

# Orange East Public School

## Newsletter

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**Term 4 Week 6 ~ 15th November 2017**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE**

### ***Kindergarten Transition***

Next Tuesday marks the final session in our 2018 Kindergarten Transition program. It has been great to welcome the next class of Orange East students into the school over the past month and see them grow in confidence and understanding in preparation for 'big school' next year. Next Tuesday we will hold a Teddy Bear's Picnic as our final session for our 2018 Kinders, between 12.30pm and 3pm. All family members of these students are welcome to attend, take part in some fun outdoor activities, throw a picnic rug on the ground and enjoy a final social get together celebrating the progress of these students.

### ***School Gates***

A reminder that all gates, with the exception of the Spring Street gate, are locked each morning at approximately 9.15am. Access to the school after this time is via the Spring St gate but please close it behind you. This is to ensure the safety of students, particularly if they are at risk of absconding from school grounds.

### ***NAIDOC Week 2017***

On Monday 125 students proudly represented the school in the NAIDOC Week March and Awards ceremony. The march was well supported with representatives from almost every local school. Congratulations to Evelyn Parkes and Simone Gow who received NAIDOC Week school awards. Throughout this week, all classes will be learning about the importance of NAIDOC Week through a variety of classroom activities, culminating in our whole school NAIDOC Day celebration this Friday, 17th November. Year 6 students also had the opportunity to represent the school at the NAIDOC Touch Gala Day yesterday, where they represented with pride. Many thanks to Mr Neal and Mrs Leahey for taking the teams away and also to Miss Scott and our Aboriginal Education Team for their hard work leading up to and across this special week.

### ***2018 School Planning***

As we move through Term 4, work has already commenced around school planning for 2018. An important aspect of this planning is having accurate information of students in each grade. This is important as it allows informed planning for the number of classes we are able to form and also the likely composition of these classes. We ask parents to inform the school as a matter of urgency if you know that you will be moving away from the area and hence your children will not be attending Orange East PS in 2018.

### ***K-2 Wellington Caves Excursion***

Congratulations also to our K-2 students who attended an excursion out to the Wellington Caves last Friday. Staff reported back great behaviour and a really worthwhile experience for the students. Thank you to Mrs Press for organising the excursion and the hard work of all staff in supervising students across a big day!

## 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 9.

## Important Attendance Reminder

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.

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

Some food for thought above. 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.



*Good Luck Mr Neal*

The coming weekend will be a very exciting time as our very own Mr Neal takes the plunge into wedded bliss. On behalf of staff, students and parents I would like to wish Adam and Veronica and little Lyric a wonderful day filled with many happy memories. Mr Neal, I will leave you with my most valued piece of advice, always remember: happy wife = happy life! All the best for the many wonderful years you will share together!

*Glen Bourke*

*Principal*

# WHAT'S ON

## Week 6

**Mon 13th Nov** ~ NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC March

Swim Scheme

**Tues 14th Nov** ~ Kindy Transition

Possums 9.10-12.00 Koalas 12.30-3.00

Swim Scheme

**Wed 15th Nov** ~ Playgroup 9.10-10.40

Swim Scheme

NAIDOC Touch Gala Dasy

**Thur 16th Nov** ~ Swim Scheme

**Fri 17th Nov** ~ NAIDOC Activities—Whole Day

No Swim Scheme due to NAIDOC Activities

No Assembly due to NAIDOC Activities

### Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date
1/2W, 2S	S1 L3 Training	16/11/17

## Week 7

**Mon 20th Nov** ~ Swim Scheme

**Tues 21st Nov** ~ Swim Scheme

Kindergarten Transition Picnic

CRTHS Half day Transition 9.30-12.40pm

**Wed 22nd Nov** ~ Swim Scheme

Playgroup 9.10-10.40am

**Thurs 23rd Nov** ~ Swim Scheme

**Fri 24th Nov** ~ Swim Scheme

Infant Assembly @ 2.15pm

### Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date

## Week 8

**Tues 28th Nov** ~ Scripture Christmas Puppet Show

2.15—2.45pm in school hall

Parents and Carers are invited to attend

**Wed 29th Nov** ~ Playgroup 9.10-10.40am

**Fri 1st Dec** ~ Primary Assembly @ 2.15pm

3/4S class item

### Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date

## Week 9

**Tues 5th Dec** ~ CRTHS full day transition 9am—3pm

**Wed 6th Dec** ~ Playgroup 9.10-10.40

**Thurs 7th Dec** ~ Presentation Day 12-1.30pm @ CRTHS hall

**Frid 8th Dec** ~ No Assembly due to Presentation Day

### Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date

## Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following Primary students Cooper Fitzpatrick, Noah Warren, Tyler Gow, Alannah D'Elboux, Evelyn Parkes, Lachlan Crossman, Ariea Forrest-Smith, Levi Forrest-Smith, Jordana Thurtell, Annalise Weatherburn, Jonah Kelly and Darius Thurtell for receiving a sticker on their award sheets. Congratulations to Zaylee Quinn for completing her 150 award sheet and Cameron Child for receiving his gold 200 award and Georgie Barrett for receiving her gold 300.

Congratulations to Jade Edwards, Blair Morris, Gemma Apps, Jai Anlezark, Jacob Dalziel and Chloe Marsh for receiving this weeks Principal awards.





## General Notices

### *Scripture Christmas Puppet Show*

To be held on Tuesday 28th November in our school hall at 2.15pm—2.45pm. Parents and carer are invited to attend.

## Acknowledgments

### *K-2 Wellington Caves Excursion*

Last Friday K-2 had an awesome time exploring the Phosphate Mine, Cathedral Cave, Japanese Garden and the Fossil Walk at Wellington Caves.



### *NAIDOC March*

On Monday our Indigenous students from Kindergarten to Year 2 and all Stage 2 and 3 students attended the NAIDOC March. All students marched with pride, holding both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags and a banner created by the Indigenous SRC, Miss Croker and Mr Neal. Congratulations to Evelyn Parkes and Simone Gow who received our School NAIDOC Awards for their continual effort in all aspects of school.





### ***Musica Viva Performance***

We moved, swayed and belly danced the afternoon away at the recent Musica Aviva concert . The Akoustic Odyssey musicians introduced us to the instruments and sounds of the Mediterranean and it was all one would imagine experiencing from this part of the world. Students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon discovering new sounds, instruments and even a few belly dance moves. A great way to top off another fabulous week at Orange East. Thank you to Ms Iskrice for organising this fun event.



### ***NAIDOC Touch Football Day***

Yesterday 20 of our Stage 3 students participated in the NAIDOC Touch Football day at Waratah's Sports Ground. Our boys and girls teams competed against other primary school and high school teams on the day and had a fantastic day, all showing great sportsmanship. Well done to these students on representing our school with pride at this special event. Thank you to Mr Neal and Ms Leahey for organising this event.



### ***Indigenous Garden***

A group of boys from our Indigenous SRC were fortunate enough to learn about and take part in the scarring of the gum tree in the Indigenous garden. Thank you Wayne Wright for providing our students with this great experience.



# Join us for our NAIDOC Family Activity Afternoon

**This Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm**

Parents, Carers, family members and/or special friends are invited to join their little ones in a fun-filled free play activities afternoon to celebrate



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