



Orange East Public School NEWSLETTER



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Meet & Greet/Open Classrooms

I would like to start this week's newsletter with a thank you to all students, staff, parents and friends of OEPS who supported the annual Meet & Greet/Family BBQ last Thursday. The event was well attended and showed the importance that our school community places on the partnership around our students' learning. I would also like to acknowledge the work of our school P&C in organising the jumping castle for the children and running the BBQ. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group willing to support the school and roll up their sleeves when need be, you are much appreciated! Lastly I would like to acknowledge all staff, particularly class teachers for opening their classrooms and sharing a small window into what happens in our school each and every day. We are very fortunate to have a great team of professionals dedicated to providing the very best opportunities to our children.



World's Greatest Shave

Many community members may have read the recent article in Orange City Life about one of our students, Charley Christoff. Charley has made a

brave decision this year that she would like to help raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation by taking part in the World's Greatest Shave. This Thursday, 10th March at 2pm the whole school will be coming out to support Charley in this brave venture. She has set herself the target of \$1250 and has raised significant funds towards this total out of school. To support Charley in this venture I am asking parents and caregivers to do a couple of things:

- So Charley doesn't feel out of place, we will be holding a Crazy Hair Day this Thursday, 10th March. The crazier the better! STUDENTS MAY COME IN NON-UNIFORM FOR THE DAY.
- Where possible we are encouraging students to make a gold coin donation on the day.
- We will also be selling World's Greatest Shave balloons at \$1 each throughout the day to raise additional funds.

Any parents/caregivers who would like to directly sponsor Charley, or know of any local businesses etc that may be interested, can do so by following the link below or making a donation at the school office.

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registration/FundraisingPage.aspx?Referrer=%26Referrer%3dhttp%253a%252f%252fworldsgreatestshave.com%252f&RegistrationID=622778>



Breakfast Club

Last week our school Breakfast Club recommenced with a number of students already attending. This is a free service where students can come down to the school kitchen and enjoy a simple breakfast if they have missed this important meal at home. At the moment, we can only offer this service two days per week and as such encourage the importance of breakfast every day for young children. This meal is very important in providing our students with the required energy to concentrate and make the most

of critical morning learning time. A couple of important pieces of information in regard this program:

- The Breakfast Club will only operate Wednesday & Thursday morning.
- Children are only allowed to enter the kitchen after the morning bell has sounded (8:40am).
- All students using this service must have completed a permission note (attached) prior to attending. This includes information about known or suspected allergies.
- The Breakfast Club will be closed to students after 9am.



Afternoon Bus Routines

Many parents/caregivers who come in to school at 3:10pm would know how hectic this time of day is in and around the school. One problem that we see is when students do not know or follow the instructions of parents/carers at this busy time, particularly with regard to buses. This often results in some very frantic phone calls, running around the school and even staff driving to check the whereabouts of students. One strategy that we use to support home time organisation and safety is to have staff escort students and supervise exits at 3:10pm. This is above regular requirements and as such staff volunteer to do this additional duty. We also incorporate safe home time exit routines into Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons early in Term 1.

Over the past weeks we have been looking at ways to improve communication and support staff to ensure that they have a clear understanding of whether and/or what bus a student should be boarding at home time. To support this process I am asking parents to do two things:

- Fill out the '*Bus Routine Sheet*' sent out today to all known bus students and return to the school office by Monday 14th March. This

will be used to make accurate and up to date bus lists for teachers to refer to and check. If the bus routine for your child is going to change for a prolonged or continuous period, we ask that parents provide an update of instructions (spare *Bus Routine Sheets* can be found at the school office or on our School Stream app).

- '*Variation of Bus Routine*' booklets are also being sent home with bus children today. We ask that wherever possible these slips are sent in to school in the case of a temporary variation in your child's bus routine. These slips are to be handed in to class teachers in the morning and will be sent up to the office with all other notes. Any variations for the day will be given to the Bus Duty Teacher so they are aware of any changes in routine. If during the day a variation becomes necessary parents may still contact the school office, however we ask that this occur only in exceptional circumstances.



Easter Hat Parade – Save the Date!

On Thursday 24th March, Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two children will participate in an Easter Hat Parade starting at 12:30pm under the COLA. **The children are asked to make their own hats at home.** We suggest they may like to decorate an old hat from home with Easter pictures and/or eggs etc. This will be an exciting event for our infant students with each class parading their hats out on the playground in front of the Year 5/6 classrooms. Stage 2/3 students will also come out to enjoy the parade. In conjunction with this event, Stage 3 will be organising an Easter raffle for which they are asking donations of Easter eggs, rabbits, bilbies or any other item that could be given as prizes, as well as small baskets. These items can be left at the school office. Tickets for the Easter raffle will be \$1.00 each and sold under the COLA each morning and recess during the next two weeks, and before the

parade starts. The P&C will also be holding a BBQ lunch and drinks which can be purchased on the day.

Yr 7 2017 High School Expression of Interest

The Yr7 2017 High School expression of interest forms have been forwarded home today to our year 6 students. Please return to school by Friday 18th March.

Disabled Parking Zone

Over the past week we have had parents' illegal parking in the disabled parking zone. This area is reserved for disabled use **ONLY**.



Reminders

- Our Friday Assembly this week is for K-2 (Infants) students. A reminder that it commences at the new time of 2:15pm.
- A save the date reminder for our Safe Respectful Learner Assemblies in Week 11, Friday 8th April. K-2 will commence at 1:45pm and Yrs3-6 at 2:30pm.

**Glen Bourke
Principal**

School News

Staff Training

Class Effected	Course	Date
5/6N	PBL – Tier 2 Training	Tues, 8 th March
1W	L3 Training	Fri, 11 th March
3/4SL 3/4C 5/6C	Chromebook Training	Fri, 11 th March 11:40 – 3:10pm
3/4C 3/4S	Stage 2 Collaborative Planning	Tues, 15 th March

University Competitions ~ Information and permission notes for the University Competitions are available from the school office for those

students who may be interested in these competitions. The competitions are coordinated through the University of NSW and provide an opportunity for interested students in Years 2-6 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. Notes and money are to be returned to the school office by Tuesday 29th March. All tests are done during school hours. Costs range from \$8.80 to \$17.00 per subject.

Assembly Awards ~ congratulations to the following students from who received a sticker on their award sheet Ngari Gordon-Langlo, Lacey Brown, Nathan Hewitt, Jimmy Baker, James Parish, Sam Hack, Brock Anderson, Koben Diprose, Kayla Goodacre and Charley Christoff. Congratulations also to Cameron Child for completing his 150 certificate.

Principal Awards ~ congratulations Jorjia Kennewell, Keira Morrison, Georgie Barrett, Lachlan Ash and Mitchell Crossman who all received a Principal's Award.

Book Club ~ Issue 2 were sent home last week. Order forms and payments are to be received by Monday 14th March.

P&C Clothing Pool ~ Clothing pool with open each Thursday morning at 8.50am and in the afternoon at 2.55pm or by making an arranged time through the school office.

P & C News



Dates to Remember

Thur 10 th March	Crazy Hair Day
Mon 14 th March	Book Club order & payment due
Fri 11 th March	Infants Assembly 2.15pm
Tues 15 th March	P&C AGM Meeting
Fri 18 th March	Yr7 2017 High School forms due
Thurs 24 th March	Easter Hat Parade 12.30pm
Tues 29 th March	University Competitions due