NEWSLETTER
17th November 2014

From the Principal

Welcome everyone to Week 7.

New Classrooms and Library

Inspection on completion of the new rooms took place last week. The staff and students are very excited to be taking possession of such beautiful learning spaces. John and Bill Nunn and their team have delivered the project two weeks ahead of schedule to an outstanding degree of detail and quality, and we are very grateful. Bruce Litchfield, Group Office’s Capital Works Manager, who for many years has overseen capital development across all nineteen SASC schools, says John and Bill are among the top three builders he has ever worked with – very high praise, and well deserved. Thank you John and Bill.

Thank you to our architect, Derek Moses of Havenhand and Mather Architects Pty Ltd, who has brought the project to completion with such vision and professionalism, to our Business Manager Sue Montier for her usual commitment and eye for detail, and to Bruce Litchfield at Group Office for his invaluable experience and expertise.

Parents, carers and all in the community are warmly invited to stroll through and take a look. Furniture and electronic whiteboards are being installed now, ready for the first day of classes in 2015. The official opening will take place in the new year.

Callie’s Travels

Callie Jeffress (Year 10, pictured at left doing the Brave Shave earlier in the year) has commenced a three-month exchange program in Udine, north-eastern Italy. Heidi Jeffress, Callie’s mum, provides the following update:

Callie got to Italy after a long journey. She caught three planes, but has arrived in Udine Italy with a lovely family, with two boys 15 and 11, after about 30 hours travelling. She’s pretty tired, but starts school today. I will keep you updated. Can you let everyone know she has safely arrived?
Remembrance Day
The whole-school Remembrance Day assembly last week was a dignified and moving event, led by our School Captains Peter Dixon and Harriet Balcomb. Georgia Hamilton and Corey McArdle represented the School at the cenotaph in town for the Returned Services League ceremony. Many thanks to Leanne Kennedy, mother of Olsen and Valin, for providing the school with wreaths for both Remembrance Day services.

Congratulations Piper
Congratulations to Piper Want (Year 5), on being selected for a lead role in the next Orange Theatre Company production, Annie, the Musical. It looks like the first rehearsal will take place on Sunday 23 November. The season commences at the Orange Civic Theatre on 15 May 2015. All the best Piper! We look forward to seeing the show.

Confirmation at St Barnabas’ Anglican
A confirmation Service will be held at St Barnabas’ Anglican Church, Orange, on Sunday 14 December at 9:00am. Confirmation is the confirming of promises made by our Godparents at our Baptism, and will be available to any young people (Year 6 and above), or adults wishing to be confirmed. Classes will be held Wednesday afternoons from 4:00pm to 5:00pm at St Barnabas’.
For further information, please contact Rev. Gary or Rev. Anne Neville on 6362 7729.

Have a great week everyone.
Len Elliot
Principal
From the Accounts Department
Payment by direct credit into the School’s bank account is being phased out over the remainder of the year, such that next year, direct credit payments will no longer be accepted. From 2015 onwards, fee payments can be made either via the direct debit plan with your bank account or credit card being debited, (forms available from the School or from Sydney), or via BPay/BPoint, or by cheque. For ad hoc charges which aren’t included in your fees such as excursion, the music program etc, these will need to be paid at the School, by cheque, cash or debit/credit card. If in doubt, the payment methods available are clearly stated on each invoice.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sue Montier
Business Manager

Need care for December? – Why not call Waratahs Early Learning Centre? 52-54 Farrell Rd, Orange NSW 2800
(02) 6361 1854. Kellie

Student Safety and Kiss n Drop

• The old Kiss and Drop Zone must not be used for picking up students as it is not supervised. It can be used for morning drop offs, and as a parking area by parents wishing to meet with teachers in the classrooms after school.

• Students being collected by parents will all wait in the Kiss and Drop seated area, where there is cover from the weather. Teachers will assist students into vehicles. However, parents have the option of parking and coming to the Kiss and Drop collection point to collect their children. No student will be permitted to walk to a vehicle unless accompanied by their parent.

• There is room for up to 14 cars in the two Kiss and Drop lanes. Drivers must fill the top lane (furthest from the Media Centre) first, and if necessary will be able to drive around the car park loop and return to Kiss and Drop in the event that both lanes are full on their first attempt to pick up.

• Queuing for Kiss and Drop is not permitted. It is essential that we get all afternoon traffic onto our site.
• Parents wishing to park and collect their children do not need to queue through the Kiss and Drop Lane.

Footpaths and Gates – Please ensure that you use the footpaths at all times rather than walking through the car park. This especially applies to the car park in front of Administration. Please close all gates as you walk in or out.

PVC – Private Vehicle Subsidies are now online. Please click here for further information.

Primary News

Little Cake Roster Term 4
Week 8 Friday 28th November 1/2M

Primary Homework Club - Monday
If you wish for your child to join please email me your child’s name. It begins straight after school and finishes at 4pm.

Melanie winters
Head of Primary

Borrowing Bags:
A reminder that students in K-6 should all have an orange borrowing bag. If your child has lost their bag, or their bag is quite damaged, please indicate this via a note to Ms Taylor. A new bag will be supplied. If you are leaving the school these orange bags are to be returned to the library please.
***Book Covering***
We are in urgent need of lots of people to cover books! Please pop into Admin building for a small box and a roll of contact. Thank you to those who have volunteered their time thus far. Your assistance in getting these valuable resources to our students is much appreciated.

Secondary Homework Club
Secondary HW club runs every Monday from 4.00 - 5.00pm in Wilpour 2. If you would like your child to attend please contact Bob Omrod - bob.omrod@orangegrammar.nsw.edu.au.

Richard Gill Workshops and Parent Lecture
Richard Gill is a music educator and musician who will be in Orange from 19th - 21st November to workshop with bands and choirs from schools in the area. It is a fantastic opportunity for our students and the program is as follows:

**Wednesday 19th**
- Stage 2 Choirs 10.00-11.30am ORC
- Stage 3 Choirs 10.00-11.30am ORC
- Intermediate Bands 1.00-2.30pm Calare PS
- Parent Lecture 6.30pm OCS

**Thursday 20th**
- Secondary Choir 10.00-11.30am ORC
- Intermediate Bands 1.00-2.30pm Calare PS

**Friday 21st**
- Secondary Choir 10.00-11.30am ORC
- Advanced Bands 1.00-2.30pm OHS

Classroom Concerts
Students are asked to come to music class next week (Week 8) and play, sing, dance or recite for their classmates. All students who learn their discipline at school or from a teacher outside the School are encouraged to perform.

Richard Gill, OAM, one of Australia’s most admired conductors is internationally respected as a music educator. Founding Music Director and Conductor Emeritus of Victorian Opera he is currently Artistic Director of the Education Program for the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. He has been Artistic Director of OzOpera, Artistic Director and Chief Conductor of Canberra Symphony Orchestra, Adviser for Musica Viva’s In Schools program and Dean of the West Australian Conservatorium of Music. His many accolades include the Bernard Heinz and Don Banks Awards, and Honorary Doctorates from the Edith Cowan University of Western Australia and the ACU.

Richard Gill Visits Orange
We are indeed blessed to have secured the services of eminent Australian music educator Richard Gill who will present workshops to school students in Orange from the 19th to the 21st November.

Richard will give an address on the evening of Wednesday 19th entitled Without Music Education there is no education. How can this be so? How does Music make this claim and why?

This event will be held in our library at 500 Cecil Road Orange and will commence at 6.30pm. It promises to be an interesting and thought-provoking evening, and I cordially invite you to attend. There will be no charge for the evening but it would be appreciated if you could indicate if you intend to come, so that we may best manage the limited seating.

Lunch Time Concerts Week 8 Media Centre 1.15-2.00pm
Thursday 27th November – Dr Dawes’ brass students
Miss Godfrey’s flute students
Friday 28th November – Miss Werleman’s violin students
Mr Ismail’s clarinet and sax students

Private Instrumental Lessons 2015
Please let me know via email whether your child is interested in continuing private instrumental lessons next year. We are beginning to organise timetables and numbers so as to secure teachers for the coming year. In your email, please let me know if you child wishes to continue hiring their instrument, or whether they will have their own next year.

Beginner Band 2014
All students currently in the Beginner Band program are reminded that, if they wish to continue with their instrument in 2015, they will need to have private tuition. Forms will come home in due course.

Beginner Band 2015
A demonstration of band instruments will be held in week 8 for all students in Year 2 who are interested in taking up an instrument and would like to participate in the Band Program. There will be limited places for student in Year 3-6 who have missed out this year.

Please contact me if there are any questions, or if I can be of any assistance with the music program.

Mrs Pauline Dwyer
Music
pauline.dwyer@orangegrammar.nsw.edu.au

Touch Football News
The OAGS Jaguars fitness has improved over the past few weeks with all the excellent training from Laura. The team was a man down on Wednesday and they needed every bit of that fitness to complete the tough match against the Clergate Cougars. Man of the match was Brock with some great runs under his belt to back up the team. Arthur the king of fancy footwork managed to save some tries. Sebastian is taking lessons in the speedy dummy and Matthew managed some great runs, the length of the field to tip the opposition. Angus leaped into a speedy run to score the lone try for OAGS. Next game is this Wednesday on field 4 against the Tiger mews, at 5.30. Meet at the red shed after 5pm.

Second-hand Uniform Trading
The school is conscious of the need to provide an efficient process for families to be able to recycle their uniforms and other student resources.

I am delighted to inform you of the school’s new initiative to provide parents with the ability to trade second-hand items via the “Sustainable School Shop”. The process is as follows:

- Families are assisted to list ‘For Sale’ and ‘Wanted’ advertisements online;
- The system then matches buyers with sellers;
- Buyers contact the seller directly to arrange a convenient time and place to trade.

Our research suggests that results from other schools have been excellent; families have enjoyed a comprehensive and convenient method of trading these second-hand items. The Sustainable School Shop is providing complimentary annual subscriptions until 31 December 2014. We would encourage parents to take full advantage of this opportunity. Parents need to nominate the school when they register on the Sustainable School Shop website to receive their complimentary annual subscription. This subscription lasts 365 days.

The service provides access to second-hand uniforms, calculators, stationery, musical equipment, etc., all year round. Parents can trade with other parents from different schools and sell items no longer in use at OAGS or other previously attended schools.

For the best results:

- List items for sale.
- List Wanted Ads for those items you are looking to buy.
- The School’s uniform lists are loaded into the system to make listing ads easy.
• The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer (Wanted Ad) via email.
• Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade.
• Parents are well supported via Sustainable School Shop’s telephone (1300 683 337) and email help lines.
• The system is simple and easy to use - if parents don’t have a computer, internet access or an email address; they are able to call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance.

Once an annual subscription expires it will cost $1.00 to list an advertisement on the service.

All enquiries should be directed to the Sustainable School Shop on 1300 683 337, or help is also available through ‘Contact Us’ on the website at www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

We are excited to offer this new initiative. We hope you will make the most of this opportunity and benefit from recycling your child’s school items.

Entries are open for the 2015 Orange Colour City Running Festival and OAGS would like to enter a team or two!

The Orange Colour City Running Festival is an annual event coordinated to promote health and fitness and raise money to donate to local charities.

The Cadia Valley Operations School Challenge requires a minimum of five team members. Each team member must register and participate in the 5 km run/walk held on Sunday 1st March 2015 at 10:30am.

General Information about the team event:
• Prizes for school teams include:
  o Primary: An Electrolux Fridge and a $50 Mitre 10 voucher.
  o Secondary: Two return flights to Sydney with REX and a $50 Mitre 10 voucher.
• There is a lucky draw prize of a bike voucher for Ron Boulton Cycles. One each will be awarded to a randomly selected primary and secondary school entrant.
• Teams require a minimum of 5 students.
• The start and finish is located at the Bloomfield Leisure Centre, Forest Road, Orange.
• Bib collection is preferred on Saturday the 28th of February from 11:00am – 3:00pm from Bloomfield Leisure Centre or from 6:30am on race day.
Entry Fees:
- Under 13 Years Old:
  - Early Bird (before 31/1/2015) - $5.00
  - Standard - $10
- 13 Years and over:
  - Early Bird (before 31/1/2015) - $10.00
  - Standard - $15:00

More information about the Orange Colour City Running Festival can be found at http://www.orangecolourcityrunningfestival.com.au/

Anyone interested in participating are asked to contact or email Mrs Gibson erin.gibson@orangegrammar.nsw.edu.au

Students will need to enter the 5km event individually online. If they wish to register as part of the OAGS School team, they will be given instructions and a team password when they contact Mrs Gibson.

Community Notices

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Orange

Special Invitation
You are invited to the Service of Commissioning and Induction of the Reverend Malcolm Dunnett as Rector of Holy Trinity Orange at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25th November. All welcome. Supper to follow.

10.30@HTO

Memorial Hall
There will be no 10.30am Services for 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd November. Services will resume Sunday 30th November. Other services will continue as usual.

Baptism Bears Reunion
Sunday 30 November, 10.30am in the Church
Rev Malcolm Dunnett will be welcoming children and families to a reunion of baptism. All welcome. Sausage sizzle to follow.
All Enquiries: 6362 1623

Celebrations at St Barnabas’, Orange

This week there is a focus on celebration at St Barnabas’ Anglican Church, Orange. On Wednesday, 19th November, mainly music are celebrating their 4th birthday. This successful program is on each Wednesday at 10.30am during school terms. Families enjoy a 30 minute interactive music program of rhyme, songs and action. This is followed by morning tea and free play for the children while parents, grandparents and carers have an opportunity to enjoy a cuppa and form friendships in a warm and caring environment. Rev’d Anne said that they hoped individuals and community groups who have supported them in various
ways would be able to accept the invitation to join families and the team for their birthday celebrations this week. She added that it is hard to believe that a number of their original “babies” will start school in 2015.

On Sunday, 23rd November at 5pm Messy Church will hold their Christmas celebration. Messy Christmas will offer a range of fun Christmas activities and crafts that families can enjoy together. This will be followed by a brief, relaxed and interactive worship retelling the Christmas story. As always the evening will conclude with families enjoying a meal together. Messy Church is held on the 4th Sunday of the month and is an opportunity for anyone in the community to connect with church and God in a relaxed style of worship. After this Messy Christmas celebration, Messy Church will resume in February.

For further information about either of these celebrations please contact 63625349.

'Come mess with God' Messy Christmas
St Barnabas Anglican church
Cnr Dora & McLachlan St, Orange
Sunday November 23, 2014
5:00pm - 6:30pm

Interactive worship for the whole family
* Craft Activities
* Games
* Songs
* Stories
* light meal

All enquiries Rev’d Anne 63625349