

Orange East Public School

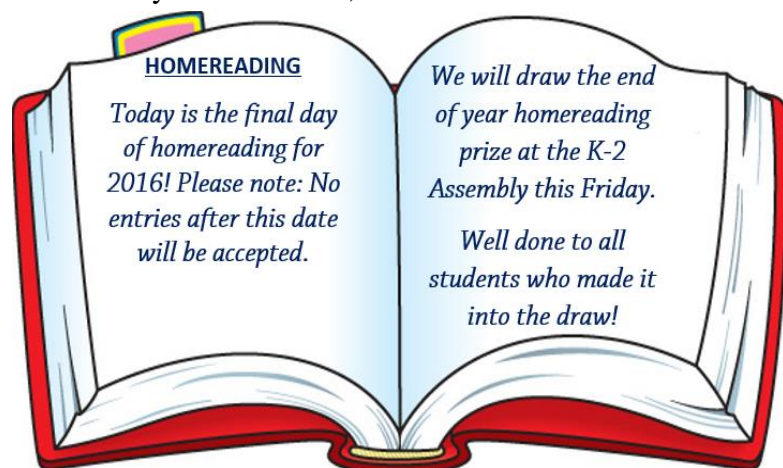


NEWSLETTER



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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 by the end of the week. 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.

We will establish 11 classes to commence 2017. The following class combinations/teachers are planned to start next year with some positions being finalised by the end of the week (I will communicate the final arrangements in next week's newsletter):

Grade	Teacher
K	Ms Stokes
K/1	Mrs Bourke (3 days) Mrs Kable (2 days)
1	Mrs Carrigan
1/2	Mrs Whiting
2	Mr Sillett
2/3	Mr Mellis
3/4	Miss Scott
3/4	Mr Cook (3 days) Mrs Laughton (2 Days)
4/5	Mrs Sweeting (3 days) Mrs Bertram (2 days)
5/6	Mr Neal
5/6	Miss Wyatt
Instructional Leader (K-2 – EAFS - 5 days)	Term 1 – to be announced next week Terms 2-4 - Mrs Wright
Instructional Leader (3-6 – 3 days)	Miss Croker
Release Teachers	Mrs McKay Mr Meares
Library	Mr Meares
Reading Recovery	Mrs Press
IT Support/ Training	Mrs Press
Learning Support/ Intervention/ Norta Norta	Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Press (K-2) Mrs Laughton, Mrs Pulbrook, Mrs Maclean, Miss Croker (3-6)
Social Skills/Well Being (Kids Matter)	Mrs Maclean
School Learning Support Officers	To be announced next week
Office	Mrs McNamara, Mrs Gold, Mrs Watson
Cleaning Grounds	Mrs Bowman Mr Visser
Canteen	Mrs Roughton
Executive Staff	
AP K-2	To be announced next week
AP 3-6	Mr Cook
Instructional Leaders	TBA/Mrs Wright, Miss Croker



Teachers Federation Stop Work Meeting

The NSW Teachers' Federation has indicated that it is intending to hold a Stop-Work Meeting, this Thursday 8th December between 8:45 – 9:45am.

There will be minimal impact on school operations and as such most classes will be unaffected, with alternative supervision put in place if necessary.



Presentation Day

This 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 next 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.



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.

STEM



Thank you Mr Scott

Mr Matt Scott, a teacher from The Canobolas Rural Technology High School, has been working closely with teachers and students in Stage 3 classes this year to implement several new learning concepts, STEM activities and exciting technology programs. The students have really enjoyed these engaging and valuable lessons. We would like to acknowledge the exceptional commitment and skills of Mr Scott, and look forward to further learning opportunities together in 2017.



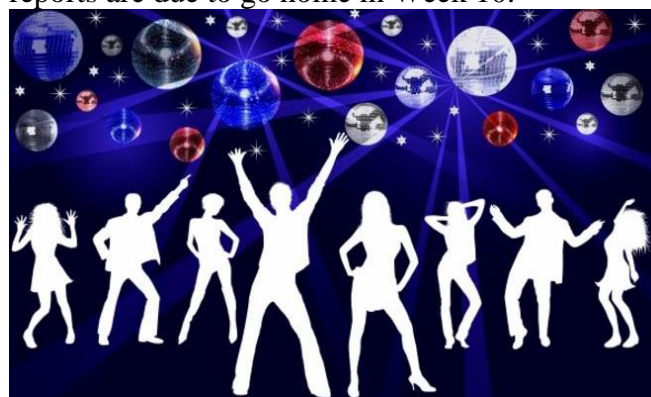
Orange East Garden Update

Many thanks to Mr Meares and his dedicated team of garden helpers for their efforts throughout 2016. Over the course of the year, we have seen garden beds moved, the addition of fruit trees (including the new lemon tree recently planted, pictured above), replanting, composting, worm farming and the list goes on! Anyone recently walking through this area of the school may have noticed our new chicken coop which is being prepared for the addition of the first Orange East Poultry Farm next year (many thanks to Mr Mellis and his construction team as well as Mr Visser for his work to weather proof the structure.) To complete the poultry farm, we are looking for some community volunteer assistance to build a predator proof enclosure. We are also setting the students the challenge of designing a mobile 'grazing cell' for use around the school so we can 'free-range' our feathered friends. If you have the skills and time to help-out please call the school office.



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.



Final Week

Next week will see a number of exciting activities continue for our students. On Monday evening we will have the Year 6 Farewell followed by a disco in the hall for Stage 3 students and staff. Kindergarten to Year 4 students will have their discos on Tuesday, 13th December (school hall).

- Kinder – Year 2 students will commence their disco at 5:00pm and finish at 6:00pm.
- The Year 3-4 disco will start at 6:15pm and finish at 7:30pm.

Parents are reminded that staff volunteer their time to supervise these events - please be punctual to pick children up at the conclusion of their disco. The P&C will also be running a BBQ in the COLA area from 5:30pm. Prices as follows: \$3.00 Sausage sandwich, \$5.00 Steak Sandwich and \$2.00 for drinks. All welcome to come along and support the last P&C BBQ for the year.



- **Lastly, an important reminder that the final Infants (K-2) Assembly will be this Friday, 9th December.** As such, this week will be the final opportunities this year to get stickers on Achievement Awards for these students.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The only other Achievement Awards I will process this year will be for Year 6 students or any other students leaving the school at the end of the year who have reached another sticker (lot of 10 blue Merits). In the case of these students, I will present the certificate on the next available morning assembly.
- **HOME READING** - Today is the final day of home reading for 2016! Please note: No entries after this date will be accepted. We will draw the end of year home reading prize at the K-2 Assembly this Friday. Well done to all students who made it into the draw! **STUDENT HOMER EADING LOG BOOKS MUST BE HANDED TO TEACHERS NO LATER THAN 9:30AM TOMORROW (WED, 7th DEC).**
- **Canteen** – please note: the canteen will open as per normal next week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday).

Glen Bourke
Principal

Assembly ~ This week will be an Infant Assembly (K-2) commencing in the hall on Friday at 2:15pm.
Class Item will be presented by KR-KS

Assembly Awards – Congratulations to the following Primary students Kruz Carnie, Brock Anderson, Emily Drane, Hannah Johnson, Leilani Thomson, Ngari Gordon-Langlo, Noah Warren and Skye Dent for receiving a sticker on their award sheet. Congratulations to Cameron Rogers and Hayley Rogers for achieving their 100 certificate Cooper Smith for competing his 150 certificate and Jackson Sladek for achieving his 200 certificate. Well done!

Principal Award~ congratulations to Kale Morgan, Kaylar Forrest, James Parish, Chloe Marsh and Bianca Griffiths.

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

Stage 3 reminders

- *Year 6's Winter Wonderland Farewell* ~ Monday 12th December 2016 from 5:45-9:00pm. Entry cost is \$15 for Year 5 students, payable to the school office (no cost for Year 6 students). A written RSVP is due ASAP to Year 5 students.
- *Dress code* ~ Some parents have been asking about dress code; boys are expected to wear dress pants and a button shirt and for girls a nice dress or pants/shirt.
- *Stage 3 excursion photos* ~ Photos have been collated of our excitement filled trip to Canberra and there are hundreds!! The folder will be shared with students via their school google account. They can access this and download at home, or alternatively they can bring in a USB to download the photos if they would like. If you have limited internet downloads, I'd suggest purchasing a USB (at least 8 GB) from a store like Big W or Officeworks, they are about \$10. Your child can then use their Chromebook to download the photos they want. We also have many other photos from 2016 that they can also access. Sadly, we cannot burn these to CD's as there are too many photos.

If you have any questions about the year 6 Farewell or Photos please ask Mrs Maclean, Mr Neal or Miss Scott.

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

Merry Christmas

My Christmas Wish,

Dear service workers such as police, firemen, hospital employees, taxi call centre, night shifters and taxi drivers in our community.

Ciao, my name is Jordana and I go to Orange East Public School. In class we have been talking about Christmas and how some people can't be with their families on Christmas, so I'm writing this card to you to

commemorate all the hard work you do for the community.

Thank you for being there when Orange needs you, for risking your life to save the lives of others, stopping crime, stopping fires or just being there to help - you are all unique in your own way.

Jordana 5/6C

Kindergarten Transition

Over the course of the past four weeks our Kindergarten students for 2017 have been attending various transition sessions each Friday. This has been an exciting and challenging time as they learn the routines of school life. Many thanks to Ms Stokes and also Mrs Kable as well as our support staff who have assisted this transition program.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our 2017 Kindergarten families for our final combined transition picnic and games afternoon this Friday!

