

Orange East Public School



NEWSLETTER



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Tuesday 28th March, 2017

Athletics Carnival Volunteers

Desperately Wanted!

**Please call the school office if
you can lend a hand.**

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School Athletics Carnival

Students are getting very excited for our upcoming School Athletics Carnival, which will be held at Waratah's Sports Grounds on Tuesday, 4th of April. The Carnival will begin at 9:30am for Primary students (including any Year 2 students turning 8 this year) and 11:00am for remaining Infants students. The Athletics Carnival will finish at 2:30pm. A permission note with complete details will be sent out today with the newsletter.



PBL Awards

Students and staff are looking forward to our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Assemblies this Thursday, 30th March. A reminder that this year there are some significant changes to how we use the PBL 'Bees' and the award presentation.

Every term (including Term 4 this year) we will still recognise students for their behavioural achievements throughout the term. Different to previous years we are starting a reward level system which recognises when students reach certain milestone amounts of 'Bees'. The reward levels are listed below:

Level	Bees Required
Medallion	400
Pennant	300
Gold Certificate	200
Silver Certificate	100
Bronze Certificate	50

Our Term 1 PBL Award Assemblies will be held this Thursday, 30th March in the school hall to present students with any level/s they have reached during the term. Infants (K-2) will be held at 1:50pm and Primary (3-6) will be held at 2:30pm with all parents, caregivers and family members welcome. A reminder: it is possible that students may be presented with two levels during a term, for example – a student may have received 103 Bees this term and will therefore receive both their Bronze and Silver Certificate at the assembly. It is also possible for a student to have an assembly where they do not receive an award as during the term they did not quite progress another level since the previous term's award assembly (more likely as a students move into the Gold level and above).

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**Please join us for our special school
ANZAC ceremony**

Newman Park

Wednesday 5th April, 2017

Ceremony: 11.40am —12.40pm

**Followed by a picnic and ANZAC
biscuits at the school.**



Anzac Ceremony

We will be holding our school Anzac Ceremony in Newman Park at 11.40am on Wednesday, 5th April (school hall if wet weather). Anzac Day is a very symbolic moment for the Orange East PS community with the ceremony in front of the

memorial row of trees planted to represent 16 ex-students who lost their lives in WW1. Following the service, guests are welcome to come back to the school and enjoy a 'cuppa' and some Anzac biscuits. Please come along and support the school at these special events.

The official Orange ANZAC Day March will be held Tuesday, 25th April. We encourage as many students as possible to be involved in the march. Orange East PS students and staff will be meeting at 10am on Sale St (near Newey's Dry Cleaners). Students are asked to come dressed in full winter school uniform.



NAPLAN – Year 3 & 5

Today letters were sent home to parents and carers of students in Year 3 and 5 with information about the National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The NAPLAN tests commence in Week 3 next term. On Tuesday 9th May there is a Language & Writing assessment, on Wednesday 10th May there is a Reading assessment and Thursday 11th May there is the Numeracy assessment. All Year 3 and 5 students throughout Australia are expected to undertake the NAPLAN tests.



School Photos

A reminder that we will be having our school photos this Wednesday, 29th March. All students are asked to come in **full regular summer school uniform**, including black shoes. If you are unsure or need assistance with uniform requirements, please contact the school office and we are happy to assist. Envelopes were sent home a couple of weeks ago. Family envelopes are also available from the office. Please note all money must be paid prior to 10am Wednesday. Also a reminder that all

school leaders, including House Captains, need to bring their badges for the photos.



Easter Hat Parade

Next Friday, 7th April Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two children will participate in an Easter Hat Parade starting at 12:30pm under the COLA. **The children are asked to make their own hats at home.** We suggest they may like to decorate an old hat from home with Easter pictures and/or eggs etc. This will be an exciting event for our infant students with each class parading their hats out on the playground in front of the Year 5/6 classrooms. Stage 2/3 students will also come out to enjoy the parade. In conjunction with this event, Stage 3 will be organising an Easter raffle for which they are asking donations of Easter eggs, rabbits, bilbies or any other item that could be given as prizes, as well as small baskets. These items can be left at the school office. Tickets for the Easter raffle will be \$1.00 each and sold under the COLA each morning and recess during the next two weeks of term, and before the parade starts. The P&C will be holding a BBQ on the day - prices: \$5 Steak Sandwich, \$3 sausage sandwich, \$2 Drinks. There will be limited gluten free bread also available.



Orange East PS - Parent Surveys

Over the coming week we are seeking information from parents about the school in the form of a short survey. The survey contains 10 questions with multiple choice style answers and one open-ended question. Questions can be skipped and the total survey time should take no more than about 5 minutes. Parental surveys are anonymous and can be completed in two ways:

- Online via the following link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P3Z3YSJ>
- Or in the form of paper surveys available from the school office

Feedback from these surveys is highly useful to assist future school planning. The survey will close on Tuesday, 4th April. A staff survey has also been completed and students in Years 4-6 will be surveyed in the coming fortnight.

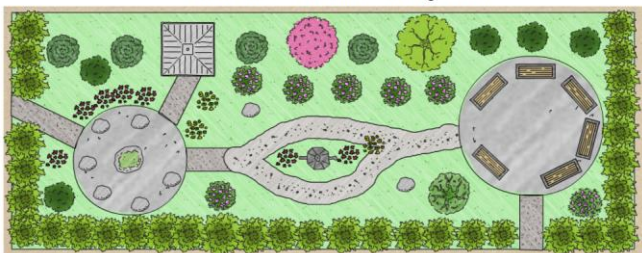


Thank You Orange East P&C!

Parents and carers may have noticed our new playground equipment in the school with the installation finally complete on Saturday. The protective fencing is due to come down today with students able to play on it straight away. The equipment structures were selected after consultation with staff, P&C and also our Occupation Therapist and are designed for the students to enjoy while also building coordination and strength. The activities and colour scheme were also selected to complement our original, remaining equipment which is still in good condition. I would like to acknowledge the fundraising of our school P&C who donated \$20000 to assist with the majority of the cost for this project.

Orange East - Indigenous Garden Plan

March Street Infants Building Wall



New Library

A second project that is about to get underway is the groundwork for our Orange East Indigenous Garden (plan pictured above). I have recently accepted the successful quote with *Iconic Outdoors* landscapers to complete the initial ground work for this project. This will be a wonderful place for

students and staff to use as a passive, outdoor learning area and once complete will include a paved Yarning Circle, fire pit, student/staff/community totems and a range of native plants. Many thanks to the work of Miss Scott in consulting with students, staff, our local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, Lands Council and also for successfully applying to local businesses for funding assistance. Again thank you to our school P&C who have agreed to donate \$3000 to support the completion of this project. The initial ground work is due for completion by the end of the school holidays with planting and other work to be completed throughout the remainder of 2017.

Over the course of the first week of school holidays we will also have renovations taking place on the student kitchen to improve accessibility and use of space as well as the installation of new benches. Once these renovations are complete and we receive a final dispatch of student desks for the dining area, this will see the completion of a project spanning more than 5 years. Again I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution of our school P&C over this period to see this fantastic resource available for our school.

Lastly, while not a school works project, I would like to acknowledge our P&C for agreeing to subsidise the cost of the Stage 3 excursion to Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp later in Term 3. For the first time, we have booked the excursion for the full 5-day program which will be a simply amazing experience for our Year 5/6 students. The school P&C have agreed to pay the cost of the bus transport for this activity which is approximately \$1000, to assist parents and ensure as many students as possible can access this experience.

As you can see, we are very fortunate to have an active and successful school P&C. Put simply, members both past and present have made an enormous contribution to our school and the quality and variety of experiences we are able to offer our students. On behalf of the Orange East community, my sincere thanks for the great contribution that you have made, and continue to make for our school. For those unsure about joining the P&C I would like to commend them as a productive and motivated group making a real difference. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26th April at 6:30pm in the OEPS staffroom, hope to see you there!

Reminders and Acknowledgements

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- Congratulations to our School Representative Council on running their first fundraiser of the year. Last Thursday's Crazy Hair Day raised \$216.80 for the Leukaemia Foundation and Blood Cancer Research. Many thanks to parents, students and staff for supporting this worthy cause.
- Our Supported Playgroup will continue to meet every Tuesday (during school term) between 11:40 – 1:10pm.
- PLEASE NOTE – there are no Friday Assemblies for the remainder of this term. The next Friday assembly will be Friday, 28th April for Primary (3-6) students (Week 1 Term 2).
- Athletics Carnival - Our School Athletics Carnival will be held at Waratah's Sports Club on the 4th of April (Tuesday, Week 11). If any parents or carers would like to assist on the day, please contact Mr Neal.

Have a great week!

Glen Bourke
Principal

Staff Training

Class Effectuated	Course	Date
2S 1W	L3 Training	9 – 1pm, Thur 30 th March
3/4CL	Release/Planning	Fri, 31 st March Fri, 7 th April

Assembly Awards – Congratulations to the following Infant students Haaniah Siddiqui, Grace Duffy, Deon Doolan, Audrey Whiting, Sienna Hathaway, Isaiah Morgan, Marissa Forrest-Smith, Sonny Pallier, Jazmin Agland-Fuller, Jasmine Bengsen and Bobby Burns for receiving a sticker on their award sheet. Congratulations to Ava Lanser, Addisyn Tabernor and Jonah Vaughan for completing their 50certificate. Well done.

Principal Award~ congratulations to Amelia Shepherd, Max Whiting, Eva Connor-Maiyo, Jasmine Hunt, Felicity Britten and Sylvie Prusiak.

Pie Drive - order forms will be sent home later this week. Stage 3 will be holding a pie drive fundraiser, to support their Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp excursion being held in Term 3 this year. Pie drive order forms will be sent home to all families later this week. The family sized pies available to order include Meat, Potato, Cheese & Bacon, Chicken & Vegie and Apple Pies. **All orders and payments are due back to school by Friday 28th April and pies can be collected from the school hall on Thursday 11th May** between 2pm and 3pm. Thank you for your support for our stage 3 fundraising

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 News

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. School bags are now available for purchase for \$40.00 through our clothing pool and office.



School Winter Jacket~

pre-order forms and payments are due by 31st March. If you are interested there are samples of each size at the school office for children to try on.



Dates to Remember

Wed 29 th Mar	School Photos
Thur 30 th Mar	PBL Award Assemblies K-2 @ 1.50pm 3-6 @ 2.35pm
Tues 4 th April	Athletics Carnival
Wed 5 th April	School ANZAC ceremony
Fri 7 th April	Easter Hat Parade