

Orange East Public School



NEWSLETTER



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Welcome back to what I am sure will be an exciting and productive Term 3. I hope you enjoyed plenty of family time over the break. Speaking of holidays, it seems someone overdid his holiday fun a little bit. While demonstrating his sporting prowess to a relative over the weekend, Mr Bourke sustained an unfortunate injury, breaking a bone in his leg. He had surgery on his leg yesterday and will spend the remainder of this week recovering. Mr Bourke's Principal role will be covered by the Assistant Principals while he recuperates and all going well, we hope to see him back at school on his crutches next week.

A big thankyou to all parents and caregivers who came to our Safe Respectful Learner Award presentations at the end of last term. We drew the winner of the Semester 1 PBL Prize – congratulations to Ella Thomas who won a \$100 voucher. We also drew the Semester 1 Homereading Prize – congratulations to Sylvie Prusiak who won a family lunch courtesy of the generous support of Simply Nile Café. Students who continue to work hard on their homereading have a target of Club 150 to be in the draw for the end of year prize. We are currently working on choosing a special prize for the end of year draw, stay tuned! The final cut-off date, prior to the draw will be Tuesday 6th December. Speaking of reading, the more minutes a child reads per day, the more fluent their reading becomes and the greater their exposure to new vocabulary. There is a 200% increase in word exposure in one year for children who go from reading for 5 minutes a day to 15 minutes a day. Thank you to our parents and carers who encourage and support their 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.

Thank you to all of the parents/ caregivers who attended Parent-Teacher interviews during weeks 9

and 10 of last term. This process is important in strengthening school to home relationships and allowing teachers to share your child's progress and ensure we are all on the same page when it comes to achieving positive learning outcomes for students at Orange East. Semester 1 reports were also handed out at Parent-Teacher interviews. Schools are expected to report on student achievement against the outcomes in the NSW Syllabus documents and grades range from a Limited understanding, through to Basic, Sound, High and Outstanding. Students who receive a Sound grade are working at grade standard. A High achievement is above grade level with an Outstanding grade being just that, performing consistently at an exceptional standard.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Mrs Carrigan has taken long service leave for this term and will be replaced by Miss Rachael Willis in the 1C classroom. Miss Willis worked at Orange East PS during Term 1 as an intervention and English Language support teacher and we welcome her back in her role as classroom teacher this term. We also welcome to the school Mr Sam McGregor, who will commence his position as a School Learning Support Officer this week. Mr McGregor will be working to support students in the 4/5S and 5/6N classrooms.

A reminder that order forms for the Stage 3 ***Pie Drive Fundraiser*** were sent home to each family last term. All orders and payments are due back to the school office by 3:30pm next Tuesday 26th July. Extra order forms if needed can be collected from the office and please be aware that due to order time frames no late orders will be accepted. Pies will be available to collect from the school hall on Thursday 4th August between 2 and 3pm. Thank you for your support of our stage 3 fundraising.

For parents and caregivers of students in Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6), a reminder that the deposit to secure your child's place on the upcoming ***Canberra Excursion*** was due on the last day of Term 2, Friday 1st July. Thank you to those who have paid the deposit. If you have yet to pay, please contact the school office to arrange or discuss the payment

as soon as possible. This initial payment is important in allowing the organising teachers to start planning the excursion based on the number of students attending. If you have any questions regarding payments or the excursion please contact Miss Croker or the school office.

Another reminder, this time about the upcoming Dental Screening for all students from Kinder to Year 6. This free screening will take place on Thursday 4th and Thursday 11th August for all students whose permission notes have been returned. Notes are due back by this Friday 22nd July.

With many people being caught up in the new PokemonGO app craze over the holidays, now is a good time to remind children that we do not allow the use of mobile phones or other electronic devices during the school day. These devices must be handed in at the office before school and collected at the end of the day.

Don't forget to continue accessing our FREE school app! If you don't already have it, go to your App or Play Store, depending on your mobile device, and search **School Stream**. Once you have found and downloaded the app, simply search for Orange East and select as your school. Currently available are permission notes, newsletters, upcoming event notifications, live alerts and even the ability to return absence slips. We provide regular updates through both the School Stream app and our school Facebook page, giving you more opportunities to stay up to date with everything happening in our busy school.

Acknowledgements and Reminders

- This week will be an Infants Assembly (K-2) commencing in the hall on Friday at 2:15pm.
- Best of luck to our Boys and Girls Touch Football teams who will compete against Mulyan PS in Cowra this Thursday.
- The date for the District Athletics Carnival which was postponed at the end of last term is still to be confirmed. We will advise parents of this date once it has been confirmed.

Have a great week.

Alison Croker
Relieving Principal

KidsMatter Reminder-

To commence this program, it is important that we start with baseline information from all parts of our school community. We are asking parents to fill out a survey, so we can use these results to shape our KidsMatter approach (below). Today you will receive a paper copy of the survey, with an information sheet. We would love to hear from all families. Please return the surveys to the front office by Monday 25th July. We will also be gathering information from school staff and students.

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/otherresources/school-surveys/parent-survey>

If you'd like to know more about Kidsmatter you may also like to watch this short video (below). Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require further information.

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/welcoming-families-to-KidsMatter-primary-for-schools>

Piano accompanist~ sought for school choir Thursday lunch times and on special occasions. Please contact James Meares via the school office.

District Chess ~ Wednesday 3rd August - Orange Christian School
Wednesday 10th August - Millthorpe Public School



Dates to Remember

Tues 19 th July	P & C Meeting
Thurs 21 st July	Touch Football - Cowra
Fri 22 nd July	Infants Assembly @ 2.15pm Dental Screen permission notes due
Tues 26 th July	Pie Drive money and order due