

Orange East Public School



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Tell Them From Me

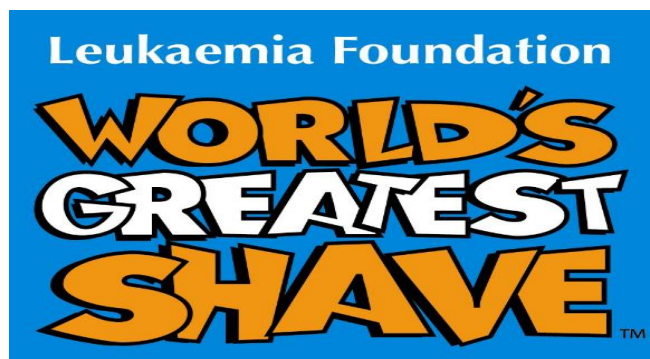
Student Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

The survey will only be administered for students in Year 4 -6. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 28th March and 7th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey was sent home last Friday with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Monday, 27th March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.



Crazy Hair Day

A reminder that our Student Representative Council (SRC) are holding a Crazy Hair Day this Thursday, 23rd of March. Students can come to school with crazy hair styles and colours for a Gold Coin Donation. Our Crazy Hair Day is in support of the *World's Greatest Shave*, which helps to raise money for Blood Cancer Research.

Speaking of our SRC, I would like to thank Mr Neal for his work in running the program and also the students listed below who have been nominated as their class representatives.

Kinder Red	Zane Bennett	Matilda Buckland
K/1 Blue	Addison Warren	Marissa Forrest-Smith
1C	Jezral Raju	Bobby Burns
1/2W	Sienna Hathaway	Darcy Jones
2S	Kash Diprose	Jackson Kennewell
2/3M	Oscar Paul	Zahra Barber
3/4CL	Jake Kennedy	Mia Bell
3/4S	Isabel Tinson	Tait Britten
4/5SI	Darius Thurtell	Layla Barrett
5/6N	Wyahtt Newman	Zac Annett
5/6W	Iona Anderson	James Parish

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

Newman Park

Wednesday 5th April, 2017

Ceremony: 11.40am —12.40pm

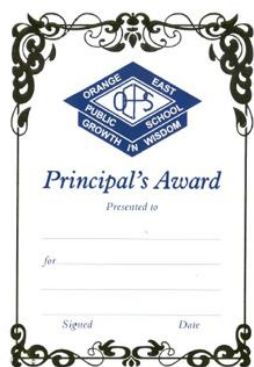
**Followed by a picnic and ANZAC
biscuits at the school.**



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.



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PBL/Merit System

Last week, I put quite a lengthy section in the newsletter explaining some changes to our PBL Bees and end of term award presentations for 2017. I also put in some posters explaining how the PBL Bee system and School Merit system work. Many

thanks to everyone who responded so positively – from all reports it seems to have made the two systems easier to understand and manage. One question I got was around *Principal's Awards* (pictured above left). Every week at the Friday Assembly a person from each class receives a *Principal's Award*. The *Principal's Award* CAN be used in place of a *Blue Merit* when students bring their collection of 10 merits to the office on Friday morning. Please let me know of any other questions.

A reminder, our Term 1 PBL Award Assemblies will be held in Week 10, Thursday 30th March in the school hall. Infants (K-2) will be held at 1:50pm and Primary (3-6) will be held at 2:30pm – all welcome.



Easter Hat Parade

On 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 last two weeks of term, and before the parade starts. The P&C will be holding a BBQ on the day prices TBA.



Harmony Cup Soccer Gala Day

Last Friday, the OEPS boys' and girls' soccer teams participated in the Harmony Cup Soccer Gala Day. From all reports, our players were exceptional both on and off the field, showing great sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoying the day. Our teams were successful in the competition, winning quite a few games and taking out first place in both the boys' and girls' divisions. Many thanks to Miss Wyatt for organising this activity and also to Mrs Kjoller and Mrs Leahey for their assistance. Thank you also to Mr Shields for running a team on the day.



Reminders & Acknowledgements

- A reminder that the North Orange Rotary *Walk for a Guide Dog* will take place this weekend on Sunday 26th March. The event promises to be a great day for the whole family with food and activities planned throughout the day. This is a community event and families who wish to be involved will be responsible to make their own way to and from the Botanic Gardens and for supervision during the event.
- Our Supported Playgroup will continue to meet every Tuesday (during school term) between 11:40 – 1:10pm.

- PLEASE NOTE – our last regular Infants (K-2) Friday assembly for the term will be this Friday, 24th March. This is due to a number of school activities already occurring across the last two weeks of this term (School Photos, PBL Assemblies, School Anzac Ceremony and Easter Hat Parade, etc).
- 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
2M	Cultural Day Supervision	Wed, 22 nd March
3/4S	Cultural Day Supervision	Thur, 23 rd March
5/6N	pre2 STEM Coordination	Thur, 23 rd March

Assembly Awards – Congratulations to the following Primary students Rachael Anderson, Evelyn Parkes, Ariea Forrest-Smith, Trixie Ward, Tyler Gow for receiving a sticker on their award sheet. Congratulations to Levi Forrest Smith for achieving his 100 certificate Tyrone Yates for his 150 Macey Paul and Lachlan Crossman for achieving their 200 award and Brock Anderson for completing his 250 certificate. Well done.

Principal Award~ congratulations to Jessica D'Elboux, Tia Pallier, Janay Boney, Lylah-Jean Maunder, Emily Drane and Keira Morrison

Jars with lids needed~ to help preserve our delicious school garden grown tomatoes.

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



COME JOIN THE P&C General Meeting Tonight 6.30pm Staff Room

We are always looking for fresh faces to join the P&C team. So come along and see if it's for you!
Together we can create great things for our school.

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

Fri 24 th Mar	Infant (K-2) Assembly @2.15pm
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

You're invited to our 50th Anniversary

20th and 21st May 2017



School Tours and Historical Displays

Saturday: 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:30am – 12:30pm

Celebratory Dinner

Orange Function Centre at 6pm on Saturday evening. Tickets available from the school office (63621677) for \$60 each

OEPS Breakfast Club



All students welcome!

Every Wednesday to Friday

From 8:40am to 9am

Free – in our Student Kitchen