

Orange East Public School



NEWSLETTER



No.1

Tuesday 31st January, 2017



Welcome back to the 2017 school year with an especially warm welcome to all our new students and their families who are commencing their partnership with us at Orange East. It is always great to be back after a restful holiday and I look forward to working with all families to support the education of our students.

On Friday we welcome our new Kindergarten students to Orange East PS. Kindergarten will be finishing at 2:30pm up to the end of week 5, Friday 24th February. Over the past week Mrs Bourke, Mrs Kable and Ms Stokes have been busy completing the Best Start assessment program with the students. This is a state-wide program that offers valuable information to assist Kindergarten teachers design teaching and learning activities to better meet the literacy and numeracy needs of our students.



Stationery Packs

Please note all basic stationery has been purchased for all students and this cost will be met by the school. There will be no stationery pack charge this year. This also includes Kindergarten students.

Stationery for each class will be managed and distributed by the class teacher, as per the system they set-up in their room. The stationery, including books, has been purchased corresponding to the year level/needs of the students. If parents wish to purchase

additional items we suggest a pencil case, coloured pencils and/or textas for individual use – all clearly labelled. Over the coming weeks teachers will send out their class newsletter/note which will detail any additional items they would like sent in i.e. tissues, paint shirts, etc.

2017 Class Arrangements

We have established 11 classes to commence 2017. Class combinations/teachers are as follows:

Grade	Teacher
K	Miss Cheney
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) Ms Iskrick (2 days)
5/6	Mr Neal
5/6	Miss Wyatt
Instructional Leader (K-2 – EAfS - 5 days)	Term 1 – Ms Stokes (Rlg) Terms 2-4 - Mrs Wright
Instructional Leader (Yr 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, Mr Meares/ Mrs McKay (K-2) Mrs Laughton, Mrs Pulbrook, Mrs Maclean, Miss Croker (Yr 3-6)
Social Skills/Well Being (Kids Matter)	Mrs Maclean
School Learning Support Officers	Mrs Bennett, Mrs Leahey, Mrs Frecklington, Mrs Kjoller, Mr McGregor

Kitchen Assistant	Mrs Corby
Office	Mrs McNamara, Mrs Gold, Mrs Watson
Cleaning/ Grounds	Mrs Bowman Mr Visser
Canteen	Mrs Roughton
<i>Executive Staff</i>	
AP K-2	Mrs Press (Rlg)
AP 3-6	Mr Cook
Instructional Leaders	Ms Stokes (Rlg)/Mrs Wright, Miss Croker



Canteen

The canteen commenced operation yesterday (Monday) with the Summer Menu continuing as per last term. Again we are fortunate to have the wonderful Mrs Roughton coordinating the canteen along with her team of volunteers – *Café East* is the place to go! A reminder, if you are interested in volunteering in the canteen, please contact the school office.



Homereading

Homereading information and log book packs will be sent out over the coming week. Please note that the first official (recordable) date for Homereading commences on Monday, 6th February (Week 3). A reminder that you may only record **one entry per day** – regardless of how many books may have been read or for how long. As in the past we suggest approximately 10 minutes for K-2 and 15 minutes for Year 3-6. Please adhere to the guidelines provided to ensure fairness for all.



Reminders & Acknowledgements

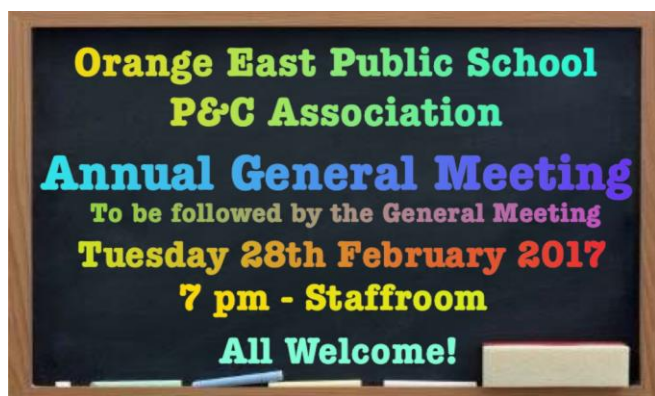
- Our first Primary Assembly commences this week - Friday, 3rd February starting at 2:15pm in the school hall.
- School sports day will continue as per last year – every Wednesday with full sports uniform required.
- As we are in Term 1 and amidst a very hot patch of weather, we remind parents that students are required to wear their school hat to be able to play on the top or bottom playground or the unshaded area of the asphalt. Students without hats are restricted to playing under the COLA and adjoining eating area.
- Student Information Sheets will be sent home tomorrow. The prompt return of this information is vital to the school and teachers. Also, please ensure that all sections are completed and signed.

Glen Bourke
Principal

Lost Property ~ any items that have names on them will be returned to the class teacher each day after lunch for collection. Any items that do not have a name will be given to our clothing pool each Thursday morning for resale. Please ensure all student clothing is clearly labelled and readable.

P&C Clothing Pool

Please note that our clothing pool will be open each morning and afternoon for the next few weeks. School bags, hats and second hand uniforms are available to purchase at very reasonable prices. As always any donations of uniforms are greatly appreciated. Many thanks to Sharlene Anderson for providing this valued service.



School Garden~ Our school garden is thriving at the moment with the intense summer heat. There is a great crop of corn, tomatoes, herbs, spinach, kale, pumpkins and sun flowers. About 150 students will be cooking in the kitchen each week. As this is the main growing time in Orange we would greatly appreciate any donations of fresh fruit, vegetables and eggs that we can include in the kitchen program with our students. Please leave at the front office.

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.

Dates to Remember

Fri 3 rd Feb	Primary Assembly @ 2.15pm
Mon 20 th Feb	Swimming Carnival
Thur 23 rd Feb	District Swimming Carnival
Tues 28th Feb	P&C AGM/Meeting @ 7pm

CIRCLE of SECURITY an 8 week parenting group



Circle of security is an early intervention program that focuses on relationships that support children to feel secure. Secure children exhibit increased empathy, greater self-esteem, better relationships with parents and peers, enhanced school readiness, and an increased capacity to handle emotions. The program supports parents to look beyond a child's behaviour and identify the relationship need. For parents of children 0-12 years old.

Suitable for all parents/ carers who want to be "good enough parents" and delight in their children.

Where: Orange (venue to be confirmed)

When: Mondays for 8 weeks from 13th February to 3rd April 2017 (13th, 20th, 27th Feb; 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March; 3rd April)

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm

To register contact: Lynette Turner (Centacare Bathurst) ph: 6331 8944

Or: Samantha Lyons (Orange Community Health centre) ph: 6369 3300 (You must register to attend)

Cost: FREE



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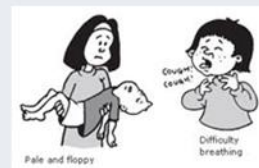


This group is run in partnership by Centacare Bathurst & Western NSW Local Health District

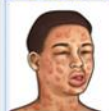
Be an Allergy M.A.T.E.

If you see a person with:

- Hives or welts
- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of lips, eyes, throat, tongue
- Wheezing or coughing
- Pale & floppy.



You need to get an adult straight away!



REMEMBER:



1. Take food allergy seriously. Don't make jokes about them.
2. Never share food with friends.
3. Always wash your hands after eating.
4. Ask what your friend is allergic to and help them avoid it.
5. Get help immediately if a friend with a food allergy gets sick after eating.

Supporting Students with Severe Food Allergies

A reminder in regards school procedures to support students diagnosed with severe/anaphylactic allergies. Basically we ask that parents label all student belongings (particularly lunch boxes and drink bottles), discourage children from sharing food and, where possible, to pack an alternative sandwich spread to peanut butter. I would like to thank the school community for their support and understanding in following these procedures over the past few years, which have assisted in making our school a safer environment for these students. You may have noticed around the school some signage about 'Being an Allergy M.A.T.E.'. These signs are designed so that children recognise some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction and understand that if this occurs they are to seek adult help immediately. We are also promoting five key messages to students through the signs:

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