

Orange East Public School NEWSLETTER



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Tuesday 6th September, 2016



School Open Day + Character Parade

Thank you to all parents, caregivers and family members who were able to attend our Open Day and Character Parade last Thursday. This was a very successful event with some outstanding student costumes and a fantastic turnout of visitors to the school. I would also like to thank staff for organising some great classroom activities and for the many interesting costumes on display! Both the Book Fair and the P&C BBQ were able to raise significant funds and I would like to acknowledge the work of Mr Meares and Mrs McNamara in the library. Thank you also to Mrs Press as our master of music during the parade and also Mrs Watson and her daughter Jessica for making additional costumes for students. Finally, a huge thank you to our P&C volunteers manning the BBQ. It is no small task feeding a whole school plus visitors and we appreciate your support. Congratulations to Mia, Charley and Jazzy who won most creative costume for their stage.



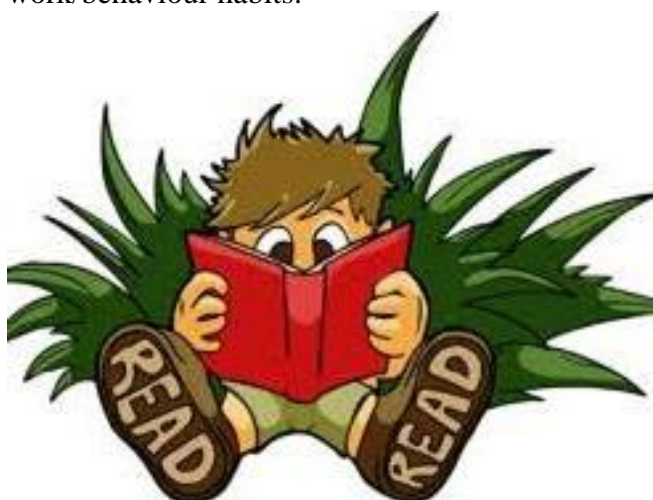
While on the topic of our P&C another acknowledgement, this time for their work in coordinating our Fathers' Day Coasters which went home last week. Thank you to Karley Rogers, Amy Quinn, Belinda Drane, Jodie Taylor and Sharlene Anderson for the photocopying, laminating and cutting expertise! I'm sure the coasters were put to good use over the weekend.



Safe Respectful Learner Assembly

A save the date reminder for our Safe Respectful Learner Assemblies which will occur on Thursday, 22nd September. Children in all grades who have shown themselves to be excellent safe, respectful Orange East students will be presented with an award at special assemblies in the hall. The awards recognise students displaying high level behaviour in all aspects of school life. The Kindergarten-Year 2 assembly will be held at 12:30pm. The Year 3-6 assembly will be held at 1:50pm. Please note, the school P&C will be holding a BBQ lunch starting at 1:10pm in between the infants and primary assemblies. All parents and family members are welcome to attend these special ceremonies and the BBQ lunch. Letters will be sent home on Tuesday, next week notifying parents if your child will be receiving the award. In the case of students who do not achieve the award, we strongly encourage

parents to contact the school and make an appointment to discuss a shared strategy to support their child to build more productive work/behaviour habits.



Homereading Reminder

A reminder that students have the target of Club 150 to be in the draw for the end of year prize – a Big 4 Holiday Park voucher (valued at \$400). **The final cut-off date, prior to the draw will be Tuesday, 6th December** with Home Reading Log Books to be handed to the school on this day. Remember to keep reading to be in the running and also for your chance at the weekly minor prizes.

While on the topic of Homereading don't forget our special badges for students that achieve Club 200. Last week saw the first infants students to receive the badge for 2016. This year the badge is yellow. I am encouraging students to wear their badges (this year's and previous ones) on Friday to show pride in this wonderful achievement.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Unexplained Absence

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

Week	Assembly Type
8 (9 th Sept)	Infants
9 (16 th Sept)	Primary
10 (Thursday, 22 nd Sept)	<i>Safe Respectful Learning Assemblies</i> 12:30pm – Infants P&C BBQ 1:10pm 1:50pm - Primary

Assembly Roster Change

Please be advised due to a number of date clashes with primary (Yr 3-6) activities and the Friday Assembly we have changed the timetable slightly. This Friday, 9th September will be another Infants (K-2) Assembly, meaning they will have two in a row. After this week it will revert back to turn-about. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



Acknowledgements and Reminders

- This week will be an INFANTS Assembly (K-2) commencing in the hall on Friday at 2:15pm.
- Please note: the school choir will be performing at next week's Primary (Yr 3-6) Assembly.

Glen Bourke Principal

Assembly Awards – Congratulations to the following Infant students Riley Davis, Lachlan Crossman, Marissa Forrest-Smith, Charlotte Rogers, Riley Blake, Jayden Deveigne, Jasmine Hunt, Bobby Burns, Damon Kelly, Blair Morris, Lachlan Lear, Lillianne Lear, Tyson Morris, Addisyn Tabbernor, Will Sligar, Sophie Ash, Charlotte Ash for receiving a sticker on their award sheet. Congratulations to Wade Fox and Bayden Ruddy for receiving their first sticker. Congratulations also to Kash Diprose, Paige Tinson and Chloe Gapps for completing their 50 certificate

Principal Award~ congratulations to Audrey Whiting, Riley Bell, Bayden Ruddy, Lacie-Rose Fulton, Macey Paul and Felicity Moller.

Staff Training

Class Effected	Course	Date
5/6C 5/6N 3/4SL 3/4C	Stage 2/3 Maths Training	Wed, 7 th Sept
5/6N	Google Apps in Education Training	Thur, 15 th Sept

MILO T20 Cricket Blast Cup ~was to be held this Friday 9th Sept has been postponed to Tues 13th Sept due to the sporting ground being too wet.

Canteen Volunteers~ volunteers needed to help in our canteen on Fridays please contact school office.

Year 7 2017 Canobolas High School ~ A reminder to parents that completed enrolment forms should have been returned to CRTHS by the 26th June along with a copy of student's birth certificate. If you have not completed the enrolment form please contact CRTHS office on 6362 1677 as soon as possible.

P&C Clothing Pool ~ Clothing pool will open each Thursday morning at 8.50am and in the afternoon at 2.55pm or by making an arranged time through the school office. We have NEW jumpers, hats, beanies, ties and size 4 & 5 Maroon tracksuit pants.

Dates to Remember

Fri 9 th Sept	Infant Assembly @ 2.15pm
Tues 13 th Sept	Yrs 5 & 6 MILO T20 Cricket Blast Cup @ Jack Brabham Oval

