

Orange East Public School

Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 5 ~ 23rd May 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Semester One reports & Interviews

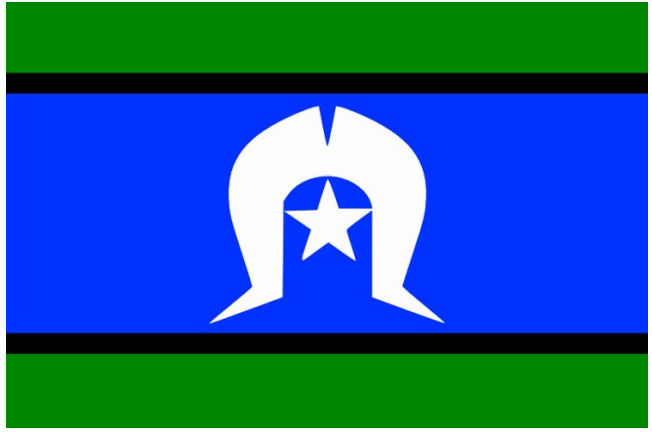
Last year, we received a very positive response from both staff and parents/carers for the mid-year report/interview process. For this reason, we will continue with this format as means of providing a practical and straight forward way for teachers and parents/carers to communicate regarding student progress. The report will provide all the same assessment, effort, social development & commitment to learning, additional activities and absences information previously contained. A key feature of this process will be parent/teacher interviews. Again the aim is to minimise the time taken to produce lengthy, often complex, written comments and in place hold interviews to explain teaching strategies, show student progress and outline clearly areas for development. Interviews allow for a two-way flow of information and also give parents/caregivers the ability to ask questions and discuss any concerns or clarification they may require. Mid-year is an ideal time for these discussions to take place as teachers prepare for the second semester. At the end of Semester Two we will revert back to the older, more detailed report format but will only offer parent/teacher interviews through request.

To facilitate the booking of parent/teacher interviews we are going to use the *School Interviews* website. This website allows parents to see in real-time teacher availability, bookings and also to coordinate bookings across several teachers. Parent/teacher interviews will be 15 minutes long and take place across Weeks 9 and 10 (Mon, 19th June – Fri, 30th June). Separate parent interviews can be accommodated in the case where this is more appropriate. The student report will be provided to parents on Friday, 16th June (the week before interviews commence). The School Interviews website went live today, and will remain open until Wednesday, 14th June. After this date interviews will only be able to be booked by contacting the school office. Parents without internet or computer access are welcome to come in and use a specially set-up computer in the office or alternatively ring the school office for assistance with making an interview booking.

Simply follow the link: www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter the event code: **c8tau**

The website will guide you through three simple steps, and moments later you'll get an email confirming your bookings. Easy! And if you need to change or cancel your bookings, just enter the event code again. If you're on the same computer, you'll go straight to your bookings.

Please note that parent/teacher interviews for our Kindergarten students have already taken place at the end of Term 1 and as such will not be part of the coming reporting/interview period. Kindergarten reports will be sent out in Week 9. As always, I encourage all parents to make an interview with teachers at any point they feel they would like further information on student progress or ideas to support and assist their child's learning.



National Reconciliation Week

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. The dates that bookend the week are significant milestones in the reconciliation journey.

May 27—Marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

3 June—Commemorates the High Court of Australia's landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—a relationship that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights or Native Title.

In 2017, we reflect on two significant anniversaries in Australia's reconciliation journey – 50 years since the 1967 referendum, and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision. To commemorate these significant milestones, students and staff at Orange East will be taking part in a 2017 Reconciliation Walk around Newman Park on Thursday 1st June. Parents and caregivers are welcome to come and join the walk starting at 2.30pm. On the day, students will be walking with their footprints they created in class that display their vision of the next step forward towards reconciliation.

Glen Bourke
Principal

WHAT'S ON

Week 5

Mon 22nd May ~ Team B Debating against Canobolas Public School.

Tues 23rd May ~ PSSA Soccer @ Canowindra. Selected students attending.

Thur 25th May ~ Brass Band Students attending performance by Sydney Symphony Orchestra @ Orange Civic Centre 9.10am to 12pm

Fri 26th May ~ District Athletics Completion Day - selected students

Fri 26th May ~ National Sorry Day

Fri 26th May ~ Primary Assembly @ 2.15pm in school hall

Fri 26th May ~ Burrendong Excursion Deposit Due

Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date
1/2W 2S	S1 L3 Training 9am –12pm	Thurs 25th May

Week 6

Mon 29th May ~ National Reconciliation Week

Thur 1st June ~ 2017 Reconciliation Walk around Newman Park @ 2.30pm

Fri 2nd June ~ District Cross Country held in Cudal. Selected students attending.

Fri 2nd June ~ Infant assembly @ 2.15pm in school hall

Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date
2/3M	Making space for learning—Trauma informed practice	Wed 31st May

Week 7

Fri 9th June ~ Primary Assembly @ 2.15pm in school hall

Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date
3/4CL	SASS PDP Training	Wed 7th June

Week 8

Mon 12th June ~ Public Holiday

Fri 16th June ~ Infant assembly @ 2.15pm in school hall

Staff Training—Nil Classes Affected

Class Affected	Course	Date

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following infant students Logan Graham, Wade Fox, Jasmine Hunt, Simone Gow, Torri Barber and Liam Scott who all received a sticker on their award sheets. Congratulations also to Daniel Johnson and Addison Warren who have completed their 50 certificates. Well done.

Principal Award

Congratulations to Cooper Byrnes, Charlotte Ash, Lexi-Fae Stephens, Jezral Raju, Rylan Quinn and Bethany -Ann Brunt.

General Notices

District Athletics ~ due to the weather at last week's District Athletic carnival some events had to be postponed or abandoned. Some events will be completed at a "finish off" session this Friday 26th May. Letters were sent home yesterday to those students involved.

Student Medication ~ Just a reminder if your child needs medication administered during school hours **ALL** medication **MUST** be bought to the school office by parent/carer **NOT** the student. All medication must also have a prescription label attached in original packaging in order to be administered by office staff.

Parent Online Payments ~Parents/Guardians have the option to make online payments to our school for excursions, voluntary contribution etc. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting the **\$Make a Payment** icon. Attached to this week's newsletter is an information sheet on how to make a payment. **Important:** If the payment is for an excursion you still need to forward the **signed permission slip** to the school with the online receipt number on it. Any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the school office .

Acknowledgments

What a fun time the infants children had at our cross country last Wednesday. They burnt off plenty of energy and then refuelled with the fresh fruit and water that our P & C kindly donated.



Last Tuesday 16th May, four of our primary students represented Orange East PS at the CWA Public Speaking finals in Orange. Congratulations to Blair Morris, Isabel Tinson, Rachael Anderson and Trixie Ward on the confident and polished presentation of their speeches and excellent representation of our school. Congratulations also to Brock Anderson who was selected as the Year 6 finalist at our school event last term.

Debating ~ Our OEPS Team B debated against Canobolas Public School on Monday this week. The topic was a tricky one being 'Australia should have a new flag'. It was an immensely close debate with the other team just scraping in with the win. Our team is to be commended for representing our school with such diligence, poise and sportsmanship. Well done Bella, Jessica, Rachael and Hannah!



AFL Auskick On Monday our Infants students participated in an AFL Auskick training session and had a lot of fun. Auskick are running an After School AFL Program again this year for the students at Orange East Public. The Program is organised directly with AFL Auskick, all students have been handed a Program Flyer with information needed to register. All payments and registration is to be completed through the website at www.aflauskick.com.au please note that payments or registration will not be processed at school.

The AFL Auskick After School Program will be held at Orange East Public School every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30pm till 4:30pm between the 6th June to 27th June. For more information contact Matthew Johnson: matthew.johnson@afl.com.au or phone 0407268643.

GRIP Leaders Conference ~ Last Tuesday our School Leaders attended a GRIP Conference at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. They were joined by hundreds of other school leaders from around the region to learn about leadership. Our leaders worked with other students to share ideas, develop skills and have a bit of fun. They all had a fantastic time as they were engaged and motivated the whole day and I'm sure they will incorporate some of the ideas and skills from the conference into their own leadership qualities. Thank you to Miss Croker for organising this event and to Mr Neal for attending.



PSSA Soccer Canowindra ~ The girls and boys soccer teams travelled to Canowindra to play Canowindra Public School on Tuesday 23rd May. Both teams displayed excellent skills and great sportsmanship. Congratulations to all of the players involved, their attitude and commitment is to be commended. We greatly appreciated the parents who supported our teams on the day and who helped transport our teams. It was great to see so much support and encouragement. Thank you to Miss Wyatt for coordinating this event and to Mrs Leahey and Mrs Kjoller for assisting on the day.

P&C NEWS



Last week the school held their Cross Country Event with those turning 8 participating at Elephant Park. The younger students participated at a course on school grounds.

This year the P&C discussed ways in which we could support the children. We decided the best way would be to provide them with refreshments at the end of their race.

We were happy to be able to provide the children with a piece of fruit, providing the choice of bananas, apples and mandarins. They were also able to enjoy a refreshing bottle of water. Many thanks to Amy Quinn for her efforts in organising this and making it happen and to the other

members who could help on the day. From all reports the kids enjoyed this and we look forward to being able to do similar things in the future.



♦ **Next P&C meeting~ Tuesday 20th June @ 6.30pm in School Staffroom. All welcome.**

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. We have all you need to rug up for winter new and used jumpers, beanies and don't forget our new winter jackets which can be ordered through the school office as well our school logo bags.

