

Orange East Public School

Newsletter

Safe, Respectful, Learners



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Term 1 Week 2 ~ 6th February 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Exiting the School Reminder

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 all K-2 students (including Yr 1/2 Dingo—Mr Mellis)
- Upper March Street gate Yr 3/4 Parrot (Mrs Pulbrook & Mrs Press) and Yr 3/4 Kookaburra (Miss Cheney)
- Nile Street gate all Yr 5/6 students and Yr 3/4 Echidna (Mrs Hay)
- 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 this week, 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.

Permission Notes

This year we are tightening up the process around excursions/permission notes. We aim to ensure all permission notes are:

- available to parents with as much notice as possible
- available on both the School Stream app and our website
- parents are receiving notifications of upcoming permission note due dates (Facebook/School Stream)
- there is a section in the newsletter listing any current permission notes, their due date and for whom/what

We are currently reviewing our school management software/systems to ensure we are making best use of this technology to streamline and improve communication to parents in this area.

A significant change in this system will also be the enforcement of due dates. Over the past years we have often accepted notes up to the day before, or day of, an event. With the introduction of the new LMBR management system and modern WHS/policy requirements, this is simply no longer possible. Late permission notes/notice place an incredible strain on excursion/event organisers, office staff, risk assessment requirements and generally on important communication. **With this in mind, please note that late notes/notification will no longer be accepted.** We ask that parents/carers note this change in policy and support the school in ensuring that all events/excursions are coordinated in an efficient, organised and safe manner.

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.

Swimming Carnival

The 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 were sent out last Wednesday. Please return note and money to office by Monday 12th February. All students who have returned their notes and money by Monday morning will be watching a Dive Safety presentation. This is a compulsory procedure in all DEC schools. Students will not be permitted to attend the trials if they have not viewed this presentation. Parent volunteers are most welcome and would be greatly appreciated. There will be supervision for students not attending the trials back at school.

Supporting Students with Severe Food Allergies

A reminder in regards school procedures to support students diagnosed with severe/anaphylactic allergies. Basically we ask that parents label all student belongings (particularly lunch boxes and drink bottles), discourage children from sharing food and, where possible, to pack an alternative sandwich spread to peanut butter. I would like to thank the school community for their support and understanding in following these procedures over the past few years, which have assisted in making our school a safer environment for these students. You may have noticed around the school some signage about 'Being an Allergy M.A.T.E.'. These signs are designed so that children recognise some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction and understand that if this occurs they are to seek adult help immediately. We are also promoting five key messages to students through the signs:

1. Take food allergy seriously. Don't make jokes about them.
2. Never share food with friends.
3. Always wash your hands after eating.
4. Ask what your friend is allergic to and help them avoid it.
5. Get help immediately if a friend with a food allergy gets sick after eating.

Be an Allergy M.A.T.E.

If you see a person with:

- Hives or welts
- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of lips, eyes, throat, tongue
- Wheezing or coughing
- Pale & floppy.



Pale and floppy Cough/cover Difficulty breathing

You need to get an adult straight away!



REMEMBER:



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New Attendance Award

This year, as per previous years we will continue a significant focus on the importance of regular school attendance. Regular attendance is critical in the continuity and quality of learning that students undertake. In many cases, we also see that one absence leads to more absences as the pattern and routine of regular attendance is broken. Even the loss of one day per fortnight has an incredible impact - totalling 4 weeks in a year and almost 3 terms across the primary schooling of a child!

Similar to last year, we will continue with attendance merits at the end of each term for students who achieve 95% or higher attendance across a term (this also includes minimal partial absences). This year, I will also start the 100% Attendance Reward, which will be one of the hardest awards to achieve at OEPS. To attain this award, students must be at school every day (up until the last week when it will be presented). Student who achieve this award will be presented with a special certificate and I will also take them to a movie at the Odeon Cinemas in the last week of school.

Friday Assemblies Update

Please note a slight change to the Friday Assembly Schedule with the Week 11 PBL assemblies moved into the morning session. I have included the updated roster below for your use.

Week	Assembly Type	Week	Assembly Type
2 (9 th Feb) Starting at 2:15pm	Primary	7 (16 th Mar) Starting at 2:15pm	Infants
3 (16 th Feb) Starting at 2:15pm	Infants	8 (23 rd Mar) Starting at 2:15pm	Primary
4 (23 rd Feb) Starting at 2:15pm	Primary	9 (30 th Mar)	EASTER (Good Friday) NO ASSEMBLY
5 (2 nd Mar) Starting at 2:15pm	Infants	10 (6 th Apr) Starting at 2:15pm	Infants
6 (9 th Mar) Starting at 2:15pm	Primary	11 (13 th Apr)	<i>PBL Award Assemblies</i> 9:20am – Infants 10:00am - Primary

Reminders & Acknowledgements

- Our first Primary (3-6) Assembly commences this week - Friday, 9th February starting at 2:15pm in the school hall.
- School sports day will continue as per last year – every Wednesday with full sports uniform required.
- A save-the-date request for our Meet & Greet/Family BBQ. We will be holding the Family BBQ on Thursday, 22nd February at approximately 5-7pm. More information will be provided over the coming weeks regarding specific details for this event.
- Student information Sheets were sent out last week. The prompt return of this information is vital to the school and teachers. Also, please ensure that all sections are completed and signed.
- 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.
- 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.
- Many thanks to our school P&C for providing the Kindergarten parents/carers with the *Tears & Cheers* morning tea last week. A very thoughtful gesture much appreciated by those who could attend.

WHAT'S ON

Week 2

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

Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date

Week 3

Mon 12th Feb ~ Home Reading and Homework to commence

Tues 13th Feb ~ John Coutis Talk—Yrs 4-6

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

Fri 16th Feb ~ Infant Assembly @ 2.15pm in school hall

Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date
3/4Parrot & 3/4Kookaburra	For training	12/02/18

Week 4

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

Thurs 22nd Feb ~ Meet/Greet BBQ

Fri 23rd Feb ~ Primary Assembly @ 2.15pm in school hall

Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date
5 Cockatoo 5/6 Galah 5/6 Goanna	For Training	19/02/18

Week 5

Mon 26th Feb ~ District Swimming Carnival

Fri 2nd Mar ~ Infants Assembly @ 2.15pm in school hall

Staff Training

Class Affected	Course	Date

CANTEEN



Jacket Potato with Bolognese Sauce

\$5.00

ON SALE MONDAY 12TH FEB



Check out next weeks newsletter for more Monday specials

General Notices

- **Speech Pathology and OT Services** at OEPS will continue during 2018. Children that have accessed these services during 2017 may continue this year. If you gave permission for your child to access these services previously but do not wish for this to continue please let the office know, otherwise, permission previously given will continue during 2018.
- **Road Safety/Parking** ~ a reminder please to exercise extreme caution driving around our various school zones during morning and afternoon drop-off/pick-up. We ask parents/caregivers to please only park in designated areas and also remind drivers that double parking and also exceeding 40km/h in the zones/times is illegal. We also remind parents that it is not a staff responsibility to assist students to cross roads around the school zone.
- **Man From Ironbark Festival Stuart Town** ~ to be held Easter Saturday 31st March. Market stalls, Displays, Cobb & Co Rides, Street Parade, Helicopter rides and much more. For more information please go to www.stuarttown.com.au
- **Lost Property** ~ we have a large pile of hats and jumpers from the end of 2017. Any items that have names on them will be returned to the class teacher as soon as possible. Any items that do not have a name will be given to our clothing pool for resale. Please ensure all student clothing is clearly labelled and readable.

Permission Notes

Permission Note	Year/Group	Cost	Due By
John Coutis Presentation	Year 4– 6	NIL	Fri, 9th Feb
John Coutis Leaders Presentation	School Leaders	NIL	Fri, 9th Feb
Swimming Trials	Competent Swimmer Age 8 yrs +	\$7.00	Mon, 12th Feb



Entries are open for the 2018 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

IT'S MY FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN

2018

The first day of Kindergarten was exciting and very busy for the great kids from K Bilby.





Fast approaching is the P&C Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 20th February 6.30pm, in the School Staff Room. We would like to welcome all existing members and encourage anyone new to come along. The P&C works tirelessly throughout the school year, contributing in ways to benefit the children. It is a great way to meet new people and become involved within the School Community.

Membership costs \$2.00 for the year and is payable before the AGM commences.

All current positions will be declared open at the AGM, these are:

President

Vice President

Secretary

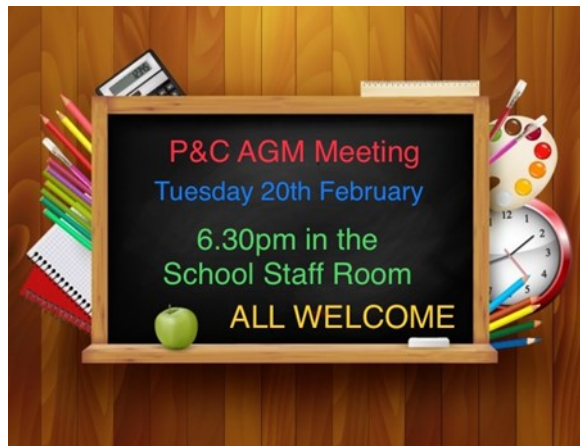
Treasurer

Clothing Pool Co-Ordinator

Fundraiser Co-Ordinator

Markets Manager

Publicity Officer



Following the AGM will be the first General Meeting of the year.

Meet & Greet family night 2018

Come along and meet the staff and other parents

P&C will be holding a BBQ

More information to come next week

