

Orange East Public School



NEWSLETTER



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Meet & Greet/Family BBQ

Staff and students are looking forward to the Meet & Greet/Family BBQ this Thursday evening. The information sessions start in the hall at 5-6pm with a lucky door prize of a \$30 canteen voucher on offer for every person who comes into the hall. The BBQ will be operating from 5:45pm with teachers mingling with families from 6-7pm. There will be a free jumping castle operating on the COLA throughout the evening as well as snow cones/fairy floss. As teachers will not be supervising the playground area, we ask that all students are accompanied by an adult if planning to attend the evening. Students without adult supervision will not be permitted to stay. The evening has been a great success over the last few years and a great opportunity to meet teachers and other families in an informal setting. Please note, regardless of the weather this event will go ahead.

School Swimming Trials

Thank you to those students, parents and staff who attended our school swimming trials yesterday. These trials must be run in order for students to qualify to attend the District Swimming Carnival which is scheduled for Thursday 23rd February. Organising staff were very proud of the way the students competed with some great rivalries and sportsmanship. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of Miss Croker in organising this event.



OEPS Supported Playgroup

Some exciting news this week with the announcement our Supported playgroup is coming back! The playgroup is free and open to current or potential OEPS families with children 0 – 5 years old not yet attending school. The playgroup will operate out of our new demountable classroom, located just near the lower March St school entrance. Mrs MacLean will be running the program but a condition of being involved is that parents must stay with children for the duration of the session. The playgroup will give the children an opportunity to be involved in early school socialisation, developmental play, story time, library visits, craft and outdoor activities also please bring a piece of fruit for your child. It is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet other families and form new friendships across our community. The playgroup will commence on Tuesday, 28th February 11:40am – 1:10pm, every school week. Please spread the word to future OEPS families. In Term 2 we will be looking to include a pre-transition program as part of the playgroup for students starting school in 2018.



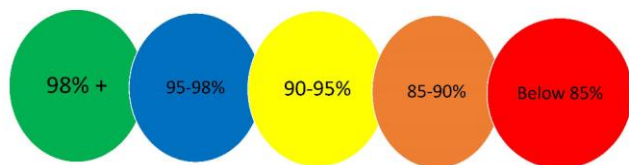
University Competitions

Information and permission notes for the University Competitions will be available from the school office from tomorrow, Wednesday 22nd February 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 Friday 17th March. All tests are done during school hours. Costs range from \$8.00 to \$17.00 per subject.

Attendance Matters

On Time: First Time, Every Time



What Zone Are You In?

Attendance at School

All schools are now expected to implement rigorous attendance policies. This includes monitoring whole day and partial school absences as well as patterns of non-attendance. The policy requires that parents ensure a high level of school attendance by their children and that all student absences are explained either verbally via phone call or written note as soon as possible after the absence or via our new school app. Students with significant absences or patterns of non-attendance without explanation may be contacted to attend a formal school meeting, and if attendance continues to be of concern, by the Home School Liaison Office. Overall Orange East has an excellent attendance percentage which is highly beneficial in the progress and learning of our students. Thank you to all parents who support these procedures and ensure their children are attending school regularly. We will continue with our school target of 95% or higher attendance this year, with students rewarded with merit cards for reaching this goal each term. If you have any concerns or questions in regards to the procedures please contact me through the school office.

Some food for thought in regard to attendance:
 1 day a week = 10 days a term (2weeks - gone!)
 1 day a week over 1 year = 1 term - gone!!
 If this pattern starts in Kinder & continues through to Yr 6 almost 2 years of learning is gone!!
 If students miss days of learning they reduce the chance of achieving to their academic potential.



Reminders & Acknowledgements

- This week is an Infants (K-2) Assembly - Friday, 24th February starting at 2:15pm in the school hall.
- Lastly, a quick reminder about returning Student Information Sheets for 2017 and the attached permission slips, particularly the e-Student Privacy Agreement.** The prompt return of this information is vital to the school and teachers. Also, please ensure that all sections are completed and signed. We only have 38 outstanding, which is a great effort! Also, if any family details change throughout the year, please ensure that you advise the school office.

Have a great week!

Glen Bourke
Principal

Staff Training

Class Effected	Course	Date
1/2W 2S	L3 Training	9-1pm, Thur 2 nd Mar

Assembly Awards – Congratulations to the following Primary students Christopher Davis, Lachlan Ash, Jayden Leahey, Abby Johnson, Zahra Barber, Luci Moller, Cameron Child, Brandon Bouffler, Tori Johnson, Phoebe Child, Kayla Goodacre, Trixie Ward and Bianca Griffiths for receiving a sticker on their award sheet. Congratulations to Noah Warren for completing his 250 certificate. Well done

Principal Award~ congratulations to Ebony Rawlinson, Mitchell Crossman, Caisey Gow, Tyrone Yate, Lachlan Van der Velde, Felicity Hack

Book Club ~. Order and payment due this Friday 24th February.

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.

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.

P&C



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.

Dates to Remember

Thur 23 rd Feb	Meet & Greet Family BBQ 5-7pm
Thur 23 rd Feb	District Swimming Carnival
Fri 24 th Feb	Book Club Money Due Infant Assembly @ 2.15pm
Tues 28th Feb	P&C AGM/Meeting @ 6.30pm



Entries are open for the 2017 Orange Running Festival and we have entered a team for our school. This is a great opportunity for our school to be represented and participate in a community event. For those that do enter, we ask if you could please wear your **sports uniform** so we can easily identify you and as a mark of respect towards the school. We also stress that students won't be

supervised as such and parents are asked to join in for some family fun as well. It is not necessary to run the 5km, walking is fine! Anyone interested in participating are asked to contact Leanne Warren via email: tinole81@bigpond.com

