~ congratulations to Blake Livingston, Logan Graham, Will Sligar, Amelia Ellery-White, Mia Ferris and Abby Johnson.

Chromebook Payment ~ Reminder for Year 6 students attending CRTHS payment for chromebook is due 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.

School Bag Faults ~ if you have purchased an OEPS school bag and are having difficulties with the zippers please return to school office by the end of term with name clearly marked on bag so as they can be accessed by the manufacture for repair or replacement.

P&C

A reminder to all current members and families already with us at OEPS, we are holding an additional meeting in December. If you wish to re-join the P&C or join for the first time (current OEPS Families not new Families) you need to pay your membership fee of \$2 at the December meeting or prior to this date in order for you to be eligible to vote in the AGM which will be held in February. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can pay your membership to our Treasurer whom you will find at the Clothing Pool.



Dates to Remember

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
Fri 16 th Dec	Last Day for 2016