



# Orange East Public School NEWSLETTER

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## Term 1 Week 3 2018

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### John Coutis Presentation

I had the pleasure of attending the John Coutis Presentation with the Year 4 -6 group and the student leaders this morning. What a fantastic opportunity for our children. Students learnt a great deal about the challenges of living with a serious physical disability but more so about overcoming setbacks, staying inspired and importantly - how to treat others fairly.

#### Newsletter format change

You will notice a formatting change in the newsletter this week. We are striving to make the newsletter eye-catching and easy to read as well as informative. The front page should make for a good 'fridge poster' each week with some basic information on upcoming events, canteen specials, permission note requirements and a shortened principal's section!

#### Meet & Greet

Next Thursday, 22nd February between 5 - 7pm we will hold our annual Meet & Greet. This year the Meet & Greet will be less formal with a BBQ, canteen, several jumping castles, show bags and fairy floss/snow cones available. Families are invited to bring a picnic rug to this community event and informally meet staff and other parents/carers. Later in Week 6, classrooms will be open at various times throughout the week allowing parents/carers to come in, see the classroom and students in action. This will replace the hall 'expo' that we have done in the past. The idea is for teachers to be able to share brief information and give parents/caregivers the opportunity to experience their child's class environment first hand. Please note that the open sessions are not conducted in interview format, with multiple parents able to come through in any one session and the class present. More information will be provided over the coming weeks regarding specific session times for each class.

Please note that class newsletters for all grades will be distributed this week. Should parents/caregivers require additional information or clarification around your child/ren's class, you are also welcome to contact the class teacher or request an interview for more detailed inquiries. Please contact the school office to arrange a suitable time.

Have a great week,  
Glen Bourke

### Up Coming Events

#### Swimming Trials

Thursday 15th February

Orange Aquatic Centre

9.15-12pm

#### Fri 16th February

Infant Assembly @ 2.15pm

#### Tuesday 20th February

P & C AGM @ 6.30pm

#### Thursday 22nd February

Meet/Greet BBQ

#### Friday 23rd February

Primary Assembly @ 2.15pm

#### Friday 2nd March

Infant Assembly @ 2.15pm

### CANTEEN

Nacho's + Popper

\$5.00

ON SALE MONDAY

19TH FEB

Check out next weeks newsletter  
for more Monday specials

### Permission Notes

Permission Note	Year/Group	Cost	Due By
Dance Lessons 2018	Yrs 1-6	\$100 yr 3x \$40 instl	Tues 20th Feb
GRIP Leadership Conference	Student Leaders	\$10 Deposit	Fri 23rd Feb

### **Assembly Awards**

Congratulations to the following Primary students Hannah Johnson, Abby Johnson, Riley Blake, Charlotte Ash and Will Sligar for receiving a sticker on their award sheet. Congratulations to Luci Moller for achieving her gold 200 certificate.

### **Principal Awards**

Congratulations to Ocean Saephoumy Boonpikham, Lucas Carr, Lilly Lear, Hayley Rogers, Ella Thomas and Tyler Tatnell.

### **Time Keepers Needed For Swimming Trials**

If you are able to assist please see Miss Croker or the school office.

### **Orange City Council visit**

Last week our Student Leaders represented OEPS at a Community Strategic Planning meeting at [Orange City Council](#), to share the thoughts of our Stage 3 students around what they'd like to see for the future of Orange. The leaders enjoyed being involved in the meeting and they shared some fantastic ideas.



### **Congratulations**

We love to hear about former OEPS students achieving great things at high school, congratulations Kaylar and Lara for winning the 2017 NSW Year 7 STEM Competition from the University of Wollongong!



### **School Winter Jacket**

Pre-order forms and payments are due by Friday 9th March. If you are interested there are samples of each size at the school office for children to try on.



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

### **School Parking**

A reminder that the Nile St 'Kiss and Drop' zone that operates between 8.00am and 9.30am is a temporary parking spot specifically intended for parents to pull up, farewell and let students out and then move away when safe. If you wish to escort students onto the grounds, adjacent longer term parking should be utilised.



### Homereading

Please note that the first official (recordable) date for Home reading commenced on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February (this week). A reminder that you may only record **one entry per day** – regardless of how many books may have been read. 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.

We strongly encourage the habit of home reading as one of, if not the most, important work a parent can do to assist their child's learning in the primary years. The routine of 10-15 minutes reading with an adult or older family member 4-5 times per week can have a profound effect on your child's language development, comprehension, fluency and overall ability to engage with a number of curriculum areas. The younger you start the better, with reading to children before school age, a fantastic way to begin a love of reading. Much research supports the benefits of the *1000 by 3* theory, which says that by the age of three children should have encountered at least 1000 books (just under a book a day). We hope to see many, many students wearing the Club 200 badge with pride this year, please support us in this endeavour.

As per last year we have a mid-year prize for students who have reached Club 75 and beyond. These students will go into the draw for a special family lunch at Simply Nile Café. Please note: the cut-off point for students to reach the target (75 homereading entries) is **Wednesday, 27th June** to have their name in the draw.

### Reminders & Acknowledgements

- The prompt return of the Student information sheets are vital to the school and teachers. Also, please ensure that all sections are completed and signed.
- Best of luck to all students attending the school swimming trials on Thursday. Full story and photos in next weeks newsletter.
- This week is an Infant assembly (K-2) - Friday 16th February starting at 2.15pm in the school hall.
- 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. Keep an eye out in each weeks newsletter for our Monday 'Special Meal Deal'.
- A reminder, don't forget those permission notes being returned by the listed due date - late notes will no longer be accepted. You will notice as well as the newsletter reminder, there is a weekly Facebook reminder and School Stream reminders. Permission notes are also available on the school website and the permission note section of School Stream.



- Book Club have gone home today. Order and online LOOP payment due by Friday 23rd February.

### P & C

