

Orange East Public School

Newsletter

Safe, Respectful, Learners



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Term 1 Week 1 ~ 31st January 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the 2018 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. Monday also saw a couple of fresh faces welcomed into our teaching team with Mrs McLennan and Ms Hay commencing on Year 1/2 Platypus and 3/4 Echidna respectively.

On Friday we also welcome our new Kindergarten students to Orange East PS. Over the past week Mrs Bourke, Mrs Kable and Mrs MacLean 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.

Exiting the School

Parents are reminded that students have a specific exit plan from the school at the end of each day. This is done to ensure the safety of all students as they move from the school, at what is usually a busy time on the roads surrounding our school. These exits are:

- Lower March Street gate K-2 (including 2/3M)
- Upper March Street gate 3-4 Mrs Press (3/4 Parrot) Miss Cheney (3/4 Kookaburra) –
- Nile Street gate years 5 –6 Miss Wyatt (5/6 Goanna) Mr Neal (5/6 Galah) Miss Scott (5 Cockatoo) Ms Hay (3/4 Echidna)
- Bus children and bikes/scooters – Spring Street gate.

Older students meeting younger siblings are to exit at their appropriate gate and walk around to meet younger brothers or sisters. Students may walk straight to parents/guardians who are waiting within school grounds once released by their teacher. Over the course of the fortnight, students should come home with a personal exit map detailing their specific path out of school. We ask parents to support this system aimed at ensuring student safety.

Canteen

Please be advised that the canteen will be closed this week while we get it ready to commence trading starting Monday, 5th February. We are currently reviewing the menu against the Healthy Canteen Policy and ensuring that prices are set to ensure the canteen's continual financial viability. As always, canteen prices will be set only to sufficiently cover wage costs of the canteen coordinator. All other costs in terms of maintenance, equipment and utilities will continue to be met by the school.

Updated canteen information will be sent out later this week with a full menu, price lists, trading days/hours and information regarding upcoming 'specials'.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has commenced operating this year running from Wednesday to Friday from 8:40am until 9am. This is a free service with all children able to attend if they/you wish. Please ensure you have updated the school regarding any relevant allergies or food intolerances. If you do not wish your child to attend this service please advise the school.

Summer Uniform Requirements

As we are in the middle of summer, a reminder that during Term 1 it is compulsory for students to wear their maroon school bucket hat while playing in the playground, as well as during PE and Sport. Students not wearing the correct hat will be restricted to playing in designated shaded areas. Please note while generic (no emblem) bucket or wide brim hats are acceptable, caps or other coloured hats are not accepted as part of school uniform.

Also a reminder that we have a high expectation for all students to be in the correct uniform. Wearing the uniform is not only important for the self-esteem of our students but promotes the school as a positive and proud part of the community. I have included the following table with the uniform requirements for Term 1 to assist parents/caregivers.

School App reminder

Don't forget that Orange East PS has a FREE school app! Simply go to your App or Play Store, depending on your mobile device, and search '**School Stream**'. Once you have found and downloaded the app, simply search for Orange East and select as your school. Currently available are permission notes, newsletters, upcoming event notifications, live alerts and even the ability to return absence slips.

Friday Assemblies

Please note, as always we have done our best to ensure accurate dates however, at times due to other school activities as yet unknown, this can impact and change our initial rosters. If there are any changes we will endeavour to notify parents immediately of changes, alternative dates/times, etc.

Who/ Clothing Item	Requirements
Hat <i>Boys/ Girls</i>	*Bucket hat (only hat to be worn at school) – compulsory in Term 1 & 4
Shoes <i>Boys/ Girls</i>	*All black, suitable leather/synthetic (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) * Joggers (Wednesday only)
Jumper <i>Boys/ Girls</i>	*Embroidered Navy Polar Fleece (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) *Embroidered Maroon Polar Fleece (Wednesday)
Socks <i>Boys/ Girls</i>	*Boys – grey, white on Wednesday *Girls – white
Shirt/ Pants/ Shorts <i>Boys</i>	Summer (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) *Buttoned up sky blue shirt with grey shorts Sport (Wednesday) * Yellow polo shirt with maroon shorts
Dress/ Tunic/ Shirt/ Pants/ Shorts <i>Girls</i>	Summer (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) * <u>Preferred</u> : Tartan dress Or *White button up shirt with tartan shorts Sport (Wednesday) * Yellow polo shirt with maroon shorts/netball skirt (summer)

Week	Assembly Type
2 (9 th Feb) Starting at 2:15pm	Primary
3 (16 th Feb) Starting at 2:15pm	Infants
4 (23 rd Feb) Starting at 2:15pm	Primary
5 (2 nd Mar) Starting at 2:15pm	Infants
6 (9 th Mar) Starting at 2:15pm	Primary

Week	Assembly Type
7 (16 th Mar) Starting at 2:15pm	Infants
8 (23 rd Mar) Starting at 2:15pm	Primary
9 (30 th Mar)	EASTER (Good Friday) NO ASSEMBLY
10 (6 th Apr) Starting at 2:15pm	Infants
11 (13 th Apr)	PBL Award Assemblies 9.15am – Infants 9.50am – Primary

Sports Day School sports day will continue as per last year – every Wednesday with full sports uniform required.

2018 Class Arrangements

We have established 11 classes to commence 2018. Class combinations/teachers are as follows:

Grade	Teacher
K Bilby	Mrs Kable
K Kangaroo	Mrs Bourke (3 days)
1/2 Platypus	Mrs McLennan
1/2 Possum	Mrs Whiting
1/2 Dingo	Mr Mellis
3/4 Parrot	Mrs Press (3 days)
	Mrs Pulbrook (2 Days)
3/4 Echidna	Ms Hay
3/4 Kookaburra	Miss Cheney
5 Cockatoo	Miss Scott
5/6 Galah	Mr Neal
5/6 Goanna	Miss Wyatt
Instructional Leader (K-2 – EAfS - 5 days)	Mrs Wright (4 days)
	Mr Cook (1 day)
Instructional Leader Yr 3-6	Miss Croker
Release Teachers	Mrs McKay
	Mr Meares

Library	Mr Meares
Intensive Stage 1 Reading Support	Ms Stokes
Learning Support/ Intervention/ Norta Norta	Mr Cook (K-2)
	Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Sweeting, Miss Croker (Yr 3-6)
Social Skills/Well Being (Kids Matter)	Mrs MacLean (1 day)
School Learning Support Officers	Mrs Bennett, Mr McGregor, Mrs Leahey, Miss Frecklington
Office	Mrs McNamara, Mrs Gold, Mrs Watson
Cleaning	Mrs Bowman
Grounds	Mr Visser
Canteen	Mrs Corby
<i>Assistant Principals</i>	
AP K-2	Mr Cook, Mrs MacLean (1 day Rlg)
AP 3-6	Mrs Press (Rlg)

Stationery Packs

Please note all basic stationery requirements have been purchased for all students. This year the school will meet a significant portion of this cost but we are also asking parents to contribute \$20 towards the purchase of this important equipment. This fee covers the cost of books, pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, scissors, glue sticks and also a number of online educational software packages we purchase for all students in the school. The total value of the listed items is significantly more than the amount above but funds raised through this fee will allow us to purchase further items to support learning in all classrooms and also ensure quality, appropriate and consistent stationery is being used by all 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.

School Gates

A reminder that all gates, with the exception of the Spring Street gate, are locked each morning at approximately 9.15am. If by chance a gate is closed, but unlocked, you can gain access throughout the day, however, please close it behind you. This is to ensure the safety of students, particularly if they are at risk of absconding from school grounds.

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, 12th 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.

WHAT'S ON

Week 1

Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date

Week 2

Fri 2nd Feb ~ Kindergarten students commence
Primary Assembly @ 2.15pm in school hall

Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date

Week 3

Thurs 15th Feb ~ School Swimming Carnival 8's & over
Orange Aquatic Centre 9.15-12pm

Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date

Week 4

Tues 20th Feb ~ P & C AGM 6.30pm in school staffroom

Thurs 22nd Feb ~ Meet/Greet BBQ

Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date

CANTEEN



It's Monday!

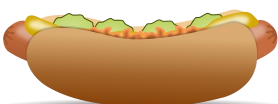


Hot Dog + Popper

\$5.00

ON SALE MONDAY 5TH FEB

Check out next weeks newsletter for more Monday specials



General Notices

- Last year our newsletter day was changed to Wednesday to accommodate our office staff training for the new LMBR system. Please note as of Week 2 newsletters will be going out on our original day being Tuesdays.
- Student Information Sheets have been sent home today. The prompt return of this information is vital to the school and teachers. Also, please ensure that all sections are completed and signed.
- School Swimming Trials will be held at Orange Aquatic Centre on Thursday 15th Feb 9.15-12pm. Due to strict guidelines for swimming only children COMPETENT to swim 50 metres will be eligible to attend the trials for students turning 8 years this year and onwards. Notes for this event have been sent home today. Please return note and money to office by Monday 12th February.

School Kitchen Volunteers Needed

Come along to the School Kitchen a few hours each week or fortnight or month and help our Years 3 to 6 students learn food preparation skills, teamwork & enjoy a meal together.

We have lots of fresh produce in the school garden waiting for our students to prepare.

Due to funding cuts this year our Kitchen Program now needs lots of VOLUNTEERS to assist Mrs McKay on a Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. *The program will only operate with your support.*

To become a volunteer on the School Kitchen Team please ring the School Office by Monday 5th February and leave your details

Weekly Class Times in the Kitchen:

3/4 Kookaburra – WEDNESDAY: 11:40 – 1:10

5/6 Goanna - WEDNESDAY: 1:50 – 3:10

3/4 Echidna - THURSDAY: 11:40 – 1:10

5/6 Galah- THURSDAY: 1:50 – 3:10

3/4 Parrot- FRIDAY: 10:10 – 11:10

5 Cockatoo: 11:40 – 1:10



P&C

We're Going Back To School



The P&C would like to welcome back all Students and Staff. We hope everyone has had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas period. A very exciting welcome to those starting Kindergarten on Friday.

It is set to be another busy but exciting year within the school, so keep an eye out on future newsletters for upcoming events.

Our First P&C Meeting for the year will be on Tuesday 20th February. This will be our AGM with the General Meeting following.

We would love to see many new faces ☺



Tears & Cheers Morning Tea

Some of us are crying
Teary - eyed and blue,
Some of us are cheering
"I'm glad the summer's through!"
Whatever mood your feeling
Stop by and stay awhile
We'll be here to greet you
With coffee and a smile.

Friday 3rd February 2018 – 8.45am to 10am.
School Hall – All welcome.

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**WILL BE
OPEN**
BEFORE AND AFTER
SCHOOL THIS WEEK

